

FEDERAL AGENCY HAZARDOUS WASTE COMPLIANCE DOCKET UPDATE #20—NFRAP STATUS CHANGES—Continued

Facility name	Address	City	State	Zip code	Agency	Reporting mechanism	NFRAP status
Valley Forge Army Hospital.	Evergreen Drive	Schuylkill	PA	19460	Army	103c	N
Scranton Army Ammunition Plant.	156 Cedar Ave	Scranton	PA	18501	Army	3005 3010 3016 103c	N
Defense Distribution Region East.	Harrisburg	New Cumberland	PA	17070	Defense Logistics Agency.	3005 3010 3016 103c	N
NPS—Valley Forge National Historic Park.	Rte 23	Valley Forge	PA	19481	Interior	103c 3010	N
Edgely Manor Industrial Park (Simon Site).	Silvi Avenue	Bristol Township ..	PA	19007	.....	103c	N
Sun Oil Co.—Chevron International Corp.	3001 Penrose Avenue	Philadelphia	PA	19145	.....	103c	N
Tennessee Gas Pipeline ..	Turkey Run (Station 319)	Wyalusing	PA	18853	.....	3010	N
164th Airlift Wing .....	.....	Memphis	TN	37000	Air Force	3010	N
US Coast Guard (Ouachita) Shoreside.	3551 Old Harrison Pike ...	Chattanooga	TN	37416	Homeland Security	3010	N
Cameron Station	5010 Duke St	Alexandria	VA	22314	Army	3010 3016 103c	N
Arlington Hall Station	U.S. Army	Warrenton	VA	22186	Army	3010 103c	N
John H. Kerr Reservoir	Route 1 Box 76	Boydton	VA	23917	Corps of Engineers, Civil.	3010 103c 3016	N
Portsmouth Coast Guard Support Center.	4000 Coast Guard Blvd ..	Portsmouth	VA	23703	Homeland Security	3010 103c	N
Portsmouth Naval Hospital	Effingham Street	Portsmouth	VA	23708	Navy	3010 3016 103c	N
Sutton Enterprises Inc.	1067 "A" Alexandria Lane.	Chesapeake	VA	23320	.....	103c 3010	N
New England Log Homes	Old Route 58 West	Lawrenceville	VA	23868	.....	103c	N
Camp Wesley Harris Marine Facility.	Seabeck Hwy 3 Mi W of Cy.	Bremerton	WA	98310	Navy	103c 3010	U
Nicolet NF: County Trunk Highway "T" Site.	Section 3 T31N R15E	Doty Township	WI	54149	Agriculture	103c	N
Winfield Locks & Dams	RFD #1 Box 530	Red House	WV	25168	Corps of Engineers, Civil.	103c 3010	N
Point Pleasant Defense National Stockpile Center.	2601 Madison Ave.	Point Pleasant	WV	25550	Defense	103c	N
Morgantown Energy Technology Center.	West Virginia Secondary Route 9.	Rocket Center	WV	26726	Energy	3005 3010 3016 103c	N
Martinsburg Hospital	Route 9	Martinsburg	WV	25401	Veterans Affairs ...	103c	N
Cytec Industries Chemical Fire.	Route 2 South	Belmont	WV	26134	103c	N
laeger PCB Site	Near Lick Branch	laeger	WV	103c	N

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

[Public Notice 69]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request**AGENCY:** Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank).**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.**SUMMARY:** The Export-Import Bank, as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other

Federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of the survey is to fulfill a statutory mandate (The Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended 12 U.S.C. 635) which directs Ex-Im Bank to report annually to the U.S. Congress any action taken toward providing export credit programs that are competitive with those offered by official foreign export credit agencies. The Act further stipulates that the annual report on competitiveness should include the results of a survey of U.S. exporters and U.S. commercial lending institutions which provide export credit to determine their experience in meeting financial competition from other countries whose

exporters compete with U.S. exporters. Accordingly, Ex-Im Bank is requesting that the proposed survey (EIB No. 00-02) be administered via its Web site to exporters and bankers that use Ex-Im Bank's medium and long-term programs, requesting them to evaluate the competitiveness of Ex-Im Bank's programs *vis-à-vis* foreign export credit agencies.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 19, 2005, to be assured of consideration.**ADDRESSES:** Direct all requests for additional information to Alan Jensen, Export-Import Bank of the U.S., 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3767. Address all comments to David Rostker, Office of

Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB, Room 10202, Washington, DC 20502, (202) 395-3897.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

With respect to the proposed collection of information, Ex-Im Bank invites comments as to:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Ex-Im Bank, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of Ex-Im Bank's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Title & Form Number: Annual Competitiveness Report Survey of Exporters and Bankers, EIB Form 00-02.

