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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Paul Aguiar, (202) 565-1527.
[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By an advance notice of proposed rulemaking served on September 20, 2006, the Board sought comments on the appropriate methodology to be employed in determining the railroad industry's estimated cost of capital. The Board will hold a public hearing to provide a forum for interested persons to provide views and information about the Board's cost-of-capital calculation. Participants can also comment on how evidence should be submitted and analyzed in future cost-of-capital proceedings.

The annual determination of the railroad industry's cost of capital is used in evaluating the adequacy of railroad revenues each year. This information can also be used in other Board proceedings, such as those involving the prescription of maximum reasonable rate levels. Section 205 of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (4R Act) created the requirement for the Board to establish and maintain standards for railroad revenue adequacy. Subsequent laws (including the ICC Termination Act of 1995) have retained this requirement. Thus, each year the Board makes a determination of which railroads are or are not revenue adequate.

The Board uses the Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) methodology to calculate the cost of equity, which in turn is used to calculate the cost of capital. Parties participating in this hearing should discuss any changes in the underlying railroad industry economic conditions and whether those changes suggest the need to change the methodology used by the Board. The Board invites information on the shortcomings of any proposed methodology and the current DCF method used in calculating cost of capital.

Date of Hearing. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2007, in the 7th floor hearing room at the Board's

headquarters in Washington, DC, and will continue, with short breaks if necessary, until every person scheduled to speak has been heard.

Notice of Intent To Participate. Any person wishing to speak at the hearing should file with the Board a written notice of intent to participate, and should identify the party, the proposed speaker, the time requested, and topic(s) to be covered, as soon as possible, but no later than February 5, 2007.

Testimony. Each speaker should file with the Board a written summary of his/her testimony by February 12, 2007. Also, any interested person who wishes to submit a written statement without appearing at the February 15 hearing should file that statement by February 12, 2007.

Board Releases and Live Audio Available Via the Internet. Decisions and notices of the Board, including this notice, are available on the Board's Web site at www.stb.dot.gov. This hearing will be available on the Board's Web site by live audio streaming. To access the hearing, click on the "Live Audio" link under "Information Center" at the left side of the home page beginning at 9:30 a.m. on February 15, 2007.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Dated: January 12, 2007.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comment concerning its renewal of an information collection titled, "(MA)—Municipal Securities Dealers and Government Securities Brokers and Dealers Registration and Withdrawal."

DATES: You should submit written comments by March 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You should direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0184, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, you may send comments by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Reference Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on business days. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information from or a copy of the collection from Mary Gottlieb or Camille Dickerson, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (1557-0184), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to OCC Desk Officer, 1557-0184, by mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725, 17th Street, NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval of the following information collection:

Title: (MA)—Municipal Securities Dealers and Government Securities Brokers and Dealers Registration and Withdrawal.

OMB Number: 1557-0184.

Form Numbers: MSD, MSDW, MSD-4, MSD-5, G-FIN, G-FINW.

Abstract: This information collection is required to satisfy the requirements of the Securities Act Amendments of 1975 and the Government Securities Act of 1986 which require that any national bank that acts as a government securities broker/dealer or a municipal securities dealer notify the OCC of its broker/dealer activities. The OCC uses this information to determine which national banks are government and municipal securities broker/dealers and to monitor entry into and exit from government and municipal securities broker/dealer activities by institutions and registered persons. The OCC also uses the information in planning bank examinations.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved collection. The collection has not changed. The OCC asks only that OMB approve its revised estimates and extend its approval of the forms, revised only to add a clarification to the instructions.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 33.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1,227.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,172.75 burden hours.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection

techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 16, 2007.

Stuart Feldstein,

Assistant Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division.

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