

*Abstract:* This report collected information from depository institutions (other than U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks and Edge and agreement corporations) that are fully exempt from reserve requirements under the Garn-St Germain Depository Institutions Act of 1982. This report was used by the Federal Reserve for administering Regulation D (Reserve Requirements of Depository Institutions) and for constructing, analyzing, and controlling the monetary and reserve aggregates. The Federal Reserve eliminated the exempt deposit cutoff and discontinued this report associated with that cutoff. The Federal Reserve believes that, for exempt institutions, the quarterly reports of condition are adequate for quarterly benchmarking of the monetary aggregates. The Federal Reserve also believes that by shifting the current FR 2910q reporters to the annual, two-item FR 2910a, the Board will be able to adequately monitor compliance with Regulation D. The shift in reporting frequency of the almost 500 FR 2910q respondents to the FR 2910a would reduce reporting burden by 3,690 hours.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 26, 2000.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board).

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) (collectively, the "agencies"), hereby give notice that they plan to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requests for review of the information collection system described below. The Agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1,

1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

On May 22, 2000, the agencies, under the auspices of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), requested public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the currently approved information collection: the Country Exposure Report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 019). The agencies, however, are making a minor clarification to the FFIEC 019 general instructions regarding the treatment of credit derivatives as guarantees, effective September 30, 2000.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, which should refer to the OMB control number, should be addressed to the OMB desk officer: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

**Board:** Written comments on the FFIEC 019 should be addressed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551, or mailed electronically to [regs.comments@federalreserve.gov](mailto:regs.comments@federalreserve.gov). Comments addressed to Ms. Johnson also may be delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, NW. Comments received may be inspected in room M-P-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided in section 261.14 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.14(a).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that have been submitted to OMB for review and approval may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

**Board:** Mary M. West, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact Diane Jenkins (202-452-3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Proposal To Extend for Three Years With Minor Instructional Clarification the Following Currently Approved Collection of Information

*Report title:* Country Exposure Report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks

*Form number:* FFIEC 019.

*OMB number:* 7100-0213.

*Frequency of response:* Quarterly.

*Affected Public:* U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.

*Number of respondents:* 230.

*Estimated average hours per response:* 10 hours.

*Estimated Annual reporting hours:* 9,200 hours.

#### General Description of Report

*This information collection is mandatory:* 12 U.S.C. 3105 and 3108 for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; sections 7 and 10 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1817, 1820) for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and the National Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 161) for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency). This information collection is given confidential treatment. (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)). Small businesses (that is, small U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks) are affected.

#### Abstract

All individual U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks that have more than \$30 million in direct claims on residents of foreign countries must file the FFIEC 019 report quarterly. Currently, all respondents report adjusted exposure amounts to the five largest countries having at least \$20 million in total adjusted exposure. The Agencies collect this data to monitor the extent to which such branches and agencies are pursuing prudent country risk diversification policies and limiting potential liquidity pressures. No changes are proposed to the FFIEC 019 reporting form, however, minor clarifications are proposed to the instructions.

*Current Actions:* The agencies did not receive any comments in response to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 2000, (65 FR 32098) requesting public comment on the extension without revision of this information collection. The agencies, however, are making a minor clarification to the FFIEC 019 general instructions regarding the treatment of credit derivatives as guarantees, effective September 30, 2000.

#### Request for Comment

Comments are invited on:

a. Whether the information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collections 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be shared among the agencies and will be summarized or included in the agencies' requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 26, 2000.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**  
Secretary of the Board.

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**Jennifer J. Johnson,**  
Secretary of the Board.

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 7, 2000.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules**

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistance Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20002276	Pfizer Inc.	Warner-Lambert Company	Warner-Lambert Company
20003386	Novell, Inc.	Redleaf Group, Inc.	Redleaf Group, Inc.
20003390	Prime 66 Partners, L.P.	NTL Incorporated	NTL Incorporated
20003398	Prime 66 Partners, L.P.	CoreComm Limited	CoreComm Limited
20003405	Lincare Holdings Inc.	United Medical, Inc.	United Medical, Inc.
20003429	Vodafone AirTouch Plc	James R. Leininger	ATX Technologies, Inc.
20003443	Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated.	Panda Energy International, Inc.	Panda Oneta Power, L.P., Union Power Partners, L.P.
20003450	COMSYS Holding, Inc.	Cotelligent, Inc.	Trans-Union Interstate Pipeline, L.P. Cotelligent, Inc.
20003452	KELP—1987 Limited Partnership	Bay View Capital Corporation	Bankers Mutual Mortgage, Inc.
20003457	ShopKo Stores, Inc.	P.M. Place Stores Company	P.M. Place Stores Company
20003472	The Walt Disney Company	Timothy P. Mayhew	Hibernia Communications, LLC
20003477	Geoworks Corporation	Science Applications International Corporation.	Telcordia Technologies, Inc.
20003483	Hewlett-Packard Company	Redswitch, Inc.	Redswitch, Inc.
20003494	UnitedGlobalCom, Inc.	Signal Global Communications, Inc.	Signal Global Communications, Inc.
20003497	Norske Skogindustrier ASA	Fletcher Challenge Limited	Fletcher Challenge Paper Limited
20003501	MDU Resources Group, Inc.	Philip H. Wagner	The Wagner-Smith Company, Wagner-Smith Pump&Systems, Inc.
			Wagner-Smith Equipment Co., Frebco, Inc., Newco, Inc.

**TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/20/2000**

20003382	Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	Edward Bridge	Ben Bridge Corporation
20003383	Edward Bridge	Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	Berkshire Hathaway Inc.