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Dated: June 26, 2007.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

Secretary.

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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; 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 collections to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**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 April 6, 2007, the agencies published a notice requesting public

comment for sixty days on the extension, with revision, of the Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form (TA-1). In addition, OTS seeks to implement an amendment to section 3(a)(34) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act), pursuant to a provision of the Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006 (FSRRA), enacted on October 13, 2006. This implementation would institute the use of the TA-1 for savings associations intending to engage in transfer agent activities. Currently, the OCC, FDIC, and OTS are soliciting comment concerning the extension, with revision, of the Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form. The Board has approved this information collection under its delegated authority from OMB.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 2, 2007.

**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, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0124, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-4448, or by electronic mail to [regs.comments@occ.treas.gov](mailto:regs.comments@occ.treas.gov). You can inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

**Board:** You may submit comments, which should refer to FR TA-1, 7100-0099, 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](mailto:regs.comments@federalreserve.gov). Include the OMB control number for this information collection 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](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 "Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form, 3064-0026" by any of the following methods:

- <http://www.FDIC.gov/regulations/laws/federal/notices.html>.

- **E-mail:** [comments@FDIC.gov](mailto:comments@FDIC.gov).

Include "Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form, 3064-0026" in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Steven F. Hanft (202-898-3907), Clearance Officer, Attn: Comments, 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/notices.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-NEW (Form TA-1)," by any of the following methods:

- **E-mail address:** [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov).

Please include "1550-NEW (Form TA-1)" 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-NEW (Form TA-1)"

- **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-NEW (Form TA-1)"

**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](mailto: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 proposed information collection discussed in this notice, please contact any of the agency clearance officers listed below.

**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:** Steven F. Hanft, Clearance Officer, (202) 898-3907, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.

**OTS:** Marilyn K. Burton, OTS Clearance Officer, at [marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov](mailto:marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov), (202) 906-6467, 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, other than the Federal Reserve, are proposing to extend for three years, with revision, the uniform

interagency Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form. The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act) requires any person acting as a transfer agent to register as such and to amend registration information when it changes. The Federal Reserve, under its delegated authority from OMB, has approved the extension for three years, with revision, of this information collection.

**Report Title:** Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form.

**Form Number:** TA-1.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 1.25 hours: registration, 10 minutes: amendment.

#### OCC

**OMB Number:** 1557-0124.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3 registrations, 10 amendments.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 5 hours.

#### Board

**OMB Number:** 7100-0099.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 5 registrations, 10 amendments.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 8 hours.

#### FDIC

**OMB Number:** 3064-0026.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2 registrations, 13 amendments.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 5 hours.

#### OTS

On October 13, 2006, the President signed the FSRRA into law. One of the provisions of the FSRRA contains an amendment to section 3(a)(34) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Section 3(a)(34) of the Act defines "appropriate regulatory agency" and includes OTS as an appropriate regulatory agency for certain activities, thus authorizing OTS to collect certain information. Therefore, OTS is seeking OMB approval for this new collection of information.

**OMB Number:** 1550-NEW.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 5 registrations, 10 amendments.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 8 hours.

#### General Description of Reports

This information collection is mandatory: Sections 17A(c), 17(a)(3), and 23(a) of the Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78q-1(c), 78q(a)(3), and 78w(a)) (OCC, Board, FDIC, and OTS). Additionally, the Federal Reserve's

Regulation H (section 208.31(a)) and Regulation Y (section 225.4(d)), as well as § 341.3 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations implement the provisions of the Act. The registrations are public filings and are not considered confidential.

#### Abstract

Section 17A(c) of the Act requires all transfer agents for securities registered under section 12 of the Act to register "by filing with the appropriate regulatory agency \* \* \* an application for registration in such form and containing such information and documents \* \* \* as such appropriate regulatory agency may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section." In general, an entity performing transfer agent functions for a security is required to register if the security is registered on a national securities exchange and if the issuer has total assets of \$10 million or more and a class of equity security held of record by 500 or more persons.

#### Current Actions

Currently, the TA-1 instructions direct respondents who are submitting amended data to complete the entire reporting form. The agencies propose to revise the instructions to state that respondents who are filing amended data would be required to complete questions 1, 2, and 3 (appropriate regulatory agency, filing status, and full name of registrant organization, respectively) and, additionally, only those data items that are inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading. This would make filing an amended TA-1 easier for respondents and better highlight the data that has been changed.

OTS seeks OMB approval to institute use of the TA-1 for savings associations intending to engage in transfer agent activities.

On April 6, 2007, the agencies published a notice in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 17222) requesting public comment for sixty days; the comment period for this notice expired on June 5, 2007. The agencies received no comments.

#### Request for Comment

The Agencies invite comment on:

(a) Whether the collections of information 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. Unless otherwise afforded

confidential treatment pursuant to Federal law, all comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 20, 2007.

**Karen Solomon,**

*Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.*

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 27, 2007.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

Dated at Washington, DC., this 25th day of June, 2007.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

Dated: June 22, 2007.

**Deborah Dakin,**

*Senior Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division, Office of Thrift Supervision.*

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