

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 14, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 23, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Proposals regarding the design and budget for a Federal Reserve Bank's building project.

2. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

3. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: Proposed New Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Government Ethics has submitted the information

collection form proposed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and three-year approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received by October 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Joseph F. Lackey, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; telephone: 202-395-7316.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William E. Gressman, Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3917; telephone: 202-208-8000, ext. 1110; TDD: 202-208-8025; FAX: 202-208-8037. A copy of the proposed survey may be obtained, without charge, by contacting Mr. Gressman.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Government Ethics has submitted its proposed customer service survey form described below to OMB for review under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) and three-year approval thereunder.

The Office of Government Ethics is planning to assess, through the proposed "Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey" form, 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 the Office. 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 5 CFR 2634.603 of OGE's executive branchwide regulations thereunder, by completing an OGE Form 201, "Request to Inspect or Receive Copies of SF 278 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report or Other Covered Record."

The Office of Government Ethics will distribute the new access customer service survey forms to requesters along with their copies of requested SF 278 reports, with instructions asking them to complete and return the survey to OGE via the self-contained postage-paid postcards (the reverse side of the survey

form, when folded, becomes a preaddressed postcard). The purpose of the survey will be to determine through customer responses how well OGE is responding to such requests and how the Agency can improve its customer service in this important area.

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, OGE is not including in its public burden estimate for the new access customer service survey form the limited number of access requests filed by other Federal agencies or Federal employees. Nor is OGE including in that estimate the also 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 will only be sent to persons who request copies of SF 278 reports. As so defined and assuming a 100% return rate, the total number of access survey forms for copies of SF 278s estimated 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 186. This estimate is based on a calculation of the average number of underlying access requests for copies of SF 278 reports received at OGE over the past two calendar years—1996 (152 requests) and 1997 (220 requests). The estimated average amount of time to read the instructions on the new customer service survey form and complete the form is three minutes. Thus, the overall estimated annual public burden for the proposed OGE Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey will be nine hours (186 forms × 3 minutes per form, with the number of hours rounded off from 9.3 to 9).

On June 19, 1998, OGE published its first round notice of the forthcoming request for paperwork clearance for this new customer survey. See 63 FR 33668, with comments due by September 2, 1998. The Office of Government Ethics did not receive any comments or requests for copies of the proposed survey form.

In this second round notice, public comment is again invited on each aspect of OGE's proposed new access customer service survey form, including specifically views on: the need for and practical utility of this new collection of information; 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). The Office of Government Ethics, in consultation with OMB, will consider all comments

received, which will become a matter of public record.

Approved: September 14, 1998.

F. Gary Davis,

Deputy Director, Office of Government Ethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committee: Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on October 21, 1998, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington Room, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Susan K. Meadows, Office of Science (HF-32), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-4591, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12603. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: Information will be presented to the board regarding broad scientific and technical issues including: (1) A proposal for review of research conducted at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, (2) the process for external peer review of research programs, (3) operational models for FDA science and research management and coordination, and (4) scientific issues of interest to FDA stakeholders.

Procedure: On October 21, 1998, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending

before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by October 1, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person by October 1, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On October 21, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)). The board will discuss nominations for the FDA Awards for Scientific Achievement. Such discussion in a public meeting would disclose information of a personal nature and would constitute an invasion of personal privacy.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: September 10, 1998.

William B. Schultz,

Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed

information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 435.940-435.965; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-0074 (OMB# 0938-0467); *Use:* Section 1137 of the Social Security Act requires Medicaid State agencies and other federally funded welfare agencies to request income and resource data from certain federal agencies, State wage information collection agencies, and State unemployment compensation agencies through an IEVS. The purpose of the IEVS is to ensure that only eligible individuals receive benefits.; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 54; *Total Annual Responses:* 54; *Total Annual Hours:* 131,390.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regsp/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Louis Blank, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: September 8, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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