

methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of these collections. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 18th day of December, 2006.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Maritime Commission invites comments on the continuing information collection (extension with no changes) listed below in this notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to: Peter J. King, Acting Director, Office of Administration, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573, (Telephone: (202) 523-5800), administration@fmc.gov. Please reference the information collection's title, and form and OMB numbers (if any) in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information, copies of the information collection and instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Jane Gregory, Management Analyst, Office of Administration, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573,

(Telephone: (202) 523-5800), jgregory@fmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Federal Maritime Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing information collection listed in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments. We invite comments on: (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.

Information Collection Open for Comment

Title: 46 CFR Part 535—Ocean Common Carrier and Marine Terminal Operator Agreements Subject to the Shipping Act of 1984.

OMB Approval Number: 3072-0045 (Expires March 31, 2007).

Abstract: Section 4 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. 40301, identifies certain commercial agreements by or among ocean common carriers that fall within the jurisdiction of that Act. Section 5 of the Act, 46 U.S.C. 40302, requires that carriers file those agreements with the Federal Maritime Commission. Section 6 of the Act, 46 U.S.C. 40304, specifies the Commission actions that may be taken with respect to filed agreements, including requiring the submission of additional information. Section 15 of the Act, 46 U.S.C. 40104, authorizes the Commission to require that ocean common carriers, among other persons, file periodic reports. Requests for additional information and the filing of periodic reports are meant to assist the Commission in fulfilling its statutory mandate of overseeing the activities of the ocean transportation industry. These reports are necessary so that the

Commission can monitor agreement parties' activities to determine how or if their activities will have an impact on competition.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection, and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Needs and Uses: The Commission staff uses the information filed by agreement parties to monitor their activities as required by the Shipping Act of 1984. Under the general standard set forth in section 6(g) of the Act, 46 U.S.C. 41307, the Commission must determine whether filed agreements will have substantially anticompetitive effects on prevailing trade conditions and, if so, whether the agreements will likely, by a reduction in competition, result in an unreasonable reduction in competition, result in an unreasonable reduction in transportation service or an unreasonable increase in transportation cost. If it is shown, based on information collected under this rule, that an agreement is likely to have the foregoing adverse effects, the Commission may bring suit in U.S. District Court to enjoin the operation of that agreement. The information collected is not disclosed to the public and is only for internal analysis in support of the Commission's decision-making process.

Frequency: This information is collected generally on a quarterly basis or as required under the rules.

Type of Respondents: The types of respondents are ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators subject to the Shipping Act of 1984.

Number of Annual Respondents: The Commission estimates a potential annual respondent universe of 574 entities.

Estimated Time Per Response: The average time for filing agreements, including the preparation and submission of information required on Form FMC-150, Information Form for Agreements Between or Among Ocean Common Carriers, is estimated to be 37 person-hours per response. The average time for completing Form FMC-151, Monitoring Report for Agreements Between or Among Ocean Common Carriers, is estimated to range between 40 to 250 person-hours per response, depending on the complexity of the required information. The total average time for reporting and recordkeeping for all responses is 18.75 person-hours.

Total Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the total person-hour burden at 31,385 person-hours.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

SUMMARY: Background

On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (≥Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act, as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Request for comment on information collection proposal

The following information collection, which is being handled under this delegated authority, has received initial Board approval and is hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collection, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;
- The accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR Y-12 or FR Y-12A, 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, unless modified 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.

Michelle Long, 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, with revision, of the following collection of information:

Report title: Consolidated Bank Holding Company Report of Equity Investments in Nonfinancial Companies, and the Annual Report of Merchant Banking Investments Held for an Extended Period.

Agency form number: FR Y-12 and FR Y-12A, respectively

OMB control number: 7100-0300

Frequency: FR Y-12, quarterly and semiannually; FR Y-12A, annually

REPORTERS: Bank holding companies, financial holding companies

Annual reporting hours: FR Y-12, 1,824; FR Y-12A, 105

Estimated average hours per response: FR Y-12, 16; FR Y-12A, 7

Number of respondents: FR Y-12, 30; FR Y-12A, 15

General description of report: This collection of information is mandatory pursuant to Section 5(c) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1844(c)). The FR Y-12 data are not considered confidential, however, bank holding companies may request confidential treatment pursuant to Sections (b)(4) and (b)(8) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (b)(8)). The FR Y-12A data would be considered confidential on the basis that disclosure of specific commercial or financial data relating to investments held for extended periods of time could result in substantial harm to the competitive position of the financial holding company pursuant to the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (b)(8)).

Abstract: The FR Y-12 collects data from certain domestic bank holding companies on their equity investments in nonfinancial companies on four schedules: Type of Investments, Type of Security, Type of Entity within the Banking Organization, and Nonfinancial Investment Transactions during Reporting Period. The FR Y-12 data serve as an important risk-monitoring device for institutions active in this business line by allowing the Federal Reserve to monitor an institution's activity between review dates. It also serves as an early warning mechanism to identify institutions whose activities in this area are growing rapidly and therefore warrant special supervisory attention.

Current actions: The Federal Reserve proposes to extend for three years, without revision, the FR Y-12. In addition, the Federal Reserve proposes to implement a companion reporting form, the FR Y-12A, effective December 31, 2006. The proposed FR Y-12A is