

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR 1374, by any of the following methods:

- Agency Web Site: <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <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 docket 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, N.W., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's web site at www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm as submitted, except as necessary 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, N.W.) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed form and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Cindy Ayouch, 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 (202-263-4869), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the extension for three years, without revision, of the following report:

Report title: Intermittent Survey of Businesses

Agency form number: FR 1374

OMB control number: 7100-0302

Frequency: Biweekly and semiannually

Reporters: Purchasing managers, economists, or other knowledgeable individuals at business firms

Annual reporting hours: 125 hours
Estimated average hours per response: 15 minutes

Number of respondents: biweekly, 10; semiannually, 120

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary (12 U.S.C. §§ 225a and 263) and is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: The survey data are used by the Federal Reserve to gather information specifically tailored to the Federal Reserve's policy and operational responsibilities. It is necessary to conduct the survey biweekly to keep up with the rapidly changing developments in the economy and to provide timely information to staff and Board members. Usually, the surveys are conducted by staff economists telephoning purchasing managers, economists, or other knowledgeable individuals at selected, relevant businesses. The frequency and content of the questions, and the businesses contacted would vary depending on changing developments in the economy.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 14, 2004.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Federal Travel Regulation (FTR)

Maximum Per Diem Rates for Colorado, Florida and Texas

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of Per Diem Bulletin 05-3, revised continental United States (CONUS) per diem rates.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) has reviewed the lodging rates of certain locations in the States of Colorado, Florida and Texas and determined that they are inadequate. The per diems prescribed in Bulletin 05-3 may be found at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>.

DATES: This notice is effective December 17, 2004 and applies to travel performed on or after December 27, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Lois Mandell, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Travel Management Policy, at (202) 501-2824. Please cite FTR Per Diem Bulletin 05-3.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

After an analysis of the per diem rates established for FY 2005 (see the **Federal Register** notices at 69 FR 53071, August 31, 2004, and 69 FR 60152, October 7, 2004), the per diem rate is being changed in the following locations:

State of Colorado

- City of Aurora

State of Florida

- Brevard County

State of Texas

- Dallas County

B. Procedures

Per diem rates are published on the Internet at www.gsa.gov/perdiem as an FTR Per Diem Bulletin and published in the **Federal Register** on a periodic basis. This process ensures timely increases or decreases in per diem rates established by GSA for Federal employees on official travel within CONUS. Notices published periodically in the **Federal Register**, such as this one, now constitute the only notification of revisions in CONUS per diem rates to agencies.

Dated: December 13, 2004.

Thomas J. Horan,

Deputy to the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Transportation and Personal Property.

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Unmodified Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: After this first round notice and public comment period, OGE plans to submit the Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey form to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for three-year extension of approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. OGE is proposing no changes to the survey form.

DATES: Comments by the public and agencies on this proposed information collection extension are invited and should be received by March 2, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Mary T. Donovan, Office of Administration and Information

Management, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3917. Comments may also be sent electronically to OGE's e-mail address at *usoge@oge.gov* (for e-mail messages, the subject line should include the following reference—"Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Donovan at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics; telephone: 202-482-9232; TDD: 202-482-9293; FAX: 202-482-9237. A copy of the Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey form may be obtained, without charge, by contacting Ms. Donovan.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Government Ethics uses the Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey form (OMB control number 3209-0009) to assess requester satisfaction with the service provided by OGE in responding to requests by members of the public for access to copies of Standard Form (SF) 278 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports on file with OGE. Most of the SF 278 reports available at OGE are those filed by executive branch Presidential appointees subject to Senate confirmation. Requests for access to SF 278 reports are made pursuant to the special public access provision of section 105 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (the Ethics Act), as codified at 5 U.S.C. appendix section 105, and procedures in 5 CFR 2634.603 of OGE's executive branchwide regulations. Requesters ask for copies of SF 278 reports by completing an OGE Form 201, "Request to Inspect or Receive Copies of SF 278 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports or Other Covered Records."

OGE distributes the survey forms to requesters along with copies of requested SF 278 reports. OGE notes that the survey form is only authorized for its own use, not by other agencies throughout the executive branch. The instructions on the survey form ask the requester to complete and return the survey form to OGE via the self-contained postage-paid postcards (the reverse side of the survey form, when folded, becomes a pre-addressed postcard). The purpose of the survey form is to determine through customer responses how well OGE is responding to such requests and how OGE can

maintain its current high-level of customer satisfaction in this area.

OGE is issuing this first round **Federal Register** notice to announce its forthcoming request to OMB for paperwork renewal of the survey form with no modifications. If OGE's current stock of survey forms is depleted within the next three years, OGE plans to reprint the form with two minor modifications (with notice to OMB at that time) without further paperwork clearance. These modifications are: updating the OGE address from "Attn: FDD" to "Attn: PSD" and, in the public burden statement, change "Associate Director for Administration" to "Deputy Director for Administration and Information Management."

The current paperwork approval is scheduled to expire at the end of March 2005. Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), OGE is not including in its public burden estimate for the survey form the limited number of access requests filed by other Federal agencies or Federal employees. Nor is OGE including in that estimate, the limited number of requests for copies of other records covered under the special Ethics Act public access provision (such as certificates of divestiture) since the survey form is only sent to persons who request copies of SF 278 reports.

As so defined, OGE's estimate for the total number of survey forms to be filed annually at OGE over the next three years by members of the public (primarily by news media representatives, public interest group members and private citizens) is 30. This estimate is based on a calculation of the number of survey forms received at OGE between January 2001 and October 2004 (112 survey forms). This estimate is 20 less than that for the prior three-year period. The estimated average amount of time to read the instructions and complete the survey form, remains the same at three minutes. Thus, the new overall estimated annual public burden for the OGE Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey form will be two hours (rounded up from one and a half hours (30 forms \times 3 minutes per form)).

Public comment is invited on all aspects of the survey form as proposed for renewal including specifically views on: the accuracy of OGE's public burden estimate; the potential for enhancement of quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and the minimization of burden (including the

possibility of use of information technology).

After this notice and comment period, OGE will submit the survey form to OMB for review and three-year extension of approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. At that time, OGE will also publish a second paperwork notice in the **Federal Register** to inform the public and Federal agencies. Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized for, and may be included with, the forthcoming OGE request for OMB three-year paperwork approval. They will also be explained in the second round notice. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: December 9, 2004.

Marilyn L. Glynn,

Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: LIHEAP Quarterly Allocation Estimates.

OMB No.: 0970-0037.

Description: The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Quarterly Allocation Estimates Form-535 is a one-page form that is sent to 50 State grantees and the District of Columbia. It is also sent to Tribal grantees that receive over \$1 million annually and who directly administer the LIHEAP Program. Grantees are asked to complete and submit the form in the 4th quarter of each fiscal year. The data collected on the form are the grantee's estimates of obligations that they expect to make each quarter during the upcoming fiscal year. This is the only method used to request anticipated distribution of the grantee's LIHEAP funds for the program year. The information is used to disburse LIHEAP funds in accordance with grantee needs and to develop OMB apportionment requests.

Respondents: State, local or tribal govt.