set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than March 24, 2009.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Burl Thornton, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. Robert C. Fick, Davenport, Iowa; to acquire an additional 5 percent, for an aggregate ownership of 16 percent of River Valley Bancorp, Inc., Davenport, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire Valley Bank, Moline, Illinois; Freedom Bank, Sterling, Illinois; and Valley Bank, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 6, 2009.

#### Robert deV. Frierson.

Deputy Secretary of the Board. [FR Doc. E9–5140 Filed 3–10–09; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6210–01–8

#### 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 applications 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 holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at <a href="https://www.ffiec.gov/nic/">www.ffiec.gov/nic/</a>.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 3, 2009.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Burl Thornton, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:

1. Grand River Commerce, Inc., Grandville, Michigan, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Grand River Bank (in organization), Grandville, Michigan.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Todd Offenbacker, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. CB Bancshares, Inc., Topeka, Kansas, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Citizens Bank of Weir, Weir, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 4, 2009.

#### Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.
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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The information collection requirements described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"). The FTC is seeking public comments on its proposal to extend through March 31, 2012, the current PRA clearances for information collection requirements contained in four consumer financial regulations promulgated by the Federal Reserve Board and enforced by the Commission. Those clearances expire on March 31, 2009.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 10, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments electronically or in paper form. Comments should refer to "Regs BEMZ,

PRA Comment, FTC File No. P084812" to facilitate the organization of comments. Please note that comments will be placed on the public record of this proceeding-including on the publicly accessible FTC website, at (http://www/ftc.gov/os/ publiccomments.shtm) — and therefore should not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, comments should not include any sensitive personal information, such as an individual's Social Security Number; date of birth; driver's license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. Comments also should not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, comments should not include any "[t]rade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential ...," as provided in Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2). Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled "Confidential," and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c).1

Because paper mail addressed to the FTC is subject to delay to heightened security screening, please consider submitting your comments in electronic form. Comments filed in electronic form should be submitted by using the following weblink: (https:// secure.commentworks.com/ftc-RegsBEMZ) (and following the instructions on the web-based form). To ensure that the Commission considers an electronic comment, you must file it on the web-based form at the weblink (https://secure.commentworks.com/ftc-RegsBEMZ). If this Notice appears at (http://www.regulations.gov/search/ index.jsp), you may also file an electronic comment through that website. The Commission will consider all comments that regulations.gov forwards to it.

A comment filed in paper form should include the "Regs BEMZ, PRA Comment, FTC File No. P084812" reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FTC Rule 4.2(d), 16 CFR 4.2(d). The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission's General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).

delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H-135 (Annex J), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. The FTC is requesting that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible, because U.S. postal mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security precautions.

All comments should additionally be submitted to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Trade Commission, Comments should be submitted via facsimile to (202) 395-5167, because U.S. Postal Mail is subject to lengthy delays due to heightened

security precautions.

The FTC Act and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives, whether filed in paper or electronic form. Comments received will be available to the public on the FTC website, to the extent practicable, at (http://www.ftc.gov/os/ publiccomments.shtm). As a matter of discretion, the Commission makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC website. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC's privacy policy, at (http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/ privacy.shtm).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information requirements should be addressed to Carole Reynolds or James Chen, Attorneys, Division of Financial Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-3230 or (202) 326-2659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The four regulations covered by this notice are:

(1) Regulations promulgated under The Equal Credit Opportunity Act, 15 U.S.C. 1691 et seq. ("ECOA") ("Regulation B") (OMB Control Number: 3084-0087); (2) Regulations promulgated under The Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq. ("EFTA") ("Regulation E") (OMB Control Number: 3084-0085); (3) Regulations promulgated under The Consumer Leasing Act, 15 U.S.C.

1667 et seq. ("CLA") ("Regulation M") (OMB Control Number: 3084-0086); and

(4) Regulations promulgated under The Truth-In-Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq. ("TILA") ("Regulation Z") (OMB Control Number: 3084-0088).

