

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference).

The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, December 2, 2003, from 3 p.m. EST to 4:30 p.m. EST.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inez E. De Jesus at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-423-7977.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, December 2, 2003 from 3 pm EST to 4:30 pm EST via a telephone conference call. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977, or write Inez E. De Jesus, TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Rd., Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Inez E. De Jesus. Ms. De Jesus can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

**Sandra McQuin,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Deposits

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

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

**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 comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before January 5, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-6518; or send an e-mail to [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov). OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at [www.ots.treas.gov](http://www.ots.treas.gov). In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to [publicinfo@ots.treas.gov](mailto:publicinfo@ots.treas.gov), or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from Josephine Battle, Supervision Policy, (202) 906-6870, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;
- b. The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Deposits.  
*OMB Number:* 1550-0092.  
*Form Number:* N/A.

*Regulation requirement:* 12 CFR 557.20, 230.3, 230.4, 230.5, and 230.6.

*Description:* Part 557 of Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations relies on the disclosure requirements applicable to savings associations under the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation DD (12 CFR Part 230). The information required by Regulation DD is needed by OTS in order to supervise savings associations and develop regulatory policy.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Savings Associations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 941.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 87,152.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Response:* 1 hour 8 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 1,423,903.

*Clearance Officer:* Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906-6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

*OMB Reviewer:* Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Richard M. Riccobono,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Charter Conversions

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before December 5, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235,

New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to [Joseph\\_F\\_Lackey\\_Jr@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Joseph_F_Lackey_Jr@omb.eop.gov); and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov). OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at [www.ots.treas.gov](http://www.ots.treas.gov). In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to [publicinfo@ots.treas.gov](mailto:publicinfo@ots.treas.gov), or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, contact Marilyn K. Burton at [marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov](mailto:marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov), (202) 906-6467, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Application for Conversion From: (a) OTS-Regulated, State-Chartered Savings Association to Federal Savings Association; (b) National Bank, Commercial Bank, State Savings Bank, or Credit Union to Federal Savings Association.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0007.

*Form Number:* OTS Form 1582.

*Regulation requirement:* 12 CFR 543.8, 543.9, and 552.2-6.

*Description:* Section 5(i) of the Home Owners' Loan Act and 12 CFR 543.8, 543.9, and 552.2-6 authorize OTS to act on requests by state-chartered institutions and credit unions proposing to convert to Federal savings association charters.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Savings Associations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

17.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* Event-generated.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Response:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 68 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906-6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

*OMB Reviewer:* Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Richard M. Riccobono,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Request for Service Corporation Activity

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before December 5, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to [Joseph\\_F\\_Lackey\\_Jr@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Joseph_F_Lackey_Jr@omb.eop.gov); and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov).

OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at [www.ots.treas.gov](http://www.ots.treas.gov). In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to [publicinfo@ots.treas.gov](mailto:publicinfo@ots.treas.gov), or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, contact Marilyn K. Burton at [marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov](mailto:marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov), (202) 906-6467, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office

of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Request for Service Corporation Activity.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0013.

*Form Number:* OTS Forms 1562 and 1566.

*Regulation requirement:* 12 CFR 545.74, 559.12.

*Description:* 12 CFR 545.74 requires savings associations to obtain approval or notify OTS prior to engaging in activities through a service corporation that are not preapproved by regulation. It also contains a recordkeeping requirement for securities brokerage activities. 12 CFR 559.12 governs the issuance of securities. These requirements allow OTS to review service corporation activities and to ensure that they will not adversely affect an institution's safety and soundness.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Savings Associations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

108.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:*

Annually.

*Estimated Burden Hours per*

*Response:* 2.25 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 233 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906-6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

*OMB Reviewer:* Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Richard M. Riccobono,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.