OMB Number: 3048-0004.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

Annual Number of Respondents: 200.

Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Frequency of Reporting or Use: Annual Survey.

Dated: December 13, 2004.

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Agency Clearance Officer.

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THE COMPETITIVENESS REPORT SURVEY OF EXPORTERS AND BANKERS

PART 1 – EXPORTER/BANKER COMPANY PROFILE

[Note: See “Part 1 Attachment” for answer choices to questions 1-5 below.]

Years in Business Years in Exporting/Trade Finance

Did you use Ex-Im Bank’s medium-term or long-term program in 2004?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Which medium/long-term programs did you use? Check all that apply:

- ☐ Medium-term Insurance
- ☐ Medium-term Guarantee
- ☐ Long-term Guarantee
- ☐ Medium-term Loan
- ☐ Long-term Loan

How many applications did your organization file with Ex-Im Bank in 2004?

Compared to 2003, my 2004 volume of exports/trade finance was:

- ☐ Higher
- ☐ Same
- ☐ Lower

EXPORTERS

2004 sales volume 1. 2004 U.S. export sales volume 2.

% of export sales volume that was Ex-Im Bank supported 3.

BANKERS

2004 export credit extended with a term over one year 4.

% of 2004 export credit extended with a term over one year that was Ex-Im Bank supported

5.

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PART 2—EXPERIENCE WITH FOREIGN EXPORT CREDIT AGENCIES (ECAs)

[Note: See “Part 2 Attachment” for the possible answer choices to the questions below.]

Please indicate your experience in 2004 using, receiving support from or working with other official ECAs. Please select the appropriate answer for each ECA listed.

- 1.
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| Canada (EDC) | <input type="text"/> | Japan (NEXI) | <input type="text"/> |
| France (Coface) | <input type="text"/> | UK (ECGD) | <input type="text"/> |
| Germany (Hermes) | <input type="text"/> | Other (identify) | <input type="text"/> |
| Italy (SACE) | <input type="text"/> | Other (identify) | <input type="text"/> |
| Japan (JBIC) | <input type="text"/> | Other (identify) | <input type="text"/> |

Please indicate your experience in 2004 facing competitors that received support from foreign official ECAs. Please select the appropriate answer for each ECA listed.

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| France (Coface) | <input type="text"/> | UK (ECGD) | <input type="text"/> |
| Germany (Hermes) | <input type="text"/> | Other (identify) | <input type="text"/> |
| Italy (SACE) | <input type="text"/> | Other (identify) | <input type="text"/> |
| Japan (JBIC) | <input type="text"/> | Other (identify) | <input type="text"/> |

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PART 2 (Continued)

Why do you approach Ex-Im Bank for support? Please indicate the approximate frequency with which each of the following challenges or needs arise, as well as a typical region or situation that presents such a challenge/need.

[Note: When the survey is being completed on-line, if the cursor is placed over the question further explanation of that question will "pop up." The more detailed explanations are found in the "Part 2 Attachment."]

2.	Challenge/Need	Frequency	Typical Region or Situation
	Face competition from receive ECA	_____	_____
	Lack of useful private market financing	_____	_____
	Need continuing U.S. involve	_____	_____
	Other (Please	_____	_____
	Other (Please	_____	_____

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PART 3 – EXPERIENCE WITH EX-IM BANK AS COMPARED TO FOREIGN ECAs

Use this guide to answer the questions in Part 3.

[Note: When the survey is being completed on-line, if the cursor is placed over an element in which Ex-Im Bank is to be graded then the definition of that element will “pop up.” The definitions for each of the elements are found in the “Part 3 Attachment.”]

