

It is further ordered, That all further notices, orders, and/or decisions issued by or on behalf of the Commission in this proceeding, including notice of the time and place of hearing or prehearing conference, shall be served on parties of record;

It is further ordered, That all documents submitted for any party of record in this proceeding shall be directed to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, and comply with Subpart H of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 46 CFR 502.111-119, and shall be served on parties of record; and

It is further ordered, That in accordance with Rule 61 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the Administrative Law Judge shall be issued by June 22, 1998, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by October 20, 1998.

By the Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking

activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than July 21, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
(Philip Jackson, Applications Officer)
230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago,
Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.*, Itasca, Illinois; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of SparBank, Incorporated, McHenry, Illinois and thereby indirectly acquire McHenry State Bank, McHenry, Illinois.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
(Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200
North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-
2272:

1. *Sterling Bancshares, Inc.*, Houston, Texas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First Houston Bancshares, Houston, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Houston National Bank, Houston, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 23, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Committee on Employee Benefits of the Federal Reserve System.*

TIME AND DATE: 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, 1997.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Proposals relating to Federal Reserve System benefits.
2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

* The Committee on Employee Benefits considers matters relating to the Retirement, Thrift, Long-Term Disability Income, and Insurance Plans for Employees of the Federal Reserve System.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204.

Dated: June 25, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB Under Delegated Authority

Background

Notice is hereby given of the final approval of a proposed information collection by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). 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 control number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chief, Financial Reports Section—Mary M. McLaughlin—Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202-452-3829)
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 (202-395-7860)

Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, without revision, of the following report:

1. *Report title:* Consolidated Report of Condition and Income for Edge and Agreement Corporations
Agency form number: FR 2886b
OMB Control number: 7100-0086
Frequency: Quarterly
Reporters: Edge and agreement corporations
Annual reporting hours: 3,619
Estimated average hours per response: 11.6

Number of respondents: 39 banking corporations, 39 investment corporations
Small businesses are not affected.
Effective Date: September 30, 1997

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 602 and 625) and is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: This report collects balance sheet and income data from Edge and

agreement corporations. Information collected on the FR 2886b is used to help plan and target the scope of examinations of Edge corporations and to evaluate applications. Data from the FR 2886b are also used to monitor aggregate institutional trends, such as growth in assets and the number of offices, changes in leverage, and the types and locations of customers. Revisions to the report include changing reporting to a fully consolidated basis (consolidation of all subsidiaries of the corporation, not just the branch operations as is currently the case); collecting new information on mutual fund and annuity sales; adding two line items: "Trading assets" and "Trading liabilities;" changing the reporting of current items "Claims on affiliates" and "Liabilities to affiliates" from a net to a gross basis; revising the reporting of securities, income and expenses, changes in capital reserve accounts, and off-balance-sheet items to be more consistent with the collection of similar data on the Report of Condition for Foreign Subsidiaries of U.S. Banking Organizations (FR 2314; OMB No. 7100-0073); revising "Claims on and Liabilities to Affiliates" to include related U.S. banks other than the parent bank; revising "Past Due and Nonaccrual Loans and Lease Financing Receivables" to include past due information on other assets; and exempting nonbanking Edge corporations from reporting seven supporting schedules. In addition, the FR 2886b reporting instructions have been modified to conform with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Comments: Notice of the proposal was published in the *Federal Register* on April 1, 1997; the comment period expired on June 2, 1997. The Board received one comment letter from a large bank holding company. The commenter recommended first that the Federal Reserve establish consolidation requirements for the FR 2886b consistent with the international portion of a bank's Report of Condition and Income (Call Report)(FFIEC 031-034; OMB No. 7100-0036). Second, the commenter recommended that the implementation date be timed to be consistent with the timing of the annual changes to the Call Report, generally the first quarter of the following year, to allow adequate time to effect systems programming and other preparation work. The commenter also asked that the quarterly due date match the due date for the Call Report for banks with foreign offices, which is 45 days after quarter-end.

Board supervision staff discussed consolidation procedures with the commenter, explained that the general consolidation procedures are already consistent with the Call Report, and addressed a specific consolidation concern of the commenter. The Board will delay implementation of the revised report to September 30, 1997, to provide respondents with additional time to make necessary system changes. In addition, the Board will change the due date for the FR 2886b to allow for an additional 15-day extension past the currently allowed 30 days after quarter-end. This will match the due date for the Call Report for banks with foreign offices.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 23, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

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

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. Voluntary Customer Surveys to Implement Executive Order 12862 in the Public Health Service—Extension—0937-0201—The Public Health Service is conducting numerous customer-related surveys under this approved collection of information. Activities for which an extension of OMB approval will be requested are as follows:

(A) The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will survey physicians and allied health professionals on their satisfaction with the FDA Medical Bulletin. An estimated 1,200 annual respondents will spend ten minutes per response for a total annual burden of 200 hours.

(B) The Center for Disease Control (CDC) will survey users of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Internet Homepage to assess user satisfaction with the Internet site. An estimated 5,400 annual respondents will

spend seven minutes per response for a total annual burden of 630 hours.

(C) The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) is conducting a customer satisfaction survey of the recipients of AHCPR publications. On average, there will be 12,300 annual respondents at ten minutes per response for a total annual burden of 2,050 hours.

(D) AHCPR is conducting surveys of customer opinions on the information offered through the AHCPR Web Site. An estimated 600 annual respondents will spend eight minutes per response for a total annual burden of 80 hours.

(E) AHCPR will conduct surveys of the customers of the HCPR Publications Clearinghouse to measure customer perception of service quality. An estimated 8,000 annual respondents will spend two minutes per response for a total annual burden of 267 hours.

(F) The National Library of Medicine (NLM) will conduct an online survey of its World Wide Web site customers to determine user satisfaction with the content and format of the site. 500 respondents will spend three minutes per response for a total burden of 25 hours.

(G) NLM will conduct a survey of the users of its Reference and MEDLARS telephone service desks to assess customer satisfaction with the individual interactions they have had with the customer service desk staff. Roughly 413 respondents will spend three minutes per response for a total burden of 21 hours.

(H) The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) International Cancer Information Center is surveying Information Associates Program members to determine user satisfaction with NCI's cancer information products. 1,000 respondents will spend 18 minutes per response for a total burden of 300 hours.

(I) The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is conducting a survey of research grant applicants to determine their satisfaction with the grant application and review process. Approximately 2,215 respondents will spend 30 minutes per response for a total burden of 1,108 hours.

(J) The Smoke Free Kids Campaign in the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) is conducting an on-line customer feedback survey pertaining to products and information offered by the Web site. An estimated 5,000 annual respondents (Web site visitors who order a product) will spend 1.5 minutes per response for a total annual burden of 125 hours. The total estimated burden for all projects is 4,805 hours.

OMB Desk Officer: Allison Eyd.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained