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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Bureau of Engraving and Printing****Proposed Collection; Comment Request****ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Owner's Affidavit of Partial Destruction of Mutilated Currency.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Owner's Affidavit of Partial Destruction of Mutilated Currency.

OMB Number: 1520-0001.

Form Number: BEP 5283.

Abstract: This is a request for an extension.

Current Action: The Office of Currency Standards, Mutilated Currency Division, Bureau of Engraving and Printing request owners of partially destroyed U.S. currency to complete a notarized affidavit (BEP 5283) for each claim submitted when substantial portions of notes are missing.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The estimated number of respondents for the next three years is 180, with a total estimated number of burden hours of 90.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: The estimated number of annual burden hours is 270.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or 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 shall have 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 of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Fiscal Service****Renegotiation Board Interest Rate; Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act**

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending on December 31, 2002 the prompt payment interest rate and the contract dispute interest rate are each 5.250 per centum per annum.

DATES: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to Eleanor Farrar, Team Leader, Debt Accounting Branch, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia,

26106-1328. A copy of this Notice will be available to download from <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

DATES: This notice announces the applicable interest rate for the July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rank Dunn, Manager, Debt Accounting Branch, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328, (304) 480-5170; Eleanor Farrar, Team Leader, Borrowings Accounting Team, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, (304) 480-5166; Edward C. Gronseth, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, (304) 480-8692; or Mary C. Schaffer, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, (304) 480-8692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although the Renegotiation Board is no longer in existence, other Federal Agencies are required to use interest rates computed under the criteria established by the Renegotiation Act of 1971 Sec. 2, Pub. L. 92-41, 85 Stat. 97. For example, the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 Sec. 12, Pub. L. 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389 and indirectly, the Prompt Payment Act of 1982, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury for the Renegotiation Board under Pub. L. 92-41.

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable, for the period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending on December 31, 2002, is 5.250 per centum per annum. This rate is determined pursuant to the above-mentioned sections for the purpose of said sections.

Dated: June 26, 2002.

Donald V. Hammond,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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