A+	= Fully competitive. Consistently equal to the (or is the sole) ECA offering the most competitive position on this element. Levels the playing field on this element with the most competitive offer from any of the major ECAs.
A	= Generally competitive. Consistently offers terms on this element equal to the average terms of the typical major ECA. Levels the playing field on this element with the typical offer from the major ECAs.
A-/B+	= In between A and B
B	= Modestly competitive. Consistently offers terms on this element equal to the least competitive of the major ECAs. Does not quite level the playing field on this element with most of the major ECAs.
B-/C+	= In between B and C
C	= Barely competitive. Consistently offers terms on this element that are a notch below those offered by any of the major ECAs. Puts exporter at financing disadvantage on this element that may, to a certain extent, be compensated for in other elements or by exporter concessions.
C-/D+	= In between C and D
D	= Uncompetitive. Consistently offers terms on this element that are far below those offered by other major ECAs. Puts exporter at financing disadvantage on this element so significant that it is difficult to compensate for and may be enough to lose a deal.
F	= Does not provide program or element

Please select the grade most appropriate based on your experience in 2004. If you have not had experience relating to the specific feature, please select ‘N/A’.

CORE BUSINESS POLICIES AND PRACTICES**Ex-Im Bank's Cover Policy**

Scope of country risk

Depth of non-sovereign risk

Breadth of availability (e.g., restrictions)

Ex-Im Bank's Interest Rate

Loans (CIRR)

Insurance cover

Guarantee cover

Ex-Im Bank's Risk Premia on

Sovereign

Non-sovereign

Ex-Im Bank's Co-financing

and utility of bilateral agreements

Flexibility in one-off deals

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PART 3 (Continued)

Do you have any comments on Ex-Im Bank's **cover policy, interest rates, risk premia or co-financing** as they compare to those offered by other ECAs? For example, what core business policies and practices, if changed, would impact your competitiveness? **Please be as specific as possible.**

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MAJOR PROGRAMS AND PERFORMANCE (Please complete each of the sections **only** if you have used the named program in 2004, otherwise, please select 'N/A'.)

Ex-Im Bank's Medium-Term Program

Pricing

% of cover

Risk capacity

Ex-Im Bank's Long-Term Program

Pricing

% of cover

Risk capacity

Ex-Im Bank's Large Aircraft Program

Interest rate

% of cover

Risk capacity

Ex-Im Bank's Project Finance

Core program features

Repayment flexibilities

Ex-Im Bank's Foreign Currency Guarantee

Availability of hard currency cover

Availability of local currency cover

Pricing

Ex-Im Bank's Support for Service Exports

Availability

Repayment terms

Do you have any comments on Ex-Im Bank's programs for **medium- and long-term financing, large aircraft, project finance, or foreign currency guarantees** as compared to those of other ECAs? Do you have any comments on the support Ex-Im Bank offers for services exports as compared to that offered by other ECAs? What programs or performance, if changed, would impact your competitiveness? **Please be as specific as possible.**

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PART 3 (Continued)

Using the guide below to answer the next set of questions.

+	Positive	Philosophy, policy or program has a positive impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness (moves Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness grade up one notch)
*	Neutral	Philosophy, policy or program has a neutral impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness (no impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness grade)
-	Negative	Philosophy, policy or program has a negative impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness (moves Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness grade down one notch)

Please indicate the competitive impact of the following economic philosophies, public policies and programs on Ex-Im Bank's support.

ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY (Please complete each of the sections **only** if you have used the named program in 2004, otherwise, please select 'N/A'.)

Tied aid

Market windows

Do you have any comments on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness with regard to **tied aid** or **market windows**? For example, have you seen competition supported by market windows or tied aid financing? **Please be as specific as possible.** You may also provide case specific data in Part 4.

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PART 3 (Continued)

PUBLIC POLICIES (Please complete each of the sections **only** if you have used the named program in 2004, otherwise, please select 'N/A'.)

Economic impact Foreign content Local costs
 PR 17/Shipping Environment

Do you have any comments on Ex-Im Bank's policies as they compare with other ECAs concerning **economic impact, foreign content, local costs, shipping or the environment**? Where other ECAs do not have a comparable public policy, such as economic impact and shipping, do you have comments on the impact of these public policies to Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness? For example, what public policies, if changed, would impact your competitiveness? **Please be as specific as possible.**

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY (Please rate Ex-Im Bank's response time on applications in relation to other major ECAs in 2004.)

Canada (EDC)	<input type="text"/>	Japan (NEXI)	<input type="text"/>
France (Coface)	<input type="text"/>	UK (ECGD)	<input type="text"/>
Germany (Hermes)	<input type="text"/>	Other (identify)	<input type="text"/>
Italy (SACE)	<input type="text"/>	Other (identify)	<input type="text"/>
Japan (JBIC)	<input type="text"/>	Other (identify)	<input type="text"/>

COMPETITIVENESS WEIGHTING

Please weigh the overall importance of each of the five broad categories listed above to Ex-Im Bank's overall competitiveness. Please ensure that the sum of your weights equals 100%.

Core Business Policies and Practices	[0 – 100%]
Major Programs and Performance	[0 – 100%]
Economic Philosophy	[0 – 100%]
Public Policies	[0 – 100%]
Operational Efficiency	[0 – 100%]

[Note: The online survey will ensure that the sum of the five percentage weightings equals 100%.]

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PART 4 – EX-IM BANK PROJECTS

This template provides an opportunity for you to give further details about the grades that you gave in Part 3 by detailing any positive or adverse impacts of Ex-Im Bank program features in specific transactions in 2004.

	<u>Cost/Policy/ Program</u>	<u>ECA</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Describe the competition you faced and the effect that it had on your business (eg forced to change sourcing; lost jobs; lower exports). If possible, please quantify.</u>
<u>Ex.</u>	Cover	EDC	Iran	Power Plant	As a result of Ex-Im Bank's lack of cover for Iran, we were forced to source from outside the U.S. This resulted in a loss of over \$100 million in U.S. export sales.
<u>1</u>					
<u>2</u>					
<u>3</u>					
<u>4</u>					
<u>5</u>					

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PART 5 – GENERAL COMMENTS

This space is provided for you to express your views on the general competitive environment, trends of specific competitors, etc. You may also use this space to comment on aspects of Ex-Im Bank programs, particularly those not addressed in the above questions.

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PART 1 ATTACHMENT**Dropdown answers:**

1) 2003 total sales volume:

- ☐ <\$10 million
- ☐ \$10 - \$50 million
- ☐ \$51 - 100 million
- ☐ \$101 - \$500 million
- ☐ \$501 million - \$1 billion
- ☐ >\$1 billion

2) 2003 total U.S. export sales volume:

- ☐ <\$10 million
- ☐ \$10 - \$50 million
- ☐ \$51 - 100 million
- ☐ \$101 - \$500 million
- ☐ \$501 million - \$1 billion
- ☐ >\$1 billion

3) % of total export sales volume that was Ex-Im Bank supported:

- ☐ <10%
- ☐ 10% - 25%
- ☐ 26% - 50%
- ☐ 51% - 75%
- ☐ >75%

4) 2003 total export credit extended with a term over one year:

- ☐ <\$10 million
- ☐ \$10 - \$50 million
- ☐ \$51 - 100 million
- ☐ \$101 - \$500 million
- ☐ \$501 million - \$1 billion
- ☐ >\$1 billion

5) % of 2003 total export credit extended with a term over one year that was Ex-Im Bank supported:

- ☐ <10%
- ☐ 10% - 25%
- ☐ 26% - 50%
- ☐ 51% - 75%
- ☐ >75%

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PART 2 ATTACHMENT**1) Dropdown answers:**

Experience with foreign ECAs (receiving support from or facing competitors supported by):

- ☐ Regular
- ☐ Rare
- ☐ None

2) Pop-up definitions:

Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
Part 2, Challenge/Need	Face competition from companies that receive ECA support	
	Find a lack of useful private market financing available	Private market financing is either unavailable for the term or market or is so expensive as to be prohibitive
	Need continuing U.S. government involvement	For example, in certain transactions, a long-term presence of the U.S. government is a useful transactional security blanket, even if not financially necessary to fund the transaction