Each of these four rules impose certain recordkeeping and disclosure requirements associated with providing credit or with other financial transactions. As detailed below, the FTC staff has calculated the PRA burden for each rule based on the compliance costs of entities over which the FTC has jurisdiction. All of these rules require covered entities to keep certain records. FTC staff believes that these entities likely would retain these records in the normal course of business even absent the recordkeeping requirements in the rules.2 Covered entities, however, may incur some burden associated with ensuring that they do not prematurely dispose of relevant records (i.e., during the period of time when they are required to retain records by the

applicable rule).

Disclosure requirements involve both set-up and monitoring costs as well as certain transaction-specific costs. "Setup" burden, incurred by new entrants only, includes identifying the applicable disclosure requirements, determining compliance obligations, and designing and developing compliance systems and procedures. "Monitoring" burden, incurred by all covered entities, includes reviewing changes to regulatory requirements, making necessary revisions to compliance systems and procedures, and monitoring the ongoing operation of systems and procedures to ensure continued compliance. "Transaction-related" burden refers to the effort associated with providing the various required disclosures in individual transactions. While this burden varies with the number of transactions, the figures shown for transaction-related burden in the tables that follow are estimated averages.

The actual range of compliance burden experienced by covered entities, and reflected in those averages, varies widely. Depending on the extent to which covered entities have developed computer-based systems and procedures for providing the required disclosures (and/or the extent to which entities utilize electronic transactions, communications, and/or electronic

recordkeeping), and the efficacy of those systems and procedures, some entities may have little burden, while others may have a higher burden.<sup>3</sup>

Calculating the burden associated with the four regulations' disclosure requirements is very difficult because of the highly diverse group of affected entities. The "respondents" included in the following burden calculations consist of credit and lease advertisers, creditors, financial institutions, service providers, certain government agencies and others involved in delivering electronic fund transfers ("EFTs") of government benefits, and lessors.4 The burden estimates represent FTC staff's best assessment, based on its knowledge and expertise relating to the financial services industry. To derive these estimates, FTC staff considered the wide variations in covered entities': (1) size and location; (2) credit or lease products offered, extended, or advertised, and their particular terms; (3) types of EFTs used; (4) types and occurrences of adverse actions; (5) types of appraisal reports utilized; and (6) computer systems and electronic features of compliance operations.

Because some covered entities make required disclosures in the ordinary course of business, these disclosures do not impose PRA burden on them. In addition, as noted above, some entities use computer-based and/or electronic means of providing the required disclosures, while others rely on methods requiring more manual effort.

The cost estimates detailed below relate solely to labor costs, including the time necessary to train employees how to comply with the regulations. The applicable PRA requirements impose minimal capital or other non-labor costs, as affected entities generally have the necessary equipment for other business purposes. Similarly, FTC staff estimates that compliance with these rules entails minimal printing and copying costs beyond that associated with documenting financial transactions in the ordinary course of business.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PRA "burden" does not include effort expended in the ordinary course of business, regardless of any regulatory requirement. 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For example, large companies may use computer-based and/or electronic means to provide required disclosures, including issuing some disclosures en masse, e.g., notices of changes in terms. Smaller companies may have less automated compliance systems but may nonetheless rely on electronic mechanisms for disclosures and recordkeeping. Regardless of size, some entities may utilize compliance systems that are fully integrated into their general business operational system; as such, they may have minimal additional burden. Other entities may have incorporated fewer of these approaches into their systems and may have a higher burden.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Commission generally does not have jurisdiction over banks, thrifts, and federal credit unions under the applicable regulations.

#### 1. Regulation B

The ECOA prohibits discrimination in the extension of credit. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("FRB") promulgated Regulation B, 12 CFR 202, to implement the ECOA. Regulation B establishes disclosure requirements to assist customers in understanding their rights under the ECOA and recordkeeping requirements to assist in detecting unlawful discrimination and other violations. The FTC enforces the ECOA as to all creditors except those (such as federally chartered or insured depository institutions) that are subject to the regulatory authority of another federal agency.

#### Estimated annual hours burden:

3,129,437 hours, rounded to the nearest thousand (1,153,500 recordkeeping hours + 1,975,937 disclosure hours)

Recordkeeping: FTC staff estimates that Regulation B's general recordkeeping requirements affect 1,000,000 credit firms within the Commission's jurisdiction, at an average

annual burden of one hour per firm, for a total of 1,000,000 hours. Staff also estimates that the requirement that mortgage creditors monitor information about race/national origin, sex, age, and marital status imposes a maximum burden of one minute each<sup>5</sup> for approximately 9 million credit applications,6 for a total of 150,000 hours. Staff also estimates that keeping records of self-testing pursuant to the regulation would affect 2,500 firms, with an average annual burden of one hour per firm, for a total of 2,500 hours, and that recordkeeping of any corrective action for self-testing would affect 250 firms in a given year, with an average annual burden of four hours per firm, for a total of 1,000 hours. The total estimated recordkeeping burden is 1,153,500 hours.

Disclosure: Regulation B requires that creditors (*i.e.*, entities that regularly participate in a credit decision, including setting the terms of the credit) provide notice whenever they take adverse action. It requires entities that extend various types of mortgage credit to provide a copy of the appraisal report

to applicants or to notify them of their right to a copy of the report (and thereafter provide a copy of the report, upon the applicant's request). It also requires that, for accounts that spouses may use or for which they are contractually liable, creditors who report credit history must do so in a manner reflecting both spouses' participation. Further, it requires creditors that collect applicant characteristics for purposes of conducting a self-test to disclose to those applicants that providing the information is optional, that the creditor will not take the information into account in any aspect of the credit transaction, and, if applicable, that the information will be noted by visual observation or surname if the applicant chooses not to provide it.7

Regulation B applies to retailers, mortgage lenders, mortgage brokers, finance companies, utilities (for some requirements), and others. Below is FTC staff's best estimate of burden applicable to the wide spectrum of these entities within the FTC's jurisdiction.

REGULATION B: DISCLOSURES—BURDEN HOURS

Disclosures	Setup/Monitoring <sup>1</sup>			Tr			
	Respondents	Average Burden per Respondent (hours)	Total Setup/ Monitoring Burden (hours)	Number of Transactions	Average Burden per Transaction (minutes)	Total Transaction Burden (hours)	Total Burden (hours)
Credit history reporting	250,000	.25	62,500	125,000,000	.25	520,833	583,333
Adverse action notices	1,000,000	.5	500,000	200,000,000	.25	833,333	1,333,333
Appraisal notices	20,000	.5	10,000	4,500,000	.25	18,750	28,750
Appraisal reports	20,000	.5	10,000	4,500,000	.25	18,750	28,750
Self-test disclosures	2,500	.5	1,250	125,000	.25	521	1,771
Total							1,975,937

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> With respect to appraisal notices and appraisal reports, the above figures reflect a decrease in applicable mortgage entities. The figures assume that approximately half of those entities (.5 x 40,000, or 20,000 businesses) would not otherwise provide this information and thus would be affected. The figures also assume that all applicable entities would provide notices first and thereafter provide the reports upon request.

The above figures reflect a decrease in mortgage transactions compared to prior FTC estimates. They assume that half of applicable mortgage transactions (.5 x 9,000,000, or 4,500,000) would not otherwise provide the appraisal notices and reports and thus would be affected.

#### Estimated annual cost burden:

\$83,456,633 rounded to the nearest thousand (\$22,005,000 recordkeeping cost + \$61,451,633 disclosure cost)

FTC staff calculated labor costs by applying appropriate hourly cost figures to the burden hours described above. The hourly rates used below (\$41 for managerial or professional time, \$30 for skilled technical time, and \$16 for

clerical time) are averages, based on the most currently available Bureau of Labor Statistics cost figures posted online.<sup>8</sup>

Recordkeeping: FTC staff estimates that the general recordkeeping responsibility of one hour per creditor would involve approximately 90 percent clerical time and 10 percent skilled technical time. Keeping records of race/national origin, sex, age, and marital status requires an estimated one minute of skilled technical time. Keeping records of the self-test responsibility and of any corrective actions requires an estimated one hour and four hours, respectively, of skilled technical time. As shown in the table below, the total recordkeeping cost is \$22,005,000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Regulation B contains model forms that creditors may use to gather and retain the required information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The decrease in credit applications relative to prior FTC estimates is based on industry data

regarding the approximate number of mortgage purchase and refinance originations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The disclosure may be provided orally or in writing. Regulation B provides a model form to assist creditors in providing the written disclosure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ncswage2007.htm (National Compensation Survey: Occupational Earnings in the United States 2007, US Department of Labor released August 2008, Bulletin 2704, Table 3 ("Full-time civilian workers," mean and median hourly wages).

Disclosure: For each notice or information item listed, FTC staff estimates that the burden hours consist of 10 percent managerial time and 90 percent skilled technical time. As

shown below, the total disclosure cost is \$61.451.633.

REGULATION B: RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURES—COST

	Manag	erial	Skilled Technical		Clerical		Total
Required Task	Time (hours)	Cost (\$41/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$30/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$16/hr.)	Total Cost (\$)
General recordkeeping Other recordkeeping Recordkeeping of test Recordkeeping of corrective action	0 0 0	\$0 \$0 \$0	100,000 150,000 2,500 1,000	\$3,000,000 \$4,500,000 \$75,000 \$30,000	900,000 0 0	\$14,400,000 \$0 \$0	\$17,400,000 \$4,500,000 \$75,000 \$30,000
Total Recordkeeping							\$22,005,000
Credit history reporting Adverse action notices Appraisal notices Appraisal reports Self-test disclosure	58,333 133,333 2,875 2,875 177	\$2,391,653 \$5,466,653 \$117,875 \$117,875 \$7,257	525,000 1,200,000 25,875 25,875 1,594	\$15,750,000 \$36,000,000 \$776,250 \$776,250 \$47,820	0 0 0 0	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$18,141,653 \$41,466,653 \$894,125 \$894,125 \$55,077
Total Disclosures							\$61,451,633
Total Recordkeeping and Disclosures							\$83,456,633

## 2. Regulation E

The EFTA requires accurate disclosure of the costs, terms, and rights relating to EFT services provided to consumers. The FRB promulgated Regulation E, 12 CFR 205, to implement the EFTA. Regulation E establishes disclosure requirements to assist consumers and establishes recordkeeping requirements to assist in enforcing the EFTA. The FTC enforces the EFTA as to all entities providing

EFT services, except those (such as federally chartered or insured depository institutions) that are subject to the regulatory authority of another federal agency.

Estimated annual hours burden: 3,731,342 hours (600,000 recordkeeping hours + approximately 3,131,342 disclosure hours)

Recordkeeping: FTC staff estimates that Regulation E's recordkeeping requirements affect 600,000 firms within the Commission's jurisdiction that offer EFT services to consumers, at an average annual burden of one hour per firm, for a total of 600,000 hours.

Disclosure: Regulation E applies to financial institutions (including certain retailers and various payees engaged in electronic commerce), service providers, various federal and state agencies offering EFTs, and others. Below is FTC staff's best estimate of burden applicable to this very broad spectrum of covered entities.

REGULATION E: DISCLOSURES—BURDEN HOURS

Disclosures <sup>1</sup>	;	Setup/Monitoring		T			
	Respondents	Average Burden per Respondent (hours)	Total Setup/ Monitoring Burden (hours)	Number of Transactions	Average Burden per Transaction (minutes)	Total Transaction Burden (hours)	Total Burden (hours)
Initial terms	100,000	.5	50,000	1,000,000	.02	333	50,333
Change in terms	25,000	.5	12,500	33,000,000	.02	11,000	23,500
Periodic statements	100,000	.5	50,000	1,200,000,000	.02	400,000	450,000
Error resolution	100,000	.5	50,000	1,000,000	5	83,333	133,333
Transaction receipts <sup>2</sup>	100,000	.5	50,000	5,000,000,000	.02	1,666,667	1,716,667
Preauthorized transfers	500,000	.5	250,000	1,000,000	.25	4,167	254,167
Service provider notices	100,000	.25	25,000	1,000,000	.25	4,167	29,167
Govt. benefit notices	10,000	.5	5,000	100,000,000	.25	416,667	421,667
ATM <sup>3</sup>	500	.25	125	250,000	.25	1,041	1,166
Electronic check conver-							
sion <sup>4</sup>	100,000	.5	50,000	3,500,000	.02	1,167	51,167
Payroll cards <sup>5</sup>	100	.5	50	2,500	3	125	175
Total							3,131,342

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This reflects an increase in entities offering EFT services to consumers.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation E now exempts EFTs of \$15 or less from receipt requirements, which could decrease the burden of providing transaction receipts. However, use of the exemption could involve reprogramming costs. Due to the relatively recent change, the burden associated with transaction receipts has not been changed.

3 Regulation E now permits ATM operators that do not charge fees for services in all circumstances to disclose on signs that a fee "may" (rather than "will") be charged. However, making this change would require replacing existing signage, which could increase disclosure burden.

Due to the relatively recent change and its voluntary nature, the burden associated with ATM notice has not been revised.

Regulation E now includes requirements for electronic check conversion.
 Regulation E now includes requirements for payroll cards.

#### Estimated annual cost burden:

\$107.825.124, rounded to the nearest thousand (\$10,440,000 recordkeeping cost + \$97,385,124 disclosure cost)

FTC staff calculated labor costs by applying appropriate hourly cost figures to the burden hours described above. The hourly rates used below (\$41 for managerial or professional time, \$30 for

skilled technical time, and \$16 for clerical time) are averages, based on current Bureau of Labor Statistics cost figures.9

Recordkeeping: For the 600,000 recordkeeping hours, FTC staff estimates that 10 percent of the burden hours require skilled technical time and 90 percent require clerical time. As

shown below, the total recordkeeping cost is \$10,440,000.

Disclosure: For each notice or information item listed, FTC staff estimates that 10 percent of the burden hours require managerial time and 90 percent require skilled technical time. As shown below, the total disclosure cost is \$97,385,124.

## REGULATION E: RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURES—COST

	Manag	erial	Skilled Technical		Clerio	cal	Tatal	
Required Task	Time (hours)	Cost (\$41/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$30/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$16/hr.)	Total Cost (\$)	
Recordkeeping	0	\$0	60,000	\$1,800,000	540,000	\$8,640,000	\$10,440,000	
Disclosures:								
Initial terms	5,033	\$206,353	45,300	\$1,359,000	0	\$0	\$1,565,353	
Change in terms	2,350	\$96,350	21,150	\$634,500	0	\$0	\$730,850	
Periodic statements	45,000	\$1,845,000	405,000	\$12,150,000	0	\$0	\$13,995,000	
Error resolution	13,333	\$546,653	120,000	\$3,600,000	0	\$0	\$4,146,653	
Transaction receipts	171,667	\$7,038,347	1,545,000	\$46,350,000	0	\$0	\$53,388,347	
Preauthorized transfers	25,417	\$1,042,097	228,750	\$6,826,500	0	\$0	\$7,904,597	
Service provider notices	2,917	\$119,597	26,250	\$787,500	0	\$0	\$907,097	
Govt. benefit notices	42,167	\$1,728,874	379,500	\$11,385,000	0	\$0	\$13,113,874	
ATM notices	116	\$4,756	1,050	\$31,500	0	\$0	\$36,256	
Electronic check conversion	5,117	\$209,797	46,050	\$1,381,500	0	\$0	\$1,591,297	
Payroll cards	50	\$2,050	125	\$3,750	0	\$0	\$5,800	
Total Disclosures							\$97,385,124	
Total Recordkeeping and Disclosures							\$107,825,124	

### 3. Regulation M

The CLA requires accurate disclosure of the costs and terms of leases to consumers. The FRB promulgated Regulation M, 12 CFR 213, to implement the CLA. Regulation M establishes disclosure requirements that assist consumers in comparison shopping and in understanding the terms of leases and recordkeeping requirements that assist enforcement of the CLA. The FTC enforces the CLA as to all lessors and advertisers except those that are subject to the regulatory

authority of another federal agency (such as federally chartered or insured depository institutions).

**Estimated annual hours burden:** 225,000 hours, rounded to the nearest thousand (120,000 recordkeeping hours + 104,875 disclosure hours)

Recordkeeping: FTC staff estimates that Regulation M's recordkeeping requirements affect approximately 120,000 firms within the Commission's jurisdiction that lease products to consumers, at an average annual burden of one hour per firm, for a total of 120,000 hours.

Disclosure: Regulation M applies to automobile lessors (such as auto dealers, independent leasing companies, and manufacturers' captive finance companies), computer lessors (such as computer dealers and other retailers), furniture lessors, various electronic commerce lessors, diverse types of lease advertisers, and others. Below is FTC staff's best estimate of burden applicable to the wide spectrum of these entities within the FTC's jurisdiction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See note 8.

#### REGULATION M: DISCLOSURES—BURDEN HOURS

Disclosures		Setup/Monitoring			Transaction-related			
	Respondents	Average Burden per Respondent (hours)	Total Setup/ Monitoring Burden (hours)	Number of Transactions	Average Burden per Transaction (minutes)	Total Transaction Burden (hours)	Total Burden (hours)	
Auto Leases <sup>1</sup>	45,000	.75	33,750	2,000,000	.50	16,667	50,417	
Other Leases <sup>2</sup>	75,000	.50	37,500	750,000	.25	3,125	40,625	
Advertising	20,000	.50	10,500	800,000	.25	3,333	13,833	
Total							104,875	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This category focuses on consumer vehicle leases. Vehicle leases are subject to more lease disclosure requirements (pertaining to computation of payment obligations) than other lease transactions. (Only consumer leases for more than four months are covered.) *See* 15 U.S.C. 1667(1); 12 CFR 213.2(e)(1). This reflects a decrease in auto leasing entities and transactions, relative to prior FTC estimates.

### Estimated annual cost burden:

\$5,349,618, rounded to the nearest thousand (\$2,088,000 recordkeeping cost + \$3,261,618 disclosure cost)

FTC staff calculated labor costs by applying appropriate hourly cost figures to the burden hours described above. The hourly rates used below (\$41 for managerial or professional time, \$30 for

skilled technical time, and \$16 for clerical time) are averages, based on current Bureau of Labor Statistics cost figures.<sup>10</sup>

Recordkeeping: For the 120,000 recordkeeping hours, FTC staff estimates that 10 percent of the burden hours require skilled technical time and 90 percent require clerical time. As

shown in the table below, the total recordkeeping cost is \$2,088,000.

Disclosure: For each notice or information item listed, FTC staff estimates that 10 percent of the burden hours require managerial time and 90 percent require skilled technical time. As shown in the table below, the total disclosure cost is \$3,261,618.

REGULATION M: RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURES—COST

Required Task	Managerial		Skilled Technical		Clerical		Tatal
	Time (hours)	Cost (\$41/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$30/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$16/hr.)	Total Cost (\$)
Recordkeeping	0	\$0	12,000	\$360,000	108,000	\$1,728,000	\$2,088,000
Disclosures Auto Leases Other Leases Advertising Total Disclosures	5,042 4,063 1,383	\$206,722 \$166,583 \$56,703	45,375 36,562 12,450	\$1,361,250 \$1,096,860 \$373,500	0 0 0	\$0 \$0 \$0	\$1,567,972 \$1,263,443 \$430,203 \$3,261,618
Total Recordkeeping and Disclosures							\$5,349,618

#### 4. Regulation Z

The TILA was enacted to foster comparison credit shopping and informed credit decision making by requiring creditors and others to provide accurate disclosure of the costs and terms of credit to consumers. The FRB promulgated Regulation Z, 12 CFR 226, to implement the TILA. Regulation Z establishes disclosure requirements to assist consumers and recordkeeping requirements to assist enforcement of the TILA. The FTC enforces the TILA as to all creditors and advertisers except

those that are subject to the regulatory authority of another federal agency (such as federally chartered or insured depository institutions).

Estimated annual hours burden: 12,415,413 hours, rounded to the nearest thousand (1,000,000 recordkeeping hours + 11,415,413 disclosure hours)

Recordkeeping: FTC staff estimates that Regulation Z's recordkeeping requirements affect approximately 1,000,000 firms within the Commission's jurisdiction that offer credit, at an average annual burden of one hour per firm, for a total of 1,000,000 hours.

Disclosure: Regulation Z disclosure requirements pertain to open-end and closed-end credit. The Regulation applies to various types of entities, including mortgage companies; finance companies; auto dealerships; student loan companies; merchants who extend credit for goods or services, credit advertisers; and others. Below is FTC staff's best estimate of burden applicable to the wide spectrum of these entities within the FTC's jurisdiction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This category focuses on all types of consumer leases other than vehicle leases. It includes leases for computers, other electronics, small appliances, furniture, and other transactions. (Only consumers leases for more than four months are covered.) *See* 15 U.S.C. 1667(1); 12 CFR 213.2(e)(1). This reflects a decrease in consumer leasing entities and transactions, relative to prior FTC estimates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See note 8.

#### REGULATION Z: DISCLOSURES—BURDEN HOURS

Disclosures <sup>1</sup>	Setup/Monitoring			Tı			
	Respondents	Average Burden per Respondent (hours)	Total Setup/ Monitoring Burden (hours)	Number of Transactions	Average Burden per Transaction (minutes)	Total Transaction Burden (hours)	Total Burden (hours)
Open-end credit:							
Initial terms	90,000	.5	45,000	40,000,000	.25	166,666	211,666
Rescission notices	7,500	.5	3,750	400,000	.25	1,666	5,416
Change in terms	20,000	.5	10,000	125,000,000	.125	260,416	270,416
Periodic statements	90,000	.5	45,000	3,500,000,000	.0625	3,645,833	3,690,833
Error resolution	90,000	.5	45,000	8,000,000	5	666,666	711,666
Credit and charge card ac-							
counts	50,000	.5	25,000	25,000,000	.25	104,166	129,166
Home equity lines of credit	7,500	.5	3,750	3,500,000	.25	14,583	18,333
Advertising	200,000	.5	100,000	600,000	.5	5,000	105,000
Closed-end credit:							
Credit disclosures	700,000	.5	350,000	200,000,000	1.5	5,000,000	5,350,000
Rescission notices	75,000	.5	37,500	30,000,000	1	500,000	537,500
Variable rate mortgages	70,000	.5	35,000	2,000,000	1.5	50,000	85,000
High rate/high-fee mort-							
gages	40,000	.5	20,000	500,000	1.5	12,500	32,500
Reverse mortgages	50,000	.5	25,000	175,000	1	2,917	27,917
Advertising <sup>2</sup>	450,000	.5	225,000	900,000	1	15,000	240,000
Total open-end credit							5,142,496
Total closed-end credit							6,272,917
Total credit							11,415,413

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Generally, open-end and closed-end entities and transactions have decreased, but reverse mortgages have increased, relative to prior FTC estimates.

## Estimated annual cost burden: \$372,419,363, rounded to the nearest thousand (\$17,400,000 recordkeeping cost + \$355,019,363 disclosure cost)

FTC staff calculated labor costs by applying appropriate hourly cost figures to the burden hours described above. The hourly rates used below (\$41 for managerial or professional time, \$30 for

skilled technical time, and \$16 for clerical time) are averages, based on current Bureau of Labor Statistics cost figures.<sup>2</sup>

Recordkeeping: For the 1,000,000 recordkeeping hours, FTC staff estimates that 10 percent of the burden hours require skilled technical time and 90 percent require clerical time. As

shown in the table below, the total recordkeeping cost is \$17,400,000.

Disclosure: For each notice or information item listed, FTC staff estimates that 10 percent of the burden hours require managerial time and 90 percent require skilled technical time. As shown in the table below, the total disclosure cost is \$355,019,363.

