

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 will also 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.

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 January 23, 2017.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Adam M. Drimer, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528. Comments can also be sent electronically to Comments.applications@rich.frb.org:

1. *Access National Corporation*, Reston, Virginia; to acquire all of the voting securities of Middleburg Financial Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire Middleburg Bank, both in Middleburg, Virginia.

In connection with this application, Applicant has also applied to acquire Middleburg Trust Company, Richmond, Virginia, and Middleburg Investment Group, Inc., Middleburg, Virginia, and thereby engage in trust, funds management, and investment advisory activities pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(5), (b)(6)(i) and (b)(7)(i), respectively.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 23, 2016.

Yao-Chin Chao,

Assistant Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; 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 seeks public comments on its proposal to extend, for three years, the current PRA clearance for information collection requirements contained in its Rule Governing Pre-sale Availability of Written Warranty Terms. That clearance expires on March 31, 2017.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may file a comment online or on paper by following the instructions in the Request for Comments part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Write "Warranty Rules: Paperwork Comment, FTC File No. P044403" on your comment, and file your comment online at <https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/presaleavailabilityrulepra> by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, mail or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580, or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW., 5th Floor, Suite 5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for copies of the collection of information and supporting documentation should be addressed to Christine M. Todaro, Attorney, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., CC-8528, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-3711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Information Collection Activities

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, federal agencies must get OMB approval for each collection of information they conduct, sponsor, or require. "Collection of information" means agency requests or requirements to submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. 44 U.S.C. 3502(3); 5 CFR 1320.3(c). As required by section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the FTC is providing this opportunity for public comment before requesting that OMB extend the existing PRA clearance for the information collection requirements associated with the Commission's Rule Governing Pre-sale Availability of Written Warranty Terms, (the Pre-sale Availability Rule), 16 CFR part 702 (OMB Control Number 3084-0112).

The FTC invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond. All comments must be received on or before February 27, 2017.

The Pre-sale Availability Rule, 16 CFR 702, is one of three rules¹ that the FTC issued as required by the Magnuson Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. 2301 *et seq.* (Warranty Act or Act).² The Pre-sale Availability Rule requires sellers and warrantors to make the text of any written warranty on a consumer product costing more than \$15 available to the consumer before sale. Among other things, the Rule requires sellers to make the text of the warranty readily available either by (1) displaying it in close proximity to the product or (2) furnishing it on request and posting signs in prominent locations advising consumers that the warranty is available. The Rule requires warrantors to provide materials to enable sellers to comply with the Rule's requirements and also sets out the methods by which

¹ The other two rules relate to the information that must appear in a written warranty on a consumer product costing more than \$15 if a warranty is offered and minimum standards for informal dispute settlement mechanisms that are incorporated into a written warranty.

² 40 FR 60168 (Dec. 31, 1975).

warranty information can be made available before the sale if the product is sold through catalogs, mail order, or door to door sales. In addition, in 2016, the FTC revised the Rule to allow warrantors to post warranty terms on Internet Web sites if they also provide a non-Internet based method for consumers to obtain the warranty terms and satisfy certain other conditions. The revised Rule also allows certain sellers to display warranty terms pre-sale in an electronic format if the warrantor has used the online method of disseminating warranty terms.

Pre-Sale Availability Rule Burden Statement

Total annual hours burden: 2,823,803 hours.

In its 2013 submission to OMB, FTC staff estimated that the information collection burden of making the disclosures required by the Pre-sale Availability Rule was approximately 2,446,610 hours per year. Staff has adjusted upward its previous estimate of the number of manufacturers subject to the Rule based on recent Census data. From that, staff now estimates that there are approximately 1,028 large manufacturers and 30,299 small manufacturers subject to the Rule. In addition, recent Census data suggests that there are an estimated 7,745 large retailers and 508,575 small retailers impacted by the Rule.

In September 2016, the FTC approved amendments to the Pre-sale Availability Rule, which became effective on October 12, 2016. Under the amendments, warrantors may display warranty terms online and provide information to consumers to obtain those terms via non-Internet means. The amendments also allow sellers to provide pre-sale warranty terms electronically or conventionally if the warrantor has chosen to display its warranty terms online. 81 FR 63664 (Sept. 15, 2016). Sellers of warranted goods for which the warrantor has chosen the online method may incur a slightly increased burden because the seller will have to ensure it provides consumers a method of reviewing the warranty terms at the point of sale, prior to sale. That burden, however, should be minimal, given that the warrantor will have to make the warranty terms available on an Internet Web site, and given the provision requiring the warrantor to supply a hard copy of the warranty terms, promptly and free of charge, in response to a seller's or a consumer's request. In addition, any burden on sellers could be offset by sellers having additional flexibility to

make pre-sale warranty terms available to consumers electronically.

Therefore, staff continues to estimate that large retailers spend an average of 20.8 hours per year and small retailers spend an average 4.8 hours per year to comply with the Rule. Accordingly, the total annual burden for retailers is approximately 2,602,256 hours ((7,745 large retailers × 20.8 burden hours) + (508,575 small retailers × 4.8 burden hours)). Staff also estimates that more manufacturers will provide retailers with warranty information in electronic form in fulfilling their obligations under the Rule and thus staff has adjusted the hour burden for manufacturers as it did in its previous submission to OMB. Applying a 20% reduction to its previous estimates, staff now assumes that large manufacturers spend an average of 26.88 hours per year and that small manufacturers spend an average of 6.4 hours per year to comply with the Rule. Accordingly, the total annual burden incurred by manufacturers is approximately 221,547 hours ((1,028 large manufacturers × 26.88 hours) + (30,299 small manufacturers × 6.4 hours)).

Thus, the total annual burden for all covered entities is approximately 2,823,803 hours (2,602,256 hours for retailers + 221,547 hours for manufacturers).

Total annual labor cost: \$62,123,688.

The work required to comply with the Pre-sale Availability Rule entails a mix of clerical work and work performed by sales associates. Staff estimates that half of the total burden hours would likely be performed by sales associates. At the manufacturing level, this work would entail ensuring that the written warranty is available for every warranted consumer product. At the retail level, this work would entail ensuring that the written warranty is made available to the consumer prior to sale. The remaining half of the work required to comply with the Pre-sale Availability Rule is clerical in nature, e.g., shipping or otherwise providing copies of manufacturer warranties to retailers and retailer maintenance of them. Applying a sales associate wage rate of \$24/hour to half of the burden hours and a clerical wage rate of \$20/hour to half of the burden hours, the total annual labor cost burden is approximately \$62,123,688 (1,411,902 hours × \$24 per hour) + (1,411,902 hours × \$20 per hour).³

Total annual capital or other non-labor costs: De minimis.

³ The wage rates are derived from occupational data found in the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wages (May 2015).

The vast majority of retailers and warrantors already have developed systems to provide the information the Rule requires. Compliance by retailers typically entails keeping warranties on file, in binders or otherwise, and posting an inexpensive sign indicating warranty availability. Warrantor compliance under the 2016 amendments entails providing retailers, together with the warranted good, a copy of the warranty or the address of the warrantor's Internet Web site where the consumer can review and obtain the warranty terms, along with the contact information where the consumer may use a non-Internet based method to obtain a free copy of the warranty terms. Commission staff believes that, in light of the amendments, annual capital or other non-labor costs will remain *de minimis*.

Request for Comments

You can file a comment online or on paper. Write "Pre-sale Availability Rule: Paperwork Comment, FTC File No. P044403" on your comment. Your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including, to the extent practicable, on the public Commission Web site, at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtm>. As a matter of discretion, the Commission tries to remove individuals' home contact information from comments before placing them on the Commission Web site.

Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive personal information, like anyone'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. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive health information, like medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, do not include any "[t]rade secret or any commercial or financial information which is . . . privileged or confidential," as discussed 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). In particular, do not include competitively sensitive information such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns, devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

If you want the Commission to give your comment confidential treatment, you must file it in paper form, with a

request for confidential treatment, and you have to follow the procedure explained in FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c). Your comment will be kept confidential only if the FTC General Counsel, in his or her sole discretion, grants your request in accordance with the law and the public interest. Postal mail addressed to the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security screening. As a result, the Commission encourages you to submit your comments online. To make sure that the Commission considers your online comment, you must file it at <https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/presaleavailabilitypra>, by following the instructions on the Web-based form. If this Notice appears at <http://www.regulations.gov>, you also may file a comment through that Web site.

