

collect information on the FR 2320. Public Law 111–203, § 312(b)(1) and 12 U.S.C. 1467a(b)(2), as amended by Public Law 111–201, § 369(8).

The Federal Reserve has determined that a few of the items that the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) had deemed confidential—specifically, the FR 2320 counterparts to items HC850, HC855, and HC860 on Schedule HC of the Thrift Financial Report (TFR; OMB No. 1557–0255)—may be protected from disclosure under exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

With regard to the remaining items the OTS had deemed confidential on Schedule HC, the SLHC may request, in writing, confidential treatment of such information under one or more of the exemptions in FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b). All such requests for confidential treatment would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and in response to a specific request for disclosure.

Current actions: The Federal Reserve proposes to implement the Quarterly Savings and Loan Holding Company Report (FR 2320) from SLHCs exempt from initially filing Federal Reserve regulatory reports.¹ These data would be the same as data previously collected on Schedule HC of the TFR.² Title III of the Dodd-Frank Act transferred all former OTS authorities (including rulemaking) related to SLHCs to the Federal Reserve on July 21, 2011. Consequently, the Federal Reserve became responsible for the consolidated supervision of SLHCs beginning July 21, 2011. These data would assist the Federal Reserve in the evaluation of a diversified holding company and in determining whether an SLHC is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Data collected with the proposed FR 2320 would contribute to the analyses of the overall financial condition of exempt SLHCs to ensure safe and sound operations.

The proposed new FR 2320 would collect parent only and consolidated financial data and organizational

structure data. The new report would be effective as of the March 31, 2012, report date. The proposed FR 2320 report would generally be filed by the top-tier SLHCs. However, in situations where the top-tier SLHC is not the direct owner of the thrift or does not control the thrift, a lower tier SLHC may be required to file instead of the top-tier SLHC. In addition, lower tier SLHCs may voluntarily file Schedule HC or may be required to file in addition to the top-tier for safety and soundness purposes.

The proposed new report would be submitted quarterly as of the end of March, June, September, and December. If a SLHC has a quarter-end other than a calendar quarter-end, data from the fiscal quarter ending within the calendar quarter may be used to complete the FR 2320.³ The filing deadline would be 45 calendar days after the March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 as-of date.

Respondents would be required to submit all items of the proposed FR 2320 report, both financial and non-financial, electronically using the Federal Reserve's Internet Electronic Submission (IESUB) application. The IESUB application would validate the report data for mathematical and logical consistency, calculate derived items, and provide the reporting institution with a confirmation receipt of its submission. Any respondent interested in learning more about the IESUB application would be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank Services—Reporting Central Web site and their Federal Reserve Bank contact (<http://www.frbervices.org/centralbank/reportingcentral/index.html>).

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the extension for three years, without revision, of the following report:

Report title: Bank Holding Company Report of Insured Depository Institutions' Section 23A Transactions with Affiliates.

Agency form number: FR Y–8.

OMB control number: 7100–0126.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Reporters: Top-tier bank holding companies (BHCs), including financial holding companies (FHCs), for all insured depository institutions that are owned by the BHC and by foreign banking organizations (FBOs) that directly own a U.S. subsidiary bank.

Estimated annual reporting hours: Institutions with covered transactions,

31,294 hours; Institutions without covered transactions, 18,204 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: Institutions with covered transactions, 7.8 hours; Institutions without covered transactions, 1 hour.

Number of respondents: Institutions with covered transactions, 1,003; Institutions without covered transactions, 4,551.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory pursuant to section 5(c) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1844(c)) and section 225.5(b) of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.5(b)). The data are confidential pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)). Section (b)(4) exempts information deemed competitively sensitive from disclosure.

Abstract: This reporting form collects information on transactions between an insured depository institution and its affiliates that are subject to section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act. The primary purpose of the data is to enhance the Federal Reserve's ability to monitor bank exposures to affiliates and to ensure banks' compliance with section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act. Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act is one of the most important statutes on limiting exposures to individual institutions and protecting against the expansion of the federal safety net.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 4, 2011.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Determination Concerning a Petition To Add a Class of Employees to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice of a determination concerning a petition to add a class of employees from the Piqua Organic Moderated Reactor, Piqua, Ohio, to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384q. On October 26, 2011, the Secretary of HHS determined that the following class of employees does not meet the statutory criteria for addition

¹ Under the current reporting proposal for SLHCs (76 FR 53129), an exempt SLHC meets one of the following criteria (1) formed under section 10(c)(9)(C) of the Home Owners' Loan Act (HOLA) whose saving association subsidiaries' consolidated assets make up less than 5 percent of the total consolidated assets of the SLHCs, or (2) its top-tier holding company is an insurance company that only prepares financial statements using statutory accounting principles. The definition of an exempt SLHC is subject to change, based on comments received from the public during the comment period.

² Early in 2011, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of Thrift Supervision issued notice of the elimination of the TFR after the December 31, 2011, report date.

³ For example, if the SLHC's fiscal year end is October, its fiscal quarter-ends are January, April, July, and October. Therefore, the fiscal quarter ending January 31 would be reported for the March 31 calendar quarter for the FR 2320.

to the SEC as authorized under EEOICPA:

All employees of the Department of Energy, its predecessor agencies, and their contractors and subcontractors who worked in any location at the Piqua Organic Moderated Reactor during the operational period from January 1, 1963 through May 1, 1966.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 1-(877) 222-7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to DCAS@CDC.GOV.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Determination Concerning a Petition To Add a Class of Employees to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice of a determination concerning a petition to add a class of employees from the Norton Co. (or a subsequent owner), Worcester, Massachusetts, to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384q. On October 26, 2011, the Secretary of HHS determined that the following class of employees does not meet the statutory criteria for addition to the SEC as authorized under EEOICPA:

All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked in any building or area at the facility owned by Norton Co. (or a subsequent owner) in Worcester, Massachusetts, from October 11, 1962, through October 31, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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can also be submitted by email to DCAS@CDC.GOV.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* State Exchange Certification Application *Use:* All States (including the 50 States, consortia of States, and the District of Columbia herein referred to as States) have the opportunity under Section 1311(b) of the Affordable Care Act to establish an Exchange no later than January 1, 2014.

Given the innovative nature of Exchanges and the statutorily-prescribed relationship between the Secretary and States in their development and operation, it is critical that the Secretary work closely with States to provide necessary guidance and technical assistance to ensure that States can meet the prescribed timelines, federal requirements, and goals of the statute.

States seeking to establish an Exchange must build an Exchange that

meets the requirements set out in Section 1311(d) of the Affordable Care Act. In order to ensure that a State seeking certification as a State Exchange meets all applicable requirements the Secretary will require a State to submit an application for approval during the Fall of 2012 and to demonstrate operational readiness through virtual and on-site readiness review. Submission of this application may be through various means including online or by paper. This application may be adjusted to reflect final rules. *Form Number:* CMS-10415 (OCN: 0938-New) *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Number of Responses:* 56; *Total Annual Hours:* 11,816. (For policy questions regarding this collection, contact Sarah Summer (301) 492-4443. For all other issues call (410) 786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site at <http://www.cms.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRAL/list.asp#TopOfPage> or email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office at 410-786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by *January 9, 2012*:

1. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: November 7, 2011.

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Director, Regulations Development Group, Division B, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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