and to lessen the degree to which weaknesses at the consolidated foreign parent could undermine the financial strength of its U.S. operations.

The proposal would require an FBO with total consolidated assets of $50 billion or more to complete a new section, Part 1B, effective September 30, 2016 (with three of the proposed items effective March 31, 2018). Proposed Part 1B would contain 14 items related to home country regulatory capital ratios that would be reported on a quarterly basis. The value of each of these items would be calculated on a consolidated basis according to the methodologies established by the FBO’s home-country supervisor that are consistent with the Basel capital framework, as defined in Regulation YY.1 If the home-country supervisor has not established capital adequacy standards consistent with the Basel capital framework, the value of these items would be calculated on a pro-forma basis as if the FBO were subject to such standards.

The proposed line items that would be effective September 30, 2016, include: (1) Common equity tier 1 capital, (2) Additional tier 1 capital, (3) Tier 1 capital (sum of items 1 and 2), (4) Tier 2 capital, (5) Total risk-based capital (sum of items 3 and 4), (6) Capital conservation buffer, (7) Countercyclical capital buffer, (8) Other applicable capital buffer(s) (a) GSIB/DSIB buffer, (b) Pillar II buffer, (c) “Other” buffer, (9) Compliance with restrictions on capital distributions and discretionary bonus payments associated with a capital buffer.

The proposed line items that would be effective March 31, 2018, include: (10) Home country capital measure used in the numerator of the leverage ratio as set forth in the Basel capital framework, (11) Home country exposure measure used in the denominator of the leverage ratio as set forth in the Basel capital framework, (12) Minimum home country leverage ratio (if different from the leverage ratio in the Basel capital framework, as applicable).

Part 1 A of the current FR Y–7Q form, which applies to all FBOs, collects tier 1 capital, total risk-based capital, risk-weighted assets, total consolidated assets and total combined assets of U.S. operations, net of intercompany balances and transactions between U.S. domiciled affiliates, branches, and agencies, and total U.S. non-branch assets. While the Federal Reserve does not propose to change existing items reported in Part 1A of the FR Y–7Q, the proposal would modify the instructions to clarify that an FBO would be required to report Tier 1 capital and Total risk-based capital only on Part 1B, if the FBO’s home country methodologies are consistent with the Basel capital framework.

The proposal would not revise the reporting frequency for the FR Y–7Q. FBOs with total consolidated assets of less than $50 billion and that are not FHCS would only file Part 1A on an annual basis. FBOs who have elected to become FHCS and do not have $50 billion or more in total consolidated assets will file Part 1A on a quarterly basis. FBOs with total consolidated assets of $50 billion or more would complete both Part 1A and Part 1B on a quarterly basis.

As noted above, the Federal Reserve would propose to determine confidentiality of the proposed items on a case-by-case basis. However, the Federal Reserve notes that some jurisdictions may treat this information as confidential on a blanket basis under the belief that a more selective confidentiality treatment would signal an FBO’s financial strength or weakness and could thereby cause substantial competitive harm. The Federal Reserve seeks comment on whether these items should qualify for confidential treatment in all cases, such that treating this information as confidential on a blanket basis would be appropriate.

The FR Y–7N and FR Y–7NS are not being revised at this time. However, the estimated number of respondents is expected to decrease as a result of the designation of U.S. intermediate holding companies (IHCs) and recent proposed reporting requirements for the IHCs.

Robert deV. Frierson, Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), to approve of and assign OMB numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the PRA Submission, supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB’s public docket files. The Federal Reserve 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 number.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 3, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR 1379, FR 2060, or FR 4031 by any of the following methods:


• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Email: regs.comments@ federalreserve.gov. Include OMB number in the subject line of the message.

• FAX: (202) 452–3819 or (202) 452–3102.

• Mail: Robert deV. Frierson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board’s Web site at http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper form in Room 3515, 1801 K Street (between 18th and 19th Streets NW.,) Washington, DC 20006 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the OMB Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the PRA OMB submission, including the proposed reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be placed into OMB’s public docket files, once approved. These documents will also be made available on the Federal Reserve

1 See 12 CFR part 252.143 and 252.154.

2 See 81 FR 6265 (February 3, 2016).
Board’s public Web site at: http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The following information collection, which is being handled under this delegated authority, has received initial Board approval and is hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collection, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve’s functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Federal Reserve’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, 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 collection 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.

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

1. Report title: Consumer Satisfaction Questionnaire, the Federal Reserve Consumer Help—Consumer Survey, the Consumer Online Complaint Form, and the Appraisal Complaint Form.

   Agency form number: FR 1379a, FR 1379b, FR 1379c, and FR 1379d.
   OMB control number: 7100–0135.
   Frequency: Event generated.
   Reporters: Consumers, appraisers, and financial institutions.

   Estimated annual burden hours: FR 1379a: 58 hours; FR 1379b: 121 hours; FR 1379c: 982 hours; FR 1379d: 7 hours. Estimated average hours per response: FR 1379a: 5 minutes; FR 1379b: 5 minutes; FR 1379c: 10 minutes; FR 1379d: 30 minutes.

   Number of respondents: FR 1379a: 695; FR 1379b: 1,455; FR 1379c: 5,890; FR 1379d: 14.

   General description of report: The Board’s Legal Division has determined that the FR 1379a, b, c and d are authorized by law pursuant to section 11(a) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248(a)), and sections 3(q) and 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDIC Act) (12 U.S.C. 1813(Q) and 1818). Additionally, the Board is authorized to collect the information on the FR 1379d pursuant to section 1103 of the Financial Institutions and Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act, which authorizes the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council-Appraisal Subcommittee to “perform research, as [it] considers appropriate,” for the purpose of carrying out its duties (12 U.S.C. 3335). The obligation to respond is voluntary.

   The FR 1379a is not considered confidential. The FR 1379b collects the respondent’s name and the respondent may provide other personal information and information regarding his or her complaint. The FR 1379c collects the respondent’s third-party representative if the respondent has such a representative. The FR 1379d collects the respondent’s name and the respondent may provide other personal information and information regarding his or her complaint. Thus, some of the information collected on the FR 1379b, FR 1379c, and FR 1379d may be considered confidential under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), (b)(6), (b)(7)).

   Abstract: The FR 1379a questionnaire is sent to consumers who have filed complaints with the Federal Reserve against state member banks. The information is used to assess their satisfaction with the Federal Reserve’s handling and written response to their complaint at the conclusion of an investigation. The FR 1379d survey is sent to consumers who contact the Federal Reserve Consumer Help (FRCH) to file a complaint or inquiry. The information is used to determine whether consumers are satisfied with the way the FRCH handled their complaint. Consumers use the FR 1379c complaint form to electronically submit a complaint against a financial institution to the FRCH. The FR 1379d Appraisal complaint form collects information about complaints regarding a regulated institution’s non-compliance with the appraisal independence standards and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, including complaints from appraisers, individuals, financial institutions, and other entities. The information is necessary so that the federal agencies 1 may better assist the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council-Appraisal Subcommittee (FFIEC–ASC) 2 in its efforts to implement Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act 3 that requires a national hotline be established for appraisal related complaints.

   Current Actions: The Federal Reserve proposes to extend, without revision, the FR 1379 information collection.


   Agency form number: FR 2060.
   OMB control number: 7100–0232.
   Frequency: On occasion.
   Reporters: Small businesses and consumers.

   Estimated annual burden hours: 9 hours.

   Estimated average hours per response: Small businesses: 10 minutes; Consumers: 6 minutes.

   Number of respondents: Small businesses: 25; Consumers: 50.

   General description of report: The FR 2060 is voluntary and authorized pursuant to the Change In Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)(A) and (B)), the Bank Merger Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(c)(5)), and section 3(c)(1) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)(1)). Each of these sections require the Federal Reserve to evaluate merger and acquisition applications by banks and bank holding companies to determine the effects of proposed transactions on

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1 Agencies include the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, National Credit Union Administration, and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
2 Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) of 1989 amended the FIRRCA Act of 1978 to create the ASC “within” the FFIEC on August 9, 1989. Pursuant to Title XI, the ASC’s mission is to monitor federal, state, and appraisal industry initiatives relative to the appraisal process at federally-regulated financial institutions and maintain a national registry of appraisers eligible to perform appraisals for federally related real estate transactions. As an independent FFIEC subcommittee, the ASC is funded by fees collected through the registry. The ASC board has seven members, one from each of these agencies: OCC, FRB, FDIC, NCUA, CFPB, FHFA and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The ASC Web site may be found at www.asc.gov/Home.aspx.
competition in a particular banking market. In order to make this determination, the Federal Reserve must determine the relevant market and then determine the level of competition in the market. This survey provides the data necessary to make such determinations when the Federal Reserve otherwise would not have such information.

