

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 52.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3–5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and annual reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 162 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Needs and Uses: The Commission requires states to certify that carriers within the state had accounted for its receipt of federal support in its rates or otherwise used the support pursuant with Section 254(e). In an Order on Remand, the Commission modifies the high-cost universal service support mechanism for non-rural carriers and adopts measures to induce states to ensure reasonable comparability of rural and urban rates in areas served by non-rural carriers.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 03–3178]

Freeze on High Power Use of the 460–470 MHz Band Extended

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announces that its freeze on the filing of applications for high power operations on 12.5 kHz offset channels in the private land mobile radio 460–470 MHz band, which had been originally set to expire October 16, 2003, will instead be extended. In June 2000, the FCC established the Wireless Medical Telemetry Service (WMTS), and allotted a total of 13.5 megahertz of spectrum on a primary basis in three blocks (608–614 MHz, 395–1400 MHz, and 1427–1429.5). To prevent potential interference to medical telemetry operations the FCC froze applications for high power use of offset channels in the 460–470 MHz band on October 16, 2000 for a period not to exceed three years. Thus, the freeze was set to expire on October 16, 2003. The purpose of the three year freeze was to give hospitals sufficient time to migrate their medical telemetry operations from the 460–470 MHz band to the new WMTS bands.

DATES: For up to 180 days after October 16, 2003, the freeze on the filing of applications for high power operations on 12.5 kHz offset channels in the private land mobile radio 460–470 MHz band, will continue in the “freeze” status.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kuzma, P.E., john.kuzma@fcc.gov, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, (202) 418–7479, or TTY (202) 418–7233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of FCC Public Notice, DA 03–3178, released October 15, 2003. The full text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text may be purchased from the FCC’s copy contractor, Qualex International, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554. The full text may also be downloaded at: <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb>. Alternative formats are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin at (202) 418–7426 or TTY (202) 418–7365 or at bmillin@fcc.gov.

1. On September 23, 2003, the American Hospital Association (AHA) reported that, based on its recent, informal polling of hospitals, there has been virtually no migration of medical telemetry systems to the WMTS frequencies. AHA notes that high power use in the 460–470 MHz band has the potential to interfere with existing medical telemetry systems that have not moved to the WMTS frequencies and has proposed a thirty-month plan for the transition of medical telemetry equipment into the WMTS frequencies.

2. The decision to extend the freeze is procedural in nature and therefore not subject to the notice and comment and effective date requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. Moreover, there is good cause for not using notice and comment procedures in this case, or making the freeze extension effective 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The FCC finds that such procedures would be impractical, unnecessary and contrary to the public interest as our compliance would undermine the public policy rationale of the freeze in the first place. The decision to impose a temporary extension of the freeze is not intended to reflect on the ultimate resolution of the use of this band, but is intended to maintain the FCC’s regulatory options in the band pending the resolution of such issues described herein and to the continue to protect

against harmful interference to medical telemetry operations pending such resolutions. This action is authorized under sections 4(i), 4(j), and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 303(r), and is taken under delegated authority pursuant to §§ 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 0.131, 0.331.

Federal Communications Commission.

Ramona Melson,

Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of information collections to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for OMB review and approval of the following information collection systems described below.

1. *Type of Review:* Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Title: Application for Consent to Exercise Trust Powers.

Form Number: 6200/09.

OMB Number: 3064–0025.

Annual Burden:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 18.

Estimated time per response: 14 applications—8 hours; 4 applications—24 hours.

Total annual burden hours: 208 hours.

Expiration Date of OMB Clearance: January 31, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Insured State nonmember banks submit applications to FDIC for consent to exercise trust powers. Applications are evaluated by FDIC to verify qualifications of bank management to administer a trust department and to ensure that bank’s financial condition will not be jeopardized as a result of trust operations.

2. *Type of Review:* Renewal of a Currently Approved Collection.

Title: Appraisal Standards.
OMB Number: 3064-0103.
Annual Burden:
Estimated annual number of respondents: 5,346.
Estimated number of responses: 328,600.
Estimated time per response: 15 minutes.
Average annual burden hours: 82,150 hours.
Expiration Date of OMB Clearance: February 29, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FIRREA directs the FDIC to prescribe appropriate standards for the performance of real estate appraisals in connection with federally related transactions under its jurisdiction. The information collection activities attributable to 12 CFR part 323 are a direct consequence of the statutory requirements and the legislative intent.

DATES: Comments on these collections of information are welcome and should be submitted on or before January 20, 2004, to both the OMB reviewer and the FDIC contact listed below.

ADDRESSES: Information about this submission, including copies of the proposed collections of information, may be obtained by calling or writing the FDIC contact listed below.

- *Mail:* Leneta G. Gregorie, (202) 898-3719, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.

Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10236, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 10, 2003.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices

also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than January 2, 2004.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Herman Eugene Ratchford, Triangle Real Estate of Gastonia, Inc., Herman Eugene Ratchford, Jr., and James Henry Ratchford*, all of Gastonia, North Carolina, as a group acting in concert to acquire voting shares of First South Bancorp, Inc., Spartanburg, South Carolina, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First South Bank, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 12, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained

from the National Information Center Web site at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 12, 2004.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Manulife Financial Corporation*, Toronto, Canada; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts, and thereby indirectly acquire First Signature Bank and Trust Company, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

In connection with this application, John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First Signature Bank and Trust Company, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Community Capital Corporation*, Greenwood, South Carolina; to merge with Abbeville Capital Corporation, Abbeville, South Carolina, and thereby indirectly acquire The Bank of Abbeville, Abbeville, South Carolina.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Home Bancshares, Inc.*, Conway, Arkansas; to retain 32.25 percent of the voting shares of TCBancorp, Inc., North Little Rock, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of Twin City Bank, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 12, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of October 28, 2003

In accordance with § 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open