

(20) Notices;  
 (21) Benefit of agreement;  
 (22) Entirety of agreement;  
 (23) Amendments and waivers;  
 (24) Counterparts;  
 (25) Severability; and  
 (26) Such other matters as the Secretary believes to be necessary or appropriate.

#### § 1720.10 Fees.

(a) *Guarantee fee.* An annual fee equal to 30 basis points (0.3 percent) of the amount of the unpaid principal of the guaranteed bond will be deposited into the Rural Economic Development Subaccount maintained under section 313(b)(2)(A) of the RE Act.

(b) Subject to part (c) of this section, up to one-third of the 30 basis point guarantee fee may be used to fund the subsidy amount of providing guarantees, to the extent not otherwise funded through appropriation actions by Congress.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (c) and (e)(2) of section 313A of the RE Act, the Secretary shall, with the consent of the lender, structure the schedule for payment of the annual fee, not to exceed an average of 30 basis points per year for the term of the loan, to ensure that sufficient funds are available to pay the subsidy costs for note guarantees.

#### § 1720.11 Servicing.

The Secretary, or other agent of the Secretary on his or her behalf, shall have the right to service the guaranteed bond, and periodically inspect the books and accounts of the guaranteed lender to ascertain compliance with the provisions of the RE Act and the bond documents.

#### § 1720.12 Reporting requirements.

(a) As long as any guaranteed bonds remain outstanding, the guaranteed lender shall provide the Secretary with the following items each year within 90 days of the guaranteed lender's fiscal year end:

(1) Consolidated financial statements and accompanying footnotes, audited by independent certified public accountants;

(2) A review and certification of the security of the government guarantee, audited by reputable, independent certified public accountants or a federal banking regulator, who in the judgment of the Secretary, has the requisite skills, knowledge, reputation, and experience to properly conduct such a review;

(3) Pro forma projection of the guaranteed lender's balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows over the ensuing five years;

(4) Credit assessment issued by a Rating Agency;

(5) A review and certification of the lender's capital adequacy utilizing the

capital adequacy standards of FIRREA by a reputable, independent certified public accounting firm or federal banking regulator, and

(5) Other such information requested by the Secretary.

(b) The bond documents shall specify such bond monitoring and financial reporting requirements as deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

#### § 1720.13 Limitations on guarantees.

In a given year the maximum amount of guaranteed bonds that the Secretary may approve will be subject to budget authority, together with receipts authority from projected fee collections from guaranteed lenders, the principle amount of outstanding concurrent loans made by the guaranteed lender, and Congressionally-mandated ceilings on the total amount of credit. The Secretary may also impose other limitations as appropriate to administer this guarantee program.

#### § 1720.14 Nature of guarantee; acceleration of guaranteed bonds.

(a) Any guarantee executed by the Secretary under this part shall be an obligation supported by the full faith and credit of the United States and incontestable except for fraud or misrepresentation of which the guaranteed bondholder had actual knowledge at the time it purchased the guaranteed bonds.

(b) Amounts due under the guarantee shall be paid within 30 days of demand by a bondholder, certifying the amount of payment then due and payable.

(c) The guarantee shall be assignable and transferable to any purchaser of guaranteed bonds as provided in the bond documents.

(d) The following actions shall constitute events of default under the terms of the guarantee agreements:

(1) The guaranteed lender failed to make a payment of principal or interest when due on the guaranteed bonds;

(2) The guaranteed bonds were issued in violation of the terms and conditions of the bond documents;

(3) The guarantee fee required by 7 CFR 1720.9 of this part has not been paid;

(4) The guaranteed lender made a misrepresentation to the Secretary in any material respect in connection with the application, the guaranteed bonds, or the reporting requirements listed in 7 CFR 1720.11 of this part; or

(5) The guaranteed lender failed to comply with any material covenant or provision contained in the bond documents.

(e) In the event the guaranteed lender fails to cure such defaults within the notice terms and the timeframe set forth in the bond documents, the Secretary

may demand that the guaranteed lender redeem the guaranteed bonds. Such redemption amount will be in an amount equal to the outstanding principal balance, accrued interest to the date of redemption, and prepayment premium, if any. To the extent the Secretary makes any payments under the guarantee, the Secretary shall be deemed the guaranteed bondholder.

(f) To the extent the Secretary makes any payments under the guarantee, the interest rate the government will charge to the guaranteed lender for the period of default shall accrue at an annual rate of the greater of 1.5 times the 91-day Treasury-Bill rate or 200 basis points (2.00%) above the rate on the guaranteed bonds.

(g) Upon guaranteed lender's event of default, under the bond documents, the Secretary shall be entitled to take such other action as is provided for by law or under the bond documents.

#### § 1720.15 Equal opportunity requirements.

“Executive Order 12898, “Environmental Justice.” To comply with Executive Order 12898, RUS will conduct a Civil Rights Analysis for each guarantee prior to approval. Rural Development Form 2006–28, “Civil Rights Impact Analysis”, will be used to document compliance in regards to environmental justice.

Dated: December 22, 2003.

**Ann M. Veneman,**

*Secretary of Agriculture.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Executive Office for Immigration Review'

#### 8 CFR Parts 1001, 1292

[EOIR No. 138P; AG Order 2700–2003]

RIN 1125–AA39

### Executive Office for Immigration Review Attorney/Representative Registry

**AGENCY:** Executive Office for Immigration Review, Justice.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule would amend the regulations pertaining to appearances by attorneys and representatives before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). This proposed rule authorizes the Director, EOIR, or his designee to register attorneys and representatives as

a condition of practicing before immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals. The proposed rule also provides that the Director or his designee will establish registration procedures including a requirement for electronic registration, and may administratively suspend from practice before EOIR any practitioner who fails to provide certain registration information.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit written comments to Charles Adkins-Blanch, General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2600, Falls Church, Virginia 22041. To ensure proper handling, please reference RIN No. 1125-AA39 on your correspondence. The public may also submit comments electronically to EOIR at [regulations.comments@usdoj.gov](mailto:regulations.comments@usdoj.gov). When submitting comments electronically, you must include RIN No. 1125-AA39 in the subject box.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Adkins-Blanch, General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2600, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, telephone (703) 305-0470 (not a toll-free call).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proposed rule would authorize the Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR"), or his designee to register all attorneys and representatives ("practitioners") entering appearances before immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board") as a condition of practicing before EOIR. The Director or his designee also would be authorized under the proposed rule to establish procedures for registration. Following an initial registration period, practitioners would need to include their registration identification ("UserID") on any new entry of appearance (*i.e.*, the filing of Forms EOIR-27 or EOIR-28).

#### **Reasons for Issuing This Proposed Rule**

The Department is updating and integrating its immigration court and Board databases, and designing an electronic case access and filing system, to comply with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act ("GPEA"), to achieve the Department's vision for improved immigration adjudication processing, and to meet the public expectations for electronic government. 44 U.S.C. 3504 note. The GPEA provides that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") must ensure that no

later than October 21, 2003, executive agencies provide for the option of electronic submission of information, when practicable, as a substitute for paper.

The practitioner registration process contemplated by the Department for EOIR will initially enable EOIR to distribute a unique UserID to all practitioners. The UserIDs will be a core component in a redesigned case tracking system, ensuring a single, unique identification for each practitioner appearing before immigration judges and the Board. Application of the unique UserID will reduce system errors in scheduling matters and will provide improved notice to practitioners. In conjunction with a UserID, passwords will also be issued to practitioners to permit them to maintain and update registration information electronically (via the Internet) and, in the future, to access the EOIR electronic filing system for submission and retrieval of documents.

#### **Procedures for Registering With EOIR**

EOIR will implement an on-line registration process that will be mandatory for practitioners. For practitioners without access to the Internet, a dedicated Practitioner Workstation will be made available at each public EOIR facility, including the immigration courts and Board clerk's office. For the initial registration, practitioners must complete an electronic registration that includes the following information: Full name, date of birth, last four digits of social security number, mailing addresses, and e-mail address. Only one e-mail address will be permitted; however, multiple mailing addresses may be used by practitioners with multiple office locations. Registrants will also be required to submit limited background data, such as bar admissions (for attorneys) and the recognized organization with which the individual is associated (for accredited representatives), in order to demonstrate that they meet the regulatory requirements for authorization to practice before EOIR.

