

address scientific issues facing the Agency. The primary criteria to be used in evaluating potential nominees will be scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience. Additional criteria that will be used to evaluate technically qualified nominees will include: the absence of financial conflicts of interest; scientific credibility and impartiality; availability and willingness to serve; and the ability to work constructively and effectively on committees. The selection of new members will also include consideration of the collective breadth and depth of scientific perspectives; a balance of scientific perspectives; continuity of knowledge and understanding of EPA missions and environmental programs; and diversity factors (e.g. geographical areas and professional affiliations) for each of the chartered committees and subcommittees.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

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

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); and Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

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 OCC, the Board, the FDIC, and the OTS (the "agencies") may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it

displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. On December 23, 2008, the agencies, under the auspices of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), requested public comment for 60 days on a proposal to extend, with revision, the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (Call Report) for banks, the Thrift Financial Report (TFR) for savings associations, the Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002), and the Report of Assets and Liabilities of a Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or Agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank (FFIEC 002S), all of which are currently approved collections of information. The one comment received on this proposal supported the proposed revision, which the FFIEC and the agencies will implement as proposed.

In addition, on September 23, 2008, the OCC, the Board, and the FDIC requested public comment for 60 days on proposed revisions to the Call Report. On October 1, 2008, the OTS requested public comment for 60 days on proposed revisions to the TFR. In response to these requests, the agencies received certain comments recommending the collection of additional deposit data related to deposit insurance assessments. After considering these comments and the outcome of an FDIC rulemaking on assessments, the FFIEC and the agencies will add an item to the Call Report and TFR schedules used to collect data used for assessment purposes effective June 30, 2009.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 4, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to any or all of the agencies. All comments, which should refer to the OMB control number(s), will be shared among the agencies.

OCC: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mailstop 2-3, Attention: 1557-0081, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 874-4700. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification

and submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Board: You may submit comments, which should refer to "Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (FFIEC 031 and 041)" or "Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002) and Report of Assets and Liabilities of a Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or Agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank (FFIEC 002S)," by any of the following methods:

- **Agency Web Site:** <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm>.

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **E-mail:** regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include reporting form number in the subject line of the message.

- **FAX:** (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102.

- **Mail:** Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room MP-500 of the Board's Martin Building (20th and C Streets, NW.), between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

FDIC: You may submit comments, which should refer to "Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, 3064-0052," by any of the following methods:

- **Agency Web Site:** <http://www.fdic.gov/regulations/laws/federal/propose.html>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the FDIC Web site.

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **E-mail:** comments@FDIC.gov. Include "Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, 3064-0052" in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Herbert J. Messite, (202) 898-6834, Counsel, Attn: Comments, Room F-1052, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.

• **Hand Delivery:** Comments may be hand delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 550 17th Street Building (located on F Street) on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Public Inspection: All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.fdic.gov/regulations/laws/federal/propose.html> including any personal information provided. Comments may be inspected at the FDIC Public Information Center, Room E-1002, 3501 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22226, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on business days.

OTS: You may submit comments, identified by "1550-0023 (TFR: Schedule DI Revisions)," by any of the following methods:

• **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• **E-mail address:** infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. Please include "1550-0023 (TFR: Schedule DI Revisions)" in the subject line of the message and include your name and telephone number in the message.

• **Fax:** (202) 906-6518.

• **Mail:** Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention: "1550-0023 (TFR: Schedule DI Revisions)."

• **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Guard's Desk, East Lobby Entrance, 1700 G Street, NW., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on business days, Attention: Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Attention: "1550-0023 (TFR: Schedule DI Revisions)."

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number for this information collection. All comments received will be posted without change to the OTS Internet Site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov/pagehtml.cfm?catNumber=67&an=1>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.ots.treas.gov/pagehtml.cfm?catNumber=67&an=1>. In addition, you may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment for access, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755. (Prior notice identifying the materials you will be requesting will assist us in serving you.) We schedule appointments on business days between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. In most cases,

appointments will be available the next business day following the date we receive a request.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the OMB desk officer for the agencies by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the revisions discussed in this notice, please contact any of the agency clearance officers whose names appear below. In addition, copies of the Call Report, FFIEC 002, and FFIEC 002S forms can be obtained at the FFIEC's Web site (http://www.ffiec.gov/ffiec_report_forms.htm). Copies of the TFR can be obtained from the OTS's Web site (<http://www.ots.treas.gov/main.cfm?catNumber=2&catParent=0>).

