

**Abstract:** This report collected information from depository institutions (other than U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks and Edge and agreement corporations) that are fully exempt from reserve requirements under the Garn-St Germain Depository Institutions Act of 1982. This report was used by the Federal Reserve for administering Regulation D (Reserve Requirements of Depository Institutions) and for constructing, analyzing, and controlling the monetary and reserve aggregates. The Federal Reserve eliminated the exempt deposit cutoff and discontinued this report associated with that cutoff. The Federal Reserve believes that, for exempt institutions, the quarterly reports of condition are adequate for quarterly benchmarking of the monetary aggregates. The Federal Reserve also believes that by shifting the current FR 2910q reporters to the annual, two-item FR 2910a, the Board will be able to adequately monitor compliance with Regulation D. The shift in reporting frequency of the almost 500 FR 2910q respondents to the FR 2910a would reduce reporting burden by 3,690 hours.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 26, 2000.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board).

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) (collectively, the "agencies"), hereby give notice that they plan to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requests for review of the information collection system described below. The Agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1,

1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

On May 22, 2000, the agencies, under the auspices of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), requested public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the currently approved information collection: the Country Exposure Report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 019). The agencies, however, are making a minor clarification to the FFIEC 019 general instructions regarding the treatment of credit derivatives as guarantees, effective September 30, 2000.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, which should refer to the OMB control number, should be addressed to the OMB desk officer: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

**Board:** Written comments on the FFIEC 019 should be addressed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551, or mailed electronically to [regs.comments@federalreserve.gov](mailto:regs.comments@federalreserve.gov). Comments addressed to Ms. Johnson also may be delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, NW. Comments received may be inspected in room M-P-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided in section 261.14 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.14(a).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that have been submitted to OMB for review and approval may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

**Board:** Mary M. West, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact Diane Jenkins (202-452-3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Proposal To Extend for Three Years With Minor Instructional Clarification the Following Currently Approved Collection of Information

**Report title:** Country Exposure Report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks

**Form number:** FFIEC 019.

**OMB number:** 7100-0213.

**Frequency of response:** Quarterly.

**Affected Public:** U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.

**Number of respondents:** 230.

**Estimated average hours per response:** 10 hours.

**Estimated Annual reporting hours:** 9,200 hours.

### General Description of Report

This information collection is mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 3105 and 3108 for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; sections 7 and 10 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1817, 1820) for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and the National Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 161) for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency). This information collection is given confidential treatment. (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)). Small businesses (that is, small U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks) are affected.

### Abstract

All individual U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks that have more than \$30 million in direct claims on residents of foreign countries must file the FFIEC 019 report quarterly. Currently, all respondents report adjusted exposure amounts to the five largest countries having at least \$20 million in total adjusted exposure. The Agencies collect this data to monitor the extent to which such branches and agencies are pursuing prudent country risk diversification policies and limiting potential liquidity pressures. No changes are proposed to the FFIEC 019 reporting form, however, minor clarifications are proposed to the instructions.

**Current Actions:** The agencies did not receive any comments in response to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 2000, (65 FR 32098) requesting public comment on the extension without revision of this information collection. The agencies, however, are making a minor clarification to the FFIEC 019 general instructions regarding the treatment of credit derivatives as guarantees, effective September 30, 2000.

### Request for Comment

Comments are invited on:

a. Whether the information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collections 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be shared among the agencies and will be summarized or included in the agencies' requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 26, 2000.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**  
*Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 7, 2000.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.  
**STATUS:** Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: July 28, 2000.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**  
*Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

| Trans No.      | Acquiring                                          | Acquired                                             | Entities                                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 20002276 ..... | Pfizer Inc. ....                                   | Warner-Lambert Company .....                         | Warner-Lambert Company                                    |
| 20003386 ..... | Novell, Inc. ....                                  | Redleaf Group, Inc. ....                             | Redleaf Group, Inc.                                       |
| 20003390 ..... | Prime 66 Partners, L.P. ....                       | NTL Incorporated .....                               | NTL Incorporated                                          |
| 20003398 ..... | Prime 66 Partners, L.P. ....                       | CoreComm Limited .....                               | CoreComm Limited                                          |
| 20003405 ..... | Lincare Holdings Inc. ....                         | United Medical, Inc. ....                            | United Medical, Inc.                                      |
| 20003429 ..... | Vodafone AirTouch Plc .....                        | James R. Leininger .....                             | ATX Technologies, Inc.                                    |
| 20003443 ..... | Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated. .... | Panda Energy International, Inc. ....                | Panda Oneta Power, L.P., Union Power Partners, L.P.       |
| 20003450 ..... | COMSYS Holding, Inc. ....                          | Cotelligent, Inc. ....                               | Trans-Union Interstate Pipeline, L.P.                     |
| 20003452 ..... | KELP—1987 Limited Partnership .....                | Cotelligent, Inc. ....                               | Cotelligent, Inc.                                         |
| 20003457 ..... | ShopKo Stores, Inc. ....                           | Bay View Capital Corporation .....                   | Bankers Mutual Mortgage, Inc.                             |
| 20003472 ..... | The Walt Disney Company .....                      | P.M. Place Stores Company .....                      | P.M. Place Stores Company                                 |
| 20003477 ..... | Geoworks Corporation .....                         | Timothy P. Mayhew .....                              | Hibernia Communications, LLC                              |
| 20003483 ..... | Hewlett-Packard Company .....                      | Science Applications International Corporation. .... | Telcordia Technologies, Inc.                              |
| 20003494 ..... | UnitedGlobalCom, Inc. ....                         | Redswitch, Inc. ....                                 | Redswitch, Inc.                                           |
| 20003497 ..... | Norske Skogindustrier ASA .....                    | Signal Global Communications, Inc. ....              | Signal Global Communications, Inc.                        |
| 20003501 ..... | MDU Resources Group, Inc. ....                     | Fletcher Challenge Limited .....                     | Fletcher Challenge Paper Limited                          |
|                | .....                                              | Philip H. Wagner .....                               | The Wagner-Smith Company, Wagner-Smith Pump&Systems, Inc. |
|                |                                                    |                                                      | Wagner-Smith Equipment Co., Frebco, Inc., Newco, Inc.     |

### TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/20/2000

|                |                              |                              |                         |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 20003382 ..... | Berkshire Hathaway Inc. .... | Edward Bridge .....          | Ben Bridge Corporation  |
| 20003383 ..... | Edward Bridge .....          | Berkshire Hathaway Inc. .... | Berkshire Hathaway Inc. |