PART 3 ATTACHMENT**1) Grades definition:**

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D	Uncompetitive	Consistently offers terms on this element that are far below those offered by other major ECAs. Puts exporter at financing disadvantage <u>on this element</u> so significant that it is difficult to compensate for and may be enough to lose a deal.
F	Does not provide program or element	

Pop-up definitions:

Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
Part 3, Core Business Policies and Practices	Ex-Im Bank's Cover Policy	Please compare the following elements of Ex-Im Bank's willingness to cover political and commercial risks in a particular country against other ECAs' cover policies

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Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
	Scope of country risk	The number and utility of countries where cover is available
	Depth of non-sovereign risk	The number, variety and utility of cover available for private buyers
	Breadth of availability	The number and utility of markets where cover is not restricted by amount or term
	Interest Rates Provided by Ex-Im Bank	Please compare the interest rates available under Ex-Im Bank programs (including those offered by the private sector lenders who benefit from Ex-Im's guarantee or insurance) to those available from other ECAs
	Loans (CIRR)	The official fixed Commercial Interest Reference Rate offered under Ex-Im Bank's direct loan program
	Insurance Cover	The interest rates offered by banks using Ex-Im Bank's medium-term insurance program
	Guarantee Cover	The interest rates offered by banks using Ex-Im Bank's guarantee program
	Ex-Im Bank's Risk Premia on:	Please compare the following types of exposure or risk fee charged by Ex-Im Bank to the fees charged by other ECAs
	Sovereign	The exposure fee charged by Ex-Im Bank for transactions to sovereign buyers or guaranteed by sovereign entities
	Non-sovereign	The exposure fee charged by Ex-Im Bank for transactions to public non-sovereign or private sector buyers

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Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
Part 3, Major Programs and Performance	Ex-Im Bank's Large Aircraft Program	Please compare the following elements of Ex-Im Bank's large aircraft program to the aircraft programs of other ECAs
	Fixed interest rate level	The interest rates available under Ex-Im Bank's aircraft program
	Percentage of cover	The percentage of the transaction value underwritten by Ex-Im Bank
	Risk capacity	Ex-Im Bank's ability to take on a variety of risks in its aircraft program
	Ex-Im Bank's Project Finance	Please compare the following elements of Ex-Im Bank's project finance program to those of other ECAs' programs
	Core program features	Availability of coverage for pre- and post-completion risks, interest during construction, local costs support
	Repayment flexibilities	Willingness and ability to use available OECD repayment flexibilities
	Ex-Im Bank's Co-financing	Please compare the following elements of Ex-Im Bank's co-financing program to those of other ECAs' co-financing programs
	# and utility of bilateral agreements	Availability and utility of co-financing framework agreements between Ex-Im Bank and another ECA
	Flexibility in one-off deals	Availability and willingness to do one-time co-financing transactions without a bilateral framework agreement

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Part/Section	Term/Phrase	Definition
	Ex-Im Bank's Foreign Currency Guarantees	Please compare Ex-Im Bank's ability to guarantee loans denominated in foreign currencies compared to that of other ECAs
	Availability of hard currency cover	Availability of cover for freely convertible and readily available currencies of developed countries, such as the Japanese yen, the Euro, and the Swiss franc.
	Availability of local currency cover	Availability of cover for the currencies of the buyer, typically located in emerging market countries, such as the Mexican peso, South African rand, and Indian rupee.
	Pricing	The exposure fee charged by Ex-Im Bank under its foreign/local currency guarantee program
	Ex-Im Bank's Support for Services Exports	Please compare the following elements of Ex-Im Bank's support for services (intangible exports such as engineering and design services) to the support provided by other ECAs
	Availability	How easy it is to attain medium- or long-term Ex-Im Bank support for services exports (on a stand-alone basis, i.e., without being bundled with exports of goods)
	Repayment terms	The repayment terms Ex-Im Bank offers for services exports

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Competitive Impact Definition

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-	Negative	Philosophy, policy or program has a positive impact on Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness (moves Ex-Im Bank's competitiveness grade down one notch)