OCC: Mary Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officer, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

Board: Michelle E. Shore, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer, (202) 452-3829, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may call (202) 263-4869.

FDIC: Herbert J. Messite, Counsel, (202) 898-6834, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.

OTS: Ira L. Mills, OTS Clearance Officer, at Ira.Mills@ots.treas.gov, (202) 906-6531, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Litigation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agencies are proposing to revise and extend for three years the Call Report, the TFR, the FFIEC 002, and the FFIEC 002S, which are currently approved collections of information.

1. **Report Title:** Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (Call Report).

Form Number: Call Report: FFIEC 031 (for banks with domestic and foreign offices) and FFIEC 041 (for banks with domestic offices only).

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

OCC

OMB Number: 1557-0081.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,620 national banks.

Estimated Time per Response: 46.83 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 303,454 burden hours.

Board

OMB Number: 7100-0036.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 877 state member banks.

Estimated Time per Response: 53.38 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 187,257 burden hours.

FDIC

OMB Number: 3064-0052.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,110 insured state nonmember banks.

Estimated Time per Response: 37.43 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 765,069 burden hours.

The estimated time per response for the Call Report is an average that varies by agency because of differences in the composition of the institutions under each agency's supervision (e.g., size distribution of institutions, types of activities in which they are engaged, and existence of foreign offices). The average reporting burden for the Call Report is estimated to range from 16 to 650 hours per quarter, depending on an individual institution's circumstances.

2. **Report Title:** Thrift Financial Report (TFR).

Form Number: OTS 1313 (for savings associations).

Frequency of Response: Quarterly; Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

OTS

OMB Number: 1550-0023.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 774 savings associations.

Estimated Time per Response: 37 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 186,085 burden hours.

3. **Report Titles:** Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks; Report of Assets and Liabilities of a Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or Agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank.

Form Numbers: FFIEC 002; FFIEC 002S.

Board

OMB Number: 7100-0032.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: FFIEC 002-264; FFIEC 002S-65.

Estimated Time per Response: FFIEC 002-25.02 hours; FFIEC 002S-6 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: FFIEC 002—26,421 hours; FFIEC 002S—1,560 hours.

General Description of Reports

These information collections are mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 161 (for national banks), 12 U.S.C. 324 (for state member banks), 12 U.S.C. 1817 (for insured state nonmember commercial and savings banks), 12 U.S.C. 1464 (for savings associations), and 12 U.S.C. 3105(c)(2), 1817(a), and 3102(b) (for U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks). The Call Report and, except for selected data items, the TFR and the FFIEC 002 are not given confidential treatment. The FFIEC 002S is given confidential treatment. [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)].

Abstracts

Call Report and TFR: Institutions submit Call Report and TFR data to the agencies each quarter for the agencies' use in monitoring the condition, performance, and risk profile of individual institutions and the industry as a whole. Call Report and TFR data provide the most current statistical data available for evaluating institutions' corporate applications, for identifying areas of focus for both on-site and off-site examinations, and for monetary and other public policy purposes. The agencies use Call Report and TFR data in evaluating interstate merger and acquisition applications to determine, as required by law, whether the resulting institution would control more than ten percent of the total amount of deposits of insured depository institutions in the United States. Call Report and TFR data are also used to calculate all institutions' deposit insurance and Financing Corporation assessments, national banks' semiannual assessment fees, and the OTS's assessments on savings associations.

FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S: On a quarterly basis, all U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks are required to file the FFIEC 002, which is a detailed report of condition with a variety of supporting schedules. This information is used to fulfill the supervisory and regulatory requirements of the International Banking Act of 1978. The data are also used to augment the bank credit, loan, and deposit information needed for monetary policy and other public policy purposes. The FFIEC 002S is a supplement to the FFIEC 002 that collects information on assets and liabilities of any non-U.S. branch that is managed or controlled by a U.S. branch or agency of the foreign bank. Managed or controlled means that a majority of the responsibility for business decisions, including but not limited to

decisions with regard to lending or asset management or funding or liability management, or the responsibility for recordkeeping in respect of assets or liabilities for that foreign branch resides at the U.S. branch or agency. A separate FFIEC 002S must be completed for each managed or controlled non-U.S. branch. The FFIEC 002S must be filed quarterly along with the U.S. branch or agency's FFIEC 002. The data from both reports are used for: (1) Monitoring deposit and credit transactions of U.S. residents; (2) monitoring the impact of policy changes; (3) analyzing structural issues concerning foreign bank activity in U.S. markets; (4) understanding flows of banking funds and indebtedness of developing countries in connection with data collected by the International Monetary Fund and the Bank for International Settlements that are used in economic analysis; and (5) assisting in the supervision of U.S. offices of foreign banks. The Federal Reserve System collects and processes these reports on behalf of the OCC, the Board, and the FDIC.

Current Actions

Section 141 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA), Public Law No. 102–242 (Dec. 19, 1991), added Section 13(c)(4)(G) to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDI Act), 12 U.S.C. 1823(c)(4)(G). That section authorizes action by the federal government in circumstances involving a systemic risk to the nation's financial system. On October 13, 2008, in response to the unprecedented disruption in credit markets and the resultant effects on the abilities of banks to fund themselves and to intermediate credit, the Secretary of the Treasury (after consultation with the President) made a determination of systemic risk following receipt of the written recommendation of the FDIC Board, along with the written recommendation of the Federal Reserve Board, in accordance with Section 13(c)(4)(G). The systemic risk determination allows the FDIC to take certain actions to avoid or mitigate serious adverse effects on economic conditions or financial stability. Pursuant to the systemic risk determination, the FDIC Board established the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee (TLG) Program.

To facilitate the FDIC's administration of the TLG Program, the FDIC Board approved an interim rule on October 23, 2008,¹ and (after a 15-day comment

period that ended on November 13, 2008) a final rule on November 21, 2008.² The TLG Program comprises (1) a Debt Guarantee Program under which, in general, the FDIC will guarantee certain newly-issued senior unsecured debt issued by participating entities on or after October 14, 2008, through and including June 30, 2009, up to a specified limit; and (2) a Transaction Account Guarantee Program under which the FDIC will provide a 100 percent guarantee of certain noninterest-bearing transaction accounts held by participating insured depository institutions through December 31, 2009. The TLG Program includes a system of fees to be paid by participating entities for such guarantees beginning November 13, 2008.

In order for the FDIC to calculate the fees to be assessed under the Transaction Account Guarantee Program, the FDIC needs to collect information from participating insured depository institutions on the amount and number of noninterest-bearing transaction accounts, as defined in the final rule, of more than \$250,000. Given the nature of these data items, the best method for obtaining this information from participating institutions is through the Call Report, the TFR, and the FFIEC 002. Accordingly, the agencies submitted an emergency clearance request to OMB seeking approval to begin collecting these two data items in these reports as of December 31, 2008. OMB approved this emergency clearance request on November 26, 2008. OMB's approval of the agencies' emergency clearance request expires on May 31, 2009. On December 23, 2008, the agencies requested comment under OMB's normal clearance procedures on the proposed collection of these two items each quarter from institutions participating in the Transaction Account Guarantee Program until the program ends (73 FR 78794). These new items have been added to the Call Report as Memorandum items 4.a and 4.b of Schedule RC–O, to the TFR as items DI570 and DI575 of Schedule DI, and to the FFIEC 002 as Memorandum items 6.a and 6.b of Schedule O.³

The agencies received one comment letter on the proposed new items pertaining to the Transaction Account Guarantee Program. This commenter, a bankers' organization, supported the addition of these new items to the Call Report, the TFR, and the FFIEC 002. The

² 73 FR 72244, November 26, 2008.

¹ 73 FR 64179, October 29, 2008. The FDIC amended the interim rule effective November 4, 2008. 73 FR 66160, November 7, 2008.

³ Effective March 31, 2009, these two FFIEC 002 items will be renumbered as Memorandum items 4.a and 4.b of Schedule O.

agencies will continue to collect these items, for which they received emergency approval from OMB, until the Transaction Account Guarantee Program ends.