If you file your comment on paper, write "Pre-sale Availability Rule: Paperwork Comment, FTC File No. P044403" on your comment and on the envelope, and mail or deliver it to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H-113 (Annex J), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20580. If possible, submit your paper comment to the Commission by courier or overnight service.

Visit the Commission Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov> to read this Notice. The FTC Act and other laws that 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 on or before February 27, 2017. You can find more information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, in the Commission's privacy policy, at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm>.

David C. Shonka,

Acting General Counsel.

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Proposed Collection; Comment Request for a Modified OGE Form 201 Ethics in Government Act Access Form

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice of request for agency and public comments.

SUMMARY: After publication of this second round notice, OGE intends to

submit a modified OGE Form 201 Ethics in Government Act access form to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval of a three-year extension under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OGE Form 201 is used by persons requesting access to executive branch public financial disclosure reports and other covered records.

DATES: Written comments by the public and the agencies on this proposed extension are invited and must be received on or before January 30, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this paperwork notice to the Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for OGE, via fax at 202-395-6974 or email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. (Include reference to "OGE Form 201 paperwork comment" in the subject line of the message.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brandon Steele at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics; telephone: 202-482-9209; TTY: 800-877-8339; FAX: 202-482-9237; Email: bastele@oge.gov. An electronic copy of the OGE Form 201 version used to manually submit access requests to OGE or other executive branch agencies by mail or FAX is available in the Forms Library section of OGE's Web site at <http://www.oge.gov>. A paper copy may also be obtained, without charge, by contacting Mr. Steele. An automated version of the OGE Form 201, also available on OGE's Web site, enables the requester to electronically fill out, submit, and receive access to financial reports and certain related records for individuals who have been nominated by the President to executive branch positions requiring Senate confirmation and individuals who have declared their candidacy for the Office of the President of the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request to Inspect or Receive Copies of Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports or Other Covered Records.

Agency Form Number: OGE Form 201.

OMB Control Number: 3209-0002.

Type of Information Collection: Extension with modifications of a currently approved collection.

Type of Review Request: Regular.

Respondents: Individuals requesting access to executive branch public financial disclosure reports and other covered records.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1,003.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 170 hours.

Abstract: The OGE Form 201 collects information from, and provides certain information to, persons who seek access to OGE Form 278 Public Financial Disclosure Reports, including OGE Form 278-T Periodic Transaction Reports, and other covered records. The form reflects the requirements of the Ethics in Government Act, subsequent amendments pursuant to the STOCK Act, and OGE's implementing regulations that must be met by a person before access can be granted. These requirements include the address of the requester, as well as any other person on whose behalf a record is sought, and acknowledgement that the requester is aware of the prohibited uses of executive branch public disclosure financial reports. See 5 U.S.C. app. 105(b) and (c) and 402 (b)(1) and 5 CFR 2634.603(c) and (f). Executive branch departments and agencies are encouraged to utilize the OGE Form 201 for individuals seeking access to public financial disclosure reports and other covered documents. OGE permits departments and agencies to use or develop their own forms as long as the forms collect and provide all of the required information.

OGE is proposing modifications to the automated version of the OGE Form 201, available only through the OGE Web site at www.oge.gov. Initially launched in March 2012, the automated version of the access form originally enabled a requestor to obtain immediately upon Web site submission of the completed form, those financial disclosure reports of individuals who have been nominated by the President to executive branch positions requiring Senate confirmation. OGE recently modified the technological process used to provide the information and no longer allows requesters to immediately download reports upon submission of the automated OGE Form 201. Instead, the forms are first reviewed by an OGE employee for completeness before the information is sent to the requester either by email or mail, according to the requester's preference. Adding this step helps ensure that the requirements of section 105(b) of the Ethics in Government Act are met before public financial disclosure reports are released. Because of this change in procedure, a requester using the automated OGE Form 201 now has the option of either providing a mailing address including street, city, state, and country information (as was previously required) or providing an email address plus city, state, and country information. Depending on which