Part 3, Economic Philosophy	Tied Aid	The offer of concessional credits to buyer countries in return for the purchase of U.S. goods.
	Market windows	Ex-Im Bank's response to the provision of export credits on "market terms" by a government ECA or government-supported financial institution.
Part 3, Public Policies	Economic Impact	The requirement to assess whether Ex-Im Bank financing of a particular export will cause substantial injury to U.S. industry or result in the production of a good that is subject to a trade measure.
	Foreign content	Inclusion of eligible content that originated outside the U.S. and the buyer's country in a U.S. supply contract.
	Local costs	Support for export-related costs that are incurred in the buyer's country.
	PR 17/Shipping	The requirement that exports support by Ex-Im Bank's medium- and long-term loans and long-term guarantees be shipped on U.S. flag vessels.
	Environment	Environmental review procedures, policies and requirements.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval**

December 9, 2004.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before January 19, 2005. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C823, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov or Kristy L. LaLonde, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Room 10236 NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-3087 or via the Internet at Kristy.L.LaLonde@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copy of the information collection(s) contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918 or via the Internet at Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0316.

Title: Sections 76.1700, Records To Be Maintained Locally by Cable System Operators, 76.1703, Commercial Records on Children's Program; 76.1704, Proof-of-Performance Test Data; 76.1707, Leased Access, and 76.1711, Emergency Alert System (EAS) Tests and Activation.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 26 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 104,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR 76.1700 exempts cable television systems having fewer than 1,000 subscribers from the public inspection requirements contained in 47 CFR 76.1701 (political file); 76.1702 (equal employment opportunity); 76.1703 (commercial records for children's programming); 76.1704 (proof-of-performance test data); 76.1706 (signal leakage logs and repair records); and 76.1715 (sponsorship identifications).

The operator of every cable television system having 1,000 or more subscribers but fewer than 5,000 subscribers shall, upon request, provide the information required by §§ 76.1702 (equal employment opportunity); 76.1703 (commercial records for children's programming); 76.1704 (proof-of-performance test data); 76.1706 (signal leakage logs and repair records); and 76.1715 (sponsorship identifications) but shall maintain for public inspection a file containing a copy of all records required to be kept by 47 CFR 76.1701 (political files).

The operator of every cable television system having 5,000 or more subscribers shall maintain for public inspection a file containing a copy of all records which are required to be kept by §§ 76.1701 (political file); 76.1702 (equal employment opportunity); 76.1703 (commercial records for children's programming); 76.1704 (proof-of-performance test data); 76.1706 (signal leakage logs and repair records); and 76.1715 (sponsorship identifications).

47 CFR 76.1700(b) requires that the public inspection file shall be maintained at the office which the system operator maintains for the ordinary collection of subscriber

charges, resolution of subscriber complaints, and other business or at any accessible place in the community served by the system unit(s) (such as a public registry for documents or an attorney's office). The public inspection file shall be available for public inspection at any time during regular business hours.

47 CFR 76.1700(d) requires the records specified in paragraph (a) of this section shall be retained for the period specified in §§ 76.1701, 76.1702, 76.1704(a), and 76.1706.

47 CFR 76.1703 requires that cable operators airing children's programming must maintain records sufficient to verify compliance with 47 CFR 76.225 and make such records available to the public. Such records must be maintained for a period sufficient to cover the limitations period specified in 47 U.S.C. 503(b)(6)(B).

47 CFR 76.1704(a) requires the proof of performance tests required by § 76.601 shall be maintained on file at the operator's local business office for at least five years. The test data shall be made available for inspection by the Commission or the local franchiser, upon request.

47 CFR 76.1704(b) requires the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply to any cable television system having fewer than 1,000 subscribers, subject to the requirements of § 76.601(d).

47 CFR 76.1707 requires that if a cable operator adopts and enforces a written policy regarding indecent leased access programming pursuant to § 76.701, such a policy will be considered published pursuant to that rule by inclusion of the written policy in the operator's public inspection file.

47 CFR 76.1711 requires that a record shall be kept of each test and activation of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) procedures pursuant to the requirement of Part 11 of this chapter and the EAS Operating Handbook. These records shall be kept for three years.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*)