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Dated: December 18, 2002.

Anthony Torrice,

Assistant Commissioner, Regional Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information; Notice of Reclamation, Electronic Funds Transfer, Federal Recurring Payments; Request for Debit, Electronic Funds Transfer, Federal Recurring Payments

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning forms FMS 133, "Notice of Reclamation, Electronic Funds Transfer, Federal Recurring Payments" and FMS 135 "Request for Debit, Electronic Funds Transfer, Federal Recurring Payments."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East-West Highway, Records and Information Management Branch, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dorothy Wilson, Administrative Services Branch, Room 357D, 401-14th St., SW., Washington, DC 20227, (202) 874-7157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

Title: Notice of Reclamation, Electronic Funds, Transfer, Federal Recurring Payments; Request for Debit, Electronic Funds Transfer, Federal Recurring Payments.

OMB Number: 1510-0043.

Form Number: FMS 133, FMS 135.

Abstract: Program agencies authorize Treasury to recover payments that have been issued after the death of the beneficiary. The FMS 133 is used by Treasury to notify financial organizations (FO) of the FO's accountability concerning the funds. When an FO does not respond to the FMS 133, Treasury then prepares the FMS 135 and sends it to the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) to request that the FRB debit the FO's account.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50,930.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Renegotiation Board Interest Rate; Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning January 1, 2003 and ending on June 30, 2003 the prompt payment interest rate is 4.250 per centum per annum.

ADDRESSES: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to Eleanor Farrar, Team Leader, Debt Accounting Branch, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328. A copy of this Notice will be available to download from <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

DATES: This notice announces the applicable interest rate for the January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003 period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Dunn, Manager, Debt Accounting Branch, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328, (304) 480-5170; Eleanor Farrar, Team Leader, Borrowings Accounting Team, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, (304) 480-5166; Edward C. Gronseth, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, (304) 480-8692; or Mary C. Schaffer, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, (304) 480-8692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although the Renegotiation Board is no longer in existence, other Federal Agencies are required to use interest rates computed under the criteria established by the Renegotiation Act of 1971 Sec. 2, Public Law 92-41, 85 Stat. 97. For example, the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 Sec. 12, Public Law 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389 and, indirectly, the Prompt Payment Act of 1982, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury for the Renegotiation Board under Public Law 92-41.

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest