

**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collections to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for OMB review and approval of the two information collection systems described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 9, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Steven F. Hanft (202-898-3907), Paperwork Clearance Officer, Room MB-3064, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20429. All comments should refer to the OMB control number of the collection. Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. [FAX number (202) 898-3838].

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Mark Menchik, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven F. Hanft, at the address identified above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Proposal to Renew the Following Currently Approved Collections of Information**

1. *Title:* Interagency Charter and Federal Deposit Insurance Application.  
*OMB Number:* 3064-0001.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Affected Public:* Banks or savings associations wishing to become FDIC-insured depository institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 193.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 125 hours.

*Total Annual Burden:* 24,125 hours.  
*General Description of Collection:* The Interagency Charter and Federal Deposit Insurance Application is used by the

FDIC as a deposit insurance application, and by the OCC and OTS as a charter application. Applications for deposit insurance must provide sufficient information to permit the FDIC to consider certain factors which are listed in section 6 of the FDI Act. These factors include: the financial history and condition of the depository institution, the adequacy of its capital structure, its future earnings prospects, the general character and fitness of its management, the risk it presents to the relevant insurance fund, the convenience and needs of the community to be served, and the consistency of its corporate powers. All depository institutions seeking insurance must follow the same procedures.

2. *Title:* Notice of Branch Closure.

*OMB Number:* 3064-0109.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Insured depository institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,364.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2.4 hours.

*Total Annual Burden:* 3,028 hours.

*General Description of Collection:* An institution proposing to close a branch must notify its primary regulator no later than 90 days prior to the closing. Each FDIC-insured institution must adopt policies for branch closings. This collection covers the requirements for notice, and for policy adoption.

**Request for Comment**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether these two collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodologies 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 collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 5th day of January, 2005.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting Notices**

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 10

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor)

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Definition of Agent for BCRA Regulations on Coordinated and Independent Expenditures and Non-Federal Funds or Soft Money (11 CFR 109.3 and 300.2(b)).

Future Meeting Dates.

Routine Administrative Matters.

**INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Mary W. Dove,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM****Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank