

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

March 21, 1997.

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the OTS Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the OTS Clearance Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

*Dates:* Written comments should be received on or before April 28, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0016.

*Form Number:* OTS Form 1588.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Merger Applications.

*Description:* The Bank Merger Act and the OTS merger regulations implementing that act require a savings association that proposes to combine with either another savings association or insure depository institution to obtain written approval from the OTS.

*Respondents:* Savings and Loan Associations and Savings Banks.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 40 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Once per application.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 1,600 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Colleen M. Devine, (202) 906-6025, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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