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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Branch Offices

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal. DATES: Submit written comments on or

before January 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906–6518; or send an e-mail to

infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at www.ots.treas.gov. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906– 5922, send an e-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906– 7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from Nadine Washington, Information Systems, Administration & Finance, (202) 906–6706, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;

b. The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

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

d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Branch Offices. *OMB Number:* 1550–0006.

Form Number: OTS Forms 1450 and 1558.

Regulation requirement: 12 CFR 545.92 and 545.95.

Description: 12 CFR 545.92 and 545.95 require Federally-chartered institutions proposing to establish a branch office or to change the location of a branch office to file an application or notice with OTS.

Type of Review: Renewal. *Affected Public:* Savings Associations. *Estimated Number of Respondents:*

1,089.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Event-generated.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 1.5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden: 1,634 hours. *Clearance Officer:* Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906–6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395–7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Charter Conversions

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury. **ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

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