REGULATION Z: RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURES—COST

Required Task	Managerial		Skilled Technical		Clerical		Total	
	Time (hours)	Cost (\$41/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$30/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$16/hr.)	Cost (\$)	
Recordkeeping	0	\$0	100,000	\$3,000,000	900,000	\$14,400,000	\$17,400,000	
Open-end credit Disclosures:								
Initial terms	21,167	\$867,847	190,499	\$5,714,970	0	\$0	\$6,582,817	
Rescission notices	542	\$22,222	4,874	\$146,220	0	\$0	\$168,442	
Change in terms	27,042	\$1,108,722	243,374	\$7,301,220	0	\$0	\$8,409,942	
Periodic statements	369,083	\$15,132,403	3,321,750	\$99,652,500	0	\$0	\$114,784,903	
Error resolution	71,167	\$2,917,847	640,499	\$19,214,970	0	\$0	\$22,132,817	
Credit and charge card ac-								
counts	12,917	\$529,597	116,249	\$3,487,470	0	\$0	\$4,017,067	
Home equity lines of credit	1,833	\$75,153	16,500	\$495,000	0	\$0	\$570,153	
Advertising	10,500	\$430,500	94,500	\$2,835,000	0	\$0	\$3,265,500	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See note 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Advertising time for setup for open-end and closed-end mortgage transactions is estimated to increase based on new rules effective October 1, 2009, but the number of transactions have decreased, relative to prior FTC estimates.

REGULATION Z: RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURES—COST—Continued

Required Task	Manag	jerial	Skilled Technical		Clerical		Tatal
	Time (hours)	Cost (\$41/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$30/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$16/hr.)	Total Cost (\$)
Total open-end credit							\$159,931,641
Closed-end credit Disclosures:							
Credit disclosures	535,000	\$21,935,000	4,815,000	\$144,450,000	0	\$0	\$166,385,000
Rescission notices	53,750	\$2,203,750	483,750	\$14,512,500	0	\$0	\$16,716,250
Variable rate mortgages High-rate/high-fee mort-	8,500	\$348,500	76,500	\$2,295,000	0	\$0	\$2,643,500
gages	3,250	\$133,250	29,250	\$877,500	0	\$0	\$1,010,750
Reverse mortgages	2,792	\$114,472	25,125	\$753,750	0	\$0	\$868,222
Advertising Total closed-end credit	24,000	\$984,000	216,000	\$6,480,000	0	\$0	\$7,464,000 \$195,087,722
Total Disclosures							\$355,019,363
Total Recordkeeping and Disclosures							\$372,419,363

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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#### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-5960 or send comments to Maryam I. Daneshvar, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to omb@cdc.gov.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (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. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

#### **Proposed Project**

Formative Research and Tool Development—New—National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

CDC previously published a clearance mechanism to support behavioral projects for HIV/ AIDS prevention and control (Federal Register, volume 73, number 33 page 492 January 3, 2008). This project has been expanded to include formative research, and instrument testing for, sexually transmitted infections (STI), viral hepatitis, and tuberculosis elimination.

Formative research is the basis for developing effective strategies including communication channels, for influencing behavior change. It helps researchers identify and understand the characteristics—interests, behaviors and needs—of target populations that influence their decisions and actions. Formative research is integral in developing programs as well as improving existing and ongoing programs. Formative research also looks at the community in which an intervention is being or planning to be implemented and helps the project staff understand the interests, attributes and

needs of different populations and persons in their community. Formative research is research that occurs before a program is designed and implemented, or while a program is being conducted. Formative research is an integral part of developing programs or adapting programs that deal with the complexity of behaviors, social context, cultural identities, and health care that underlie the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STDs, and TB in the U.S.

CDC conducts formative research to develop public-sensitive communication messages and user-friendly tools prior to developing or recommending interventions, or care. Sometimes these studies are entirely behavioral but most often they are cycles of interviews and focus groups designed to inform the formation of a product.

Products from these studies will be used for sustainable projects for HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), viral Hepatitis, and Tuberculosis prevention that are presented as evidence to disease specific National Advisory Committees, in order to support revisions to existing prevention and intervention methods, and new recommendations which cannot be developed without formative research.

Much of CDC's health communication takes place within campaigns that have fairly lengthy planning periods—timeframes that accommodate the standard Federal process for approving data collections. Short term qualitative interviewing and cognitive research techniques have previously proven invaluable in the development of scientifically valid and population-