Upon completion of the registration process, the EOIR registration system will send a password and a verification of registration to the practitioner's e-mail address. Registrants who have completed only the initial registration requirements (full name, date of birth, last four digits of social security number, mailing addresses, and e-mail address) will be prompted electronically to complete registration. In such cases, both e-mail and mail notices will be generated to the addresses entered in the initial registration, allowing a two-

week deadline for completing the full registration process.

#### **Required Registrants**

All attorneys and representatives, as defined by 8 CFR 1001.1(f) and (j), will be required to register with EOIR as a condition of representing individuals before the immigration judges and the Board. Law firms or other similar entities will not be issued a UserID. Practitioners working on behalf of a law firm (including attorneys, law graduates, and law students) or other entity (such as accredited representatives employed by recognized organizations) must individually register with EOIR.

#### **Registration Deadline**

Using a number of media, EOIR will provide practitioners with advance notice of the deadline for registering and obtaining a UserID. During the transition period to the newly integrated EOIR case management system, procedures will be in place to permit practitioners to associate existing cases with their new UserID and password. The Department contemplates that the full development of the system will take substantial time, and the system will be activated initially to permit an "open season" for registration before making compliance with registration requirements mandatory. Therefore, EOIR will provide a minimum of 60 days advance publicity of the availability of the system before adherence to the registration system's requirements will become mandatory for practitioners.

#### **Practitioners Who Do Not Have an E-Mail Address**

An e-mail address will be a required field in the Registration Form. If an e-mail address is not entered, a registration system prompt will request that practitioners re-enter their e-mail address. A second system prompt will ask if the practitioner possesses an e-mail address. If the practitioner does not have an e-mail address, a message will be displayed that the system will send the notice automatically to the practitioner's physical address using the United States Post Office's e-mail postal addressing capabilities. EOIR will assume the cost of mailing this notice.

#### **Entry of Appearance Requires a UserID**

After the effective date of the final registration regulation, practitioners will be required to have a UserID to file an Entry of Appearance in a case. If a practitioner appears in person at any public office of EOIR to file an Entry of Appearance but does not have a UserID, the staff will direct the practitioner to a

Practitioner Workstation in the public area of the Board's clerk's office or the immigration court on which he or she may register and receive a UserID.

The practitioner will enter all information he or she has available and will be permitted to choose a UserID. The registration system will accept the full or initial registration data, and send the practitioner an e-mail message containing a password.

If an unregistered practitioner mails an Entry of Appearance to the Board clerk's office or immigration court, with or without other documents (pleadings, etc.), the clerk's office or court staff may reject the Entry of Appearance and return it for completion of the registration process. The clerk's office staff will process any accompanying documents as if they had been filed by the unregistered practitioner's client acting on his or her own behalf.

#### **Failure To Register or Failure To Complete the Registration Process**

Practitioners who fail to register will not be allowed to represent clients before the immigration judges or the Board.

Practitioners who only complete an initial registration will be notified by e-mail (or United States mail, if appropriate) of the two-week deadline for completing registration. If registration is not completed by that deadline, a second notice setting an additional two-week deadline will be sent to the same practitioner address(es), warning of administrative suspension from practice before EOIR if registration is not completed timely. A third notice will inform the practitioner that his or her right to practice before immigration judges and the Board has been suspended administratively until registration is completed. Copies of this notice will be sent to all identifiable clients with matters before EOIR. Additionally, the practitioner's UserID and password that EOIR provided during initial registration will be deactivated.

#### **Extraordinary Circumstances**

After the effective date of the final regulation, and under extraordinary and rare circumstances, an immigration judge may permit an unregistered practitioner to appear at a single hearing by registering before the immigration judge. For example, an unregistered practitioner unfamiliar with immigration practice before immigration judges and the Board, or an unregistered practitioner hired immediately before a hearing commences, may be permitted to appear before an immigration judge. However, the immigration judge must

secure the required practitioner's registration information on the record proceedings, in addition to the practitioner's Notice of Appearance on Form EOIR-28. The immigration judge will also instruct the practitioner to register on-line immediately after the hearing. At the time the Form EOIR-28 information that is received during the hearing is entered into the case management information system, the EOIR staff will inquire of the system whether the practitioner has completed registration pursuant to the immigration judge's instructions. If not, EOIR staff will enter into the database the practitioner's information previously secured by the immigration judge. The system will then create a permanent UserID for the practitioner, using an algorithm based on last name and first name, and assign a password. An e-mail message will notify the practitioner of the UserID and password. As previously noted, a practitioner without an e-mail address will be notified at the practitioner's physical address using the United States Post Office's e-mail postal addressing capabilities. Thereafter, the practitioner will be able to modify the password but not the UserID.

