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Decided: January 27, 2004.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Public Debt

#### Proposed Collection: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Public Debt, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the regulations governing payments by the automated clearing house method on account of United States securities.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 6, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or [Vicki.Thorpe@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:Vicki.Thorpe@bpd.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Regulations Governing Payments by the Automated Clearing House Method on Account of United States Securities.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0094.

*Abstract:* The regulations authorize payment to investors in United States securities by the Automated Clearing House (ACH Method).

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit, and State or local governments.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information 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.

Dated: February 2, 2004.

**Vicki S. Thorpe,**

Manager, Graphics, Printing and Records Branch.

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**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 6, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg,

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Regulations Governing United States Savings Bonds Series E/EE and H/HH.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0095.

*Abstract:* The regulations mandate the payment of H/HH interest by Direct Deposit (ACH Method).

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit, and state or local governments.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1.

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