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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, 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 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning the following collections of information titled: (1) Interagency Charter and Federal Deposit Insurance Application; (2) Application for a Bank to Establish a Branch or Move its Main Office or Branch; (3) Application for Consent to Reduce or Retire Capital; (4) Appraisal Standards; (5) Activities and Investments of Savings Associations; and (6) CRA Sunshine.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Steven F. Hanft, (202) 898-3907, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. All comments should refer to the OMB control number. Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Comments may also be Faxed to (202) 898-8788; or e-mailed to: comments@fdic.gov.

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven F. Hanft, at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal to Renew the Following Currently Approved Collections of Information

1. *Title:* Interagency Charter and Federal Deposit Insurance Application.
OMB Number: 3064-0001.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Affected Public: Banks of savings associations wishing to become FDIC-insured depository institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 193.

Estimated Time per Response: 125 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 24,125 hours.
General Description of Collection: The Federal Deposit Insurance Act requires proposed financial institutions to apply to the FDIC to obtain deposit insurance. This collection provides the FDIC with the information needed to evaluate applications for deposit insurance.

2. *Title:* Application for a Bank to Establish a Branch or Move its Main Office or Branch.

OMB Number: 3064-0070.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Affected Public: Insured financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,540.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 7,700 hours.
General Description of Collection: Insured institutions must obtain the written consent of the FDIC before establishing or moving a main office or branch.

3. *Title:* Application for Consent to Reduce or Retire Capital.

OMB Number: 3064-0079.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Affected Public: Insured state nonmember banks.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.
Total Annual Burden: 80 hours.

General Description of Collection: Insured state nonmember banks proposing to change their capital structure must submit an application containing information about the proposed change to obtain FDIC's consent to reduce or retire capital.

4. *Title:* Appraisal Standards.

OMB Number: 3064-0103.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Insured state nonmember banks.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,346.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Number of Responses: 328,600.

Total Annual Burden: 82,150 hours.

General Description of Collection: FIRREA directs the FDIC to prescribe appropriate performance standards for real estate appraisals connected with Federally related transactions under its jurisdiction. This information collection is a direct consequence of the statutory requirement.

5. *Title:* Activities and Investments of Savings Associations.

OMB Number: 3064-0104.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Insured Savings Associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 375 hours.

General Description of Collection: State savings associations must furnish information to the FDIC to obtain approval or non-objection prior to engaging in certain activities or acquiring/retaining certain investments.

6. *Title:* CRA Sunshine.

OMB Number: 3064-0139.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Insured state nonmember banks and their affiliates, and nongovernmental entities and persons.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 26.

Estimated Time per Response: 19.3 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 501.6 hours.

General Description of Collection: This collection implements a statutory requirement imposing reporting, disclosure and recordkeeping requirements on some community reinvestment-related agreements between insured depository institutions or affiliates, and nongovernmental entities or persons.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the

methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of these collections. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 18th day of December, 2006.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Maritime Commission invites comments on the continuing information collection (extension with no changes) listed below in this notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to: Peter J. King, Acting Director, Office of Administration, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573, (Telephone: (202) 523-5800), administration@fmc.gov. Please reference the information collection's title, and form and OMB numbers (if any) in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information, copies of the information collection and instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Jane Gregory, Management Analyst, Office of Administration, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573,

(Telephone: (202) 523-5800), jgregory@fmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Federal Maritime Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing information collection listed in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments. We invite comments on: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Information Collection Open for Comment

Title: 46 CFR Part 535—Ocean Common Carrier and Marine Terminal Operator Agreements Subject to the Shipping Act of 1984.

OMB Approval Number: 3072-0045 (Expires March 31, 2007).

Abstract: Section 4 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. 40301, identifies certain commercial agreements by or among ocean common carriers that fall within the jurisdiction of that Act. Section 5 of the Act, 46 U.S.C. 40302, requires that carriers file those agreements with the Federal Maritime Commission. Section 6 of the Act, 46 U.S.C. 40304, specifies the Commission actions that may be taken with respect to filed agreements, including requiring the submission of additional information. Section 15 of the Act, 46 U.S.C. 40104, authorizes the Commission to require that ocean common carriers, among other persons, file periodic reports. Requests for additional information and the filing of periodic reports are meant to assist the Commission in fulfilling its statutory mandate of overseeing the activities of the ocean transportation industry. These reports are necessary so that the

Commission can monitor agreement parties' activities to determine how or if their activities will have an impact on competition.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection, and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Needs and Uses: The Commission staff uses the information filed by agreement parties to monitor their activities as required by the Shipping Act of 1984. Under the general standard set forth in section 6(g) of the Act, 46 U.S.C. 41307, the Commission must determine whether filed agreements will have substantially anticompetitive effects on prevailing trade conditions and, if so, whether the agreements will likely, by a reduction in competition, result in an unreasonable reduction in competition, result in an unreasonable reduction in transportation service or an unreasonable increase in transportation cost. If it is shown, based on information collected under this rule, that an agreement is likely to have the foregoing adverse effects, the Commission may bring suit in U.S. District Court to enjoin the operation of that agreement. The information collected is not disclosed to the public and is only for internal analysis in support of the Commission's decision-making process.

Frequency: This information is collected generally on a quarterly basis or as required under the rules.

Type of Respondents: The types of respondents are ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators subject to the Shipping Act of 1984.

Number of Annual Respondents: The Commission estimates a potential annual respondent universe of 574 entities.

Estimated Time Per Response: The average time for filing agreements, including the preparation and submission of information required on Form FMC-150, Information Form for Agreements Between or Among Ocean Common Carriers, is estimated to be 37 person-hours per response. The average time for completing Form FMC-151, Monitoring Report for Agreements Between or Among Ocean Common Carriers, is estimated to range between 40 to 250 person-hours per response, depending on the complexity of the required information. The total average time for reporting and recordkeeping for all responses is 18.75 person-hours.