respondent burden while considering the needs of data users. Existing language in the instructions and definitions will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary to clarify survey requirements.

II. Method of Collection

Form BE–45 is a quarterly report that must be filed within 60 days after the end of each calendar quarter, or within 90 days after the close of the calendar year, and is mandatory for each U.S. insurance company whose covered transactions with foreign persons for any of the data items on the survey exceeded $8 million (positive or negative) in the prior calendar year, or are expected to exceed that amount during the current calendar year.

BEA offers its electronic filing option, the eFile system, for use in reporting on Form BE–45. For more information about eFile, go to www.bea.gov/efile.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608–0066.
Form Number: BE–45.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Responses: 2,000 annually (500 filed each quarter; 475 reporting mandatory or voluntary data, and 25 that would not report data).
Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours is the average for those reporting data and 1 hour is the average for those not reporting data, but hours may vary considerably among respondents because of differences in company size and complexity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15,300.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $612,000.
Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

IV. Request for Comments

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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