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The Attorney General, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 605(b), has reviewed this regulation and, by approving it, certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

As described more fully below in the Executive Order 12866 certification, the Department estimates that approximately 26,000 attorneys and representatives will electronically register. It is not known how many of these attorneys and representatives are "small entities" as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act. There is no fee to register. Consequently, the Department believes the costs to practitioners to electronically register with EOIR will be nominal.

Practitioners will greatly benefit under this registration process by paving the way to future access to an electronic EOIR case access and filing system. Moreover, the future ability to electronically file a Notice of Appearance will reduce the practitioner's costs.

#### **Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995**

This rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it will not

significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

#### **Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996**

This rule is not a major rule as defined by section 251 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, 5 U.S.C. 804. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

#### **Executive Order 12866**

The proposed rule is considered by the Department of Justice to be a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866, section 3(f), Regulatory Planning and Review. Accordingly, the regulation has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

The rule establishes procedures for attorneys and representatives to enroll formally with EOIR as a condition of representing aliens before immigration judges and the Board. Requiring practitioners to register electronically with EOIR is a necessary precursor to implementing an electronic case access and filing system.

Under the registration process, EOIR will be able to determine whether a practitioner is authorized to represent aliens before immigration judges or the Board. EOIR will also distribute to each authorized registrant a unique EOIR UserID and password that will permit future access to an electronic filing system for submission and retrieval of information and documents pertaining to administrative immigration proceedings.

An on-line registration process will be required for practitioner registration. For practitioners without access to the Internet, a dedicated Practitioner Workstation will be made available at each public facility of EOIR.

For the initial registration, practitioners must complete an electronic registration in which they must provide the following information: full name, date of birth, last four digits of social security number, mailing addresses, and e-mail address. Registrants will also be required to submit limited background data, such as bar admissions (for attorneys) and the

recognized organization with which the individual is associated (for accredited representatives).

The Department estimates that approximately 26,000 attorneys and representatives will electronically register, a process that will take approximately 10 minutes for each registrant. There is no fee to register. Consequently, the Department believes the costs to practitioners to electronically register with EOIR will be nominal.

Practitioners will greatly benefit under this registration process by paving the way to future access to an electronic EOIR case access and filing system. The future system will allow practitioners to electronically submit and retrieve information pertaining to administrative immigration proceedings.

#### Executive Order 13132

This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with section 6 of Executive Order 13132, the Department has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

#### Executive Order 12988

This rule meets the applicable standards set forth in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

The United States Department of Justice has submitted a request for approval of a new information collection instrument to the Office of Management and Budget for review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed new information collection is published in this document to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days in conjunction with the proposed rule. This process is in accordance with 5 CFR. 1320.10.

If you have any comments, especially on the estimated public burden or

associated response time, or suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed new information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact the Department as noted above. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed new information collection instrument are encouraged.

Your comments should address one or more of the following four points: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) how the Department could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) how the Department could minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

The new information collection instrument sponsored by the Department will apply to practitioners and has been designated as "Practitioner Registration Before the Executive Office for Immigration Review." The new collection will be administered through electronic means exclusively (Internet and/or dedicated terminals at EOIR locations).

The collected information will be used to (1) determine whether or not a responding attorney or representative, as defined by 8 CFR 1001.1(f) and (j) (as amended herein), meets the regulatory criteria to be authorized to represent aliens before EOIR (Board of Immigration Appeals or immigration judges) and (2) distribute a unique EOIR UserId and password to each registrant that will permit future access to an electronic EOIR filing system for submission and retrieval of information and documents pertaining to administrative immigration proceedings.

The Department estimates an average response time for the new information collection instrument at 10 minutes per response, with a total number of respondents at 26,000 individuals. The total public burden associated with the new collection is 4,333 burden hours.

#### List of Subjects

##### 8 CFR Part 1001

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Definitions, Immigration, Legal Services, Organization and functions (Government agencies).