In addition, on September 23, 2008, the OCC, the Board, and the FDIC requested public comment for 60 days on proposed revisions to the Call Report for implementation on a phased-in basis during 2009 (73 FR 54807). On October 1, 2008, the OTS requested public comment for 60 days on proposed revisions to the TFR that would also take effect on a phased-in basis during 2009 (73 FR 57205). In response to these requests, the agencies received certain comments recommending the collection of additional deposit data related to deposit insurance assessments even though the agencies had not proposed to collect these additional data in their proposals. More specifically, one bankers' organization recommended that the Call Report and the TFR be revised to require "reciprocal deposits"⁴ to be reported separately from brokered deposits. This bankers' organization also commented on the reporting of certain sweep accounts from other institutions, including affiliated institutions, in the Call Report and the TFR.

The impetus for the bankers' organization's comments about the reporting of these two types of deposits was a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) on which the FDIC was simultaneously requesting comment concerning amendments to its deposit insurance assessment regulations (12 CFR part 327).⁵ In the NPR, the FDIC proposed to alter the way in which it differentiates for risk in the risk-based assessment system; revise deposit insurance assessment rates, including base assessment rates; and make technical and other changes to the rules governing the risk-based assessment system. In its comment letters to the agencies on the proposed Call Report and TFR revisions, the bankers' organization observed that the Call Report and the TFR may need to be revised depending on the FDIC's decisions on the treatment of these accounts for deposit insurance assessment purposes.

⁴ The organization also recommended that "reciprocal deposit" be defined as a deposit "obtained when an insured depository institution exchanges funds, dollar-for-dollar, with members of a network of other insured depository institutions, where each member of the network sets the interest rate to be paid on the entire amount of funds it places with other network members, and all funds placed through the network are fully insured by the FDIC."

⁵ 73 FR 61560, October 16, 2008.

The FFIEC and the agencies have monitored the outcome of the FDIC's rulemaking for assessments and the need for new Call Report data items for reciprocal deposits and certain sweep accounts to support any modifications that the FDIC makes in its risk-based assessment system in a final rule. In this regard, on February 27, 2009, the FDIC Board of Directors adopted a final rule that revised the FDIC's assessment regulations effective April 1, 2009. For institutions in Risk Category I of the risk-based assessment system, the final rule introduces a new financial ratio into the financial ratios method. This method determines the assessment rates for most institutions in Risk Category I using a combination of weighted Uniform Financial Institutions Rating System component ratings and certain financial ratios. The new ratio will capture brokered deposits (in excess of 10 percent of domestic deposits) that are used to fund rapid asset growth, but it will exclude brokered deposits that an institution receives through a deposit placement network on a reciprocal basis (reciprocal deposits).

To enable the FDIC to adjust banks' and savings associations' brokered deposits, which are already reported in the Call Report and the TFR, for any reciprocal deposits included therein, the agencies will add an item to the schedules in these two reports in which data are reported for assessment purposes (Schedules RC-O and DI, respectively). The definition of reciprocal deposits in the FDIC's final rule⁶ would be used for this new item, which would be collected in the Call Report and the TFR beginning June 30, 2009. The addition of this reciprocal deposits item to the Call Report and the TFR is responsive to the previously mentioned comments received from a bankers' organization when the agencies requested comments on proposed revisions to the Call Report and the TFR for implementation in 2009.

In its final rule on assessments, the FDIC decided not to adjust brokered deposits for balances swept into an insured institution by a nondepository institution. Accordingly, the FFIEC and the agencies are not revising the Call Report and the TFR to collect data on such sweep accounts.

⁶ The final rule defines "reciprocal deposits" as "[d]eposits that an insured depository institution receives through a deposit placement network on a reciprocal basis, such that: (1) For any deposit received, the institution (as agent for depositors) places the same amount with other insured depository institutions through the network; and (2) each member of the network sets the interest rate to be paid on the entire amount of funds it places with other network members."

Request for Comment

Public comment is requested on all aspects of this joint notice. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed revisions to the collections of information that are the subject of this notice 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 as they are proposed to be revised, 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 joint notice will be shared among the agencies. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 20, 2009.

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Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 27, 2009.

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Dated at Washington, DC, this 25th day of March, 2009.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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Dated: March 24, 2009.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: