

September 29, 2006

Information Collection Comments  
Chief Counsel's Office  
Office of Thrift Supervision  
1700 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20552

RE: *Federal Register* notice of July 31, 2006, on the Office of Thrift Supervision Thrift Financial Report (OMB No: 1550-0023)

Dear Sir:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Office of Thrift Supervision on the Thrift Financial Report. The data collected on these forms are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

Information from these forms is used in preparing the national income and product accounts (NIPA) and gross state product (GSP). A table showing the specific items used by BEA is attached below.

The proposed changes to the instructions for the interest lines (SO141, SO160, and SO171) should not impact our estimates as long as these changes are accompanied by the additional questions (SO142, SO162, and SO172). The additional questions should provide the data needed to keep the time series consistent.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Ruth Bramblett, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9653 or by e-mail at [Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov](mailto:Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov). If you should need assistance in justifying these forms to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Fixler  
Chief Statistician

Attachment

ITEMS USED	ESTIMATES PREPARED
Schedule SO -- Consolidated Statement of Operations	
Interest expense total (line 21)	<p>Annual estimates of monetary interest paid and imputed service charges paid by thrift institutions in the NIPAs</p> <p>State allocation of corporate profits for depository institutions in GSP</p>
Deposits (line 215) Advances from FHLBank (line 230) Subordinated debentures (line 240) Mortgage collateralized securities issued (line 250) Other borrowed money (line 260) Interest on escrows (line 225) Capitalized interest (line 271)	Annual estimates of monetary interest paid and imputed service charges paid by thrift institutions in the NIPAs
Interest income total (line 11)	<p>Annual estimates of monetary interest paid and imputed service charges paid by thrift institutions in the NIPAs</p> <p>State allocation of corporate profits for depository institutions in GSP</p>
Deposits and investment securities (line 115) Mortgage-backed securities (line 125) Mortgage loans (line 141) Commercial loans and leases (line 160) Consumer loans and leases (line 171)	Annual estimates of monetary interest received and imputed service charges paid by thrift institutions in the NIPAs
Income (loss) before income taxes (line 60)	State allocation of corporate profits for depository institutions in GSP
Schedule DI -- Consolidated Deposit Information	
Deposits with balances of \$100,000 or less (line 120)	Sector allocation of annual estimates of imputed service charges paid by thrift institutions in the NIPAs
Deposits with balances greater than \$100,000 (line 130)	Sector allocation of annual estimates of imputed service charges paid by thrift institutions in the NIPAs