##### 8 CFR Part 1292

Administrative practice and procedure, Immigration, Lawyers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, 8 CFR Parts 1001 and 1003 are proposed to be amended as follows:

#### PART 1001—DEFINITIONS

1. The authority citation for part 1001 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103; 6 U.S.C. 521, 522; 8 CFR part 2.

2. In § 1001.1, revise paragraphs (f) and (j) to read as follows:

##### § 1001.1 Definitions.

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(f) The term *attorney* means any person who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any State, possession, territory, Commonwealth, or the District of Columbia, and is not under any order of any court suspending, enjoining, restraining, disbaring, or otherwise restricting him in the practice of law, and who is registered to practice with the Executive Office for Immigration Review pursuant to 8 CFR 1292.1.

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(j) The term *representative* means a person who is entitled to represent others as provided in 8 CFR 1292.1(a) (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and 1292.1(b) and who is registered to practice with the Executive Office for Immigration Review pursuant to 8 CFR 1292.1.

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**PART 1292—REPRESENTATIVES AND APPEARANCES**

3. The authority citation for part 1292 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1302, 1359; 6 U.S.C. 521, 522.

4. Section 1292.1 is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:

**§ 1292.1 Representation of others.**

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(f) *Registration requirement for attorneys and representatives.* The Director or his designee is authorized to register, and establish procedures for registering, attorneys and representatives, as defined by 8 CFR 1001.1(f) and (j), as a condition of practice before immigration judges or the Board of Immigration Appeals. Such registration procedures will include a requirement for electronic registration. The Director or his designee may administratively suspend from practice before the immigration judges and the Board any attorney or representative who fails to provide the following required registration information: practitioner name, address(es), date-of-birth, last four digits of social security number, e-mail address (if applicable) and bar admission information (if applicable). After such a system has been established, an immigration judge may, under extraordinary and rare circumstances, permit an unregistered practitioner to appear at one, and only one, hearing if the immigration judge first acquires from the attorney or representative, on the record, the required registration information. An unregistered practitioner who is permitted to appear at a hearing in such circumstances shall complete the electronic registration process immediately after the hearing at which he or she is permitted to appear.

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**John Ashcroft,**

*Attorney General.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Office of the Comptroller of the Currency****12 CFR Part 40**

[Docket No. 03-27]

**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM****12 CFR Part 216**

[Docket No. R-1173]

**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION****12 CFR Part 332**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Office of Thrift Supervision****12 CFR Part 573**

[Docket No. 2003-62]

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**NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION****12 CFR Part 716****FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION****16 CFR Part 313**

RIN 3084-AA94 Project No. 034815

**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION****17 CFR Part 160**

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION****17 CFR Part 248**

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**Interagency Proposal to Consider Alternative Forms of Privacy Notices Under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act**

**AGENCIES:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury (OCC); Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury (OTS); Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); National Credit Union Administration (NCUA); Federal Trade Commission (FTC); Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC); and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, OTS, Board, FDIC, NCUA, FTC, CFTC, and SEC (the Agencies) are requesting comment on whether the Agencies should consider amending the regulations that implement sections 502 and 503 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLB Act) to allow or require financial institutions to provide alternative types of privacy notices, such as a short privacy notice, that would be easier for consumers to understand.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 29, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Because the Agencies will jointly review all of the comments submitted, interested parties may send comments to any of the Agencies and need not send comments (or copies) to all of the Agencies. Commenters that submit trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information may request confidential treatment of that information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Agencies' respective regulations regarding availability of information. Because paper mail in the Washington area and at the Agencies is subject to delay, please consider submitting your comments by e-mail. Commenters are encouraged to use the title "Alternative Forms of Privacy Notices" to facilitate the organization and distribution of comments among the Agencies. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to:

*Office of the Comptroller of the Currency:* Public Information Room, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Mail stop 1-5, Washington, DC 20219, Attention: Docket No. 03-27, Fax number (202) 874-4448 or Internet address: [regs.comments@occ.treas.gov](mailto:regs.comments@occ.treas.gov).

Comments may be inspected and photocopied at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

*Office of Thrift Supervision:* Send comments to Regulation Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention: No. 2003-62. *Delivery:* Hand deliver comments to the Guard's Desk, East Lobby Entrance, 1700 G Street, NW., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on business days, Attention: Regulation Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Attention: No. 2003-62. *Facsimiles:* Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-6518, Attention: No. 2003-62. *E-*