Information obtained from small business and individuals may be kept confidential under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Information obtained from small businesses can be considered confidential under exemption (b)(4) of the FOIA because the release of information obtained from small businesses would (1) impair the Board’s ability to obtain this information from entities that could not be compelled to respond, and (2) cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the entity from whom the information was obtained (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)). In addition, information obtained from consumers may be kept confidential under exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA because the information the survey collects is the type of information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (Id. at 552(b)(6)).

Abstract: The Federal Reserve uses this information to define relevant banking markets for specific merger and acquisition applications and to evaluate changes in competition that would result from proposed transactions, including purchase and assumption agreements. The event-generated survey is conducted by telephone and has been used no more than once per year since 1990.

Current Actions: The Federal Reserve proposes to extend, without revision, the FR 2060 information collection.


Agency form number: FR 4031.
OMB control number: 7100–0264.
Frequency: On occasion.
Reporters: State member banks.
Estimated annual burden hours: 247 hours.
Estimated average hours per response:
Reporting requirements: 2 hours;
Disclosure requirements, customer mailing: 0.75 hours and posted notice, 0.25 hours; and Recordkeeping requirements: 8 hours.
Number of respondents: Reporting requirements: 82; Disclosure requirements: customer mailing, 82 and posted notice, 82; and Recordkeeping requirements, 0.
Description of report: This information collection is mandatory pursuant to Section 42(a)(1) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDI Act) (12 U.S.C. 1831r–4(a)(1)). The Federal Reserve does not consider individual respondent data to be confidential. However, a state member bank may request confidential treatment pursuant to exemption b(4) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: The mandatory reporting, recordkeeping, and disclosure requirements regarding the closing of any branch of an insured depository institution are imposed by section 228 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA). There is no formal reporting form (the FR 4031 designation is for internal purposes only) associated with the reporting portion of this information collection; state member banks notify the Federal Reserve by letter prior to closing a branch. The Federal Reserve uses the information to fulfill its statutory obligation to supervise state member banks.

Current Actions: The Federal Reserve proposes to extend, without revision, the FR 4031 information collection.


Robert deV. Frierson,
Secretary of the Board.
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices: Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board’s Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are 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 offices 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 April 19, 2016.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (David L. Hubbard, Senior Manager) P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166–20

General comments can also be sent electronically to Comments.applications@stls.frb.org.

1. Teresa Sue Spangler Allemang, as Trustee of the Teresa Sue Spangler Allemang FIB Revocable Trust, both of Hilton Head, South Carolina, to acquire voting shares of First Independent Bancshares, Inc., and thereby acquire voting shares of First Independent Bank, both in Aurora, Missouri.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacquelyn K. Brunmeier, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480–0291:

1. Jan Stroup, and Mary Jean Korsmo, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota, both as members of the Jan Stroup family shareholder group; to retain voting shares of McLean Bank Holding Company, Garrison, North Dakota, and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of Bank of Turtle Lake, Turtle Lake, North Dakota; Garrison State Bank and Trust, Garrison, North Dakota; and Farmers Security Bank, Washburn, North Dakota.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. Elaine M. Dittrich, Tilden, Nebraska, as a member of the Dittrich family group and acting in concert; to acquire voting shares of Tilden Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of The Tilden Bank, both in Tilden, Nebraska.


Michael J. Lewandowski,
Associate Secretary of the Board.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Solicitation for Nominations for Members of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Solicits nominations for new members of USPSTF.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) invites nominations of individuals qualified to serve as members of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).

DATES: All nominations submitted in writing or electronically will be considered for appointment to the USPSTF. Nominations must be received by May 15th of a given year to be