

required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled "Occasional Qualitative Surveys."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Tamara R. Manly, Management Analyst, (202) 898-7453, Office of the Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20429. All comments should refer to "Occasional Qualitative Surveys." Comments may be hand-delivered to Room F-4001B, 1776 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429, on business days between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. [FAX number (202) 898-3838; Internet address: comments@fdic.gov].

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamara R. Manly, at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

Title: Occasional Qualitative Surveys.

OMB Number: New collection.

Frequency of Response: Occasional.

Affected Public: Business institutions and other federal and government agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5,000 hours.

General Description of Collection: The collection involves the occasional use of qualitative surveys to gather anecdotal information about regulatory burden, problems or successes in the bank supervisory process (including both safety-and-soundness and consumer-related exams), and similar concerns.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the 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; and (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 14th day of October, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Community Reinvestment Act; Rescission of Statement of Policy

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Rescission of statement of policy.

SUMMARY: As part of the FDIC's systematic review of its regulations and written policies under section 303(a) of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (CDRIA), the FDIC is rescinding its Statement of Policy on the "Community Reinvestment Act." The statement of policy has been rendered obsolete by the amendment of part 345 (Community Reinvestment) of the FDIC's regulations, and thus is being rescinded. This action furthers the goals of section 303(a) of CDRIA by removing inconsistencies and outmoded and duplicative requirements from the FDIC's supervisory policies.

DATES: The statement of policy is rescinded effective October 17, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louise N. Kotoshirodo, Review Examiner, Division of Compliance and Consumer Affairs (202-942-3599), or Ann Hume Loikow, Counsel, Legal Division (202-898-3796), FDIC, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FDIC is conducting a systematic review of its regulations and policy statements pursuant to section 303(a) of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994

(CDRIA) (12 U.S.C. 4803(a)), which requires the FDIC, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (agencies) to streamline and modify their regulations and written policies in order to improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary costs, and eliminate unwarranted constraints on credit availability. Section 303(a) also requires the agencies to remove inconsistencies and outmoded and duplicative requirements.

The FDIC adopted jointly with the agencies a new part 345 to the FDIC's rules and regulations, entitled "Community Reinvestment," to implement the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (CRA), which was published in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 1978 (43 FR 47144). On March 31, 1980, the FDIC Board of Directors adopted a Statement of Policy on the Community Reinvestment Act (Statement of Policy) which discussed the act and regulations, how FDIC examiners would assess a bank's record of meeting community credit needs, and how the FDIC would take such assessment into account when evaluating various types of applications for deposit facilities.

On May 4, 1995, the FDIC published jointly with the agencies, significant amendments to part 345 of the FDIC's rules and regulations (60 FR 22156). Subsequent technical amendments were made to part 345 and published in the **Federal Register** on December 20, 1995 (60 FR 66048) and May 10, 1996 (61 FR 21362), respectively. Part 345 of the FDIC's rules and regulations, as amended, reduces unnecessary regulatory burden and replaces the 12 assessment factors contained in the 1979 rule and Statement of Policy with a more performance-based evaluation process to assess a bank's record in meeting the credit needs of its community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The new regulation was phased in over a two-year period beginning July 1, 1995. On July 1, 1997, all remaining portions of the rule became effective and all insured state nonmember banks are now evaluated under the new CRA performance tests.

As part of the Corporation's regulatory review project required by section 303(a) of CDRIA, the Board has reviewed the Statement of Policy and determined that the supervisory guidance contained in it has been rendered obsolete by the amendment of part 345 and should be rescinded. Furthermore, the Board concludes that rescission of this Statement of Policy

would further the goal of section 303(a) of CDRIA of removing inconsistencies and outmoded and duplicative requirements.

Rescission of this Statement of Policy does not reflect any substantive change in the FDIC's supervisory attitude toward insured state nonmember banks' compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act and part 345.

For the foregoing reasons, the Statement of Policy is hereby rescinded.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 6th day of October, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:03 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate and supervisory activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of John F. Downey, acting in the place and stead of Director Nichols P. Retsinas (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), seconded by Julie L. Williams, acting in the place and stead of Eugene A. Ludwig (Comptroller of the Currency), concurred in by Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), and Acting Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B) and (c)(10) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: October 14, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James D. LaPierre,

Deputy Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 224-201036.

Title: Port of New Orleans/Maritrend, Inc. Lease Agreement.

Parties:

The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans ("Port") Maritrend, Inc. ("Maritrend")

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement authorizes the Port to lease to Maritrend 9.33 acres, and improvements thereon, at the Port's Alabo Street facilities for a period of one year, with the option to extend the lease for two additional renewal periods of one year each.

Dated: October 10, 1997.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Ronald D. Murphy,

Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have file with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

Esprit International Shipping Combined Transport, Inc., 7940 E. Garvey

Avenue, Suite 203, Rosemead, CA 91770, Officers: Amy Choi, President, Tracy Cheuk-See Chan, Vice President

Bestway Shipping, Inc., 269 E. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena, CA 90248, Officer: Harry Hyungsuk Choi, President

III Star Freight Services, Inc., 140 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150, Officers: Mikhail Kravetskil, President, Joseph A. Scali, Treasurer

Asian Pacific Logistics, 23202 Audrey Avenue, Torrance, CA 90505, Paul Yoon, Sole Proprietor

Unlimited Logistics, 2395 Giltner Road, Smithfield, KY 40068, Martha A. Works

Pacific Shipping Company, 1011 Klickitat Way, Suite 203, Seattle, WA 98134, Officers: Kim Knise, President, James G. Rosselot, Vice President

Maromar International Freight Forwarders Inc., 8262 N.W. 14th Street, Miami, FL 33126, Officers: Maricel Barth, President, Marta Barth, Operations Director

Guardian Moving and Storage Co., Inc. d/b/a Guardian International Forwarders, 1901 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, Officers: Eugene W. Smoot, President, Mario S. Smoot, Vice President

Global Marine Services, Inc., 2085 Talleyrand Avenue, Building "A", P.O. Box 2239, Jacksonville, FL 32206, Officers: Carlton H. Spence, Director, Jeffrey C. Spence, Director/President.

Dated: October 10, 1997.

Ronald D. Murphy,

Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

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 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