

whether critical communications services will be carried over a communications network infrastructure that will remain functional during significant natural and manmade disasters. At the same time, the Commission believes that users of communications services today generally do not readily distinguish between legacy and broadband technologies, and are thus more likely than ever before to expect the same levels of "carrier grade" service reliability no matter what communications platform they use. As a result, the potential for disparities in service reliability is a source of concern for critical sectors of our economy, including homeland security, public safety, energy, finance and healthcare services, as well as for the government and consumers in general.

9. Against this backdrop, the NOI brings together several lines of inquiry derived from initiatives set forth in the Commission's National Broadband Plan (NBP). For example, the NBP identified insufficient communications backhaul redundancy and inadequacy of backup power as key factors that contribute to the congestion or failure of commercial wireless data networks, particularly during emergencies such as large-scale natural and man-made disasters. The NBP also recommended that the Commission engage in an exploration of the reliability and resiliency standards applied to broadband networks to ascertain what action, if any, the Commission should take to bolster the reliability of broadband infrastructures.

10. In the course of exploring these considerations, the NOI looks at four major areas of concern. First, it explores the ability of communications networks to provide continuity of service during major emergencies, such as large-scale natural and man-made disasters. This includes a discussion of the use of backup power and improved backhaul redundancy solutions. Second, it examines whether we might need standards for broadband network reliability and resiliency to ensure adequate levels of service to meet public safety and other critical infrastructure needs. This includes consideration of protocols and equipment reliability, as well as system capacity and maintenance issues. Third, the NOI seeks comment on what actions, if any, the Commission should take to foster improved performance with respect to the continuity and reliability of operations during major emergencies. And, fourth, it seeks comment on the sources of legal authority that could provide the basis for Commission action, if any.

11. *Termination of Earlier Proceedings.* The NOI also seeks comment on whether the Commission should terminate the dockets in two earlier proceedings—PS Docket 10–92 (Effects on Broadband Communications Networks of Damage or Failure of Network Equipment or Severe Overload), and EB Docket 06–119 (Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks). The issues raised in these two earlier proceedings are interrelated to and overlap with issues raised by this NOI. Thus, to ensure a comprehensive examination of all issues related to reliability, resiliency, survivability, and continuity of communications networks in this NOI proceeding, the Commission believes that termination of the two older proceedings and consolidation of all of the relevant issues under this NOI proceeding would serve the public interest.

12. *Conclusion.* The Commission intends for the record generated by this proceeding to provide the opportunity for a thorough discussion of the reliability and continuity of the operational capabilities of our Nation's communications infrastructure.

Ordering Clauses

13. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 4(o), 7(b), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i)–(j) & (o), 157(b) and 403, this *NOI is adopted*.

14. *It is further ordered* that comments with respect to the proposed termination of PS Docket 10–92 and EB Docket 06–119 are due on or before May 31, 2011.

Federal Communications Commission.

Jeffery Goldthorp,
Associate Chief.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Renewals; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to

comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). The FDIC is soliciting comments on renewal of three information collections described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 27, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the FDIC by any of the following methods:

- *http://www.FDIC.gov/regulations/laws/federal/notices.html.*
- *E-mail: comments@fdic.gov* Include the name of the collection in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Leneta G. Gregorie (202–898–3719), Counsel, Room F–1084, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20429.
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All comments should refer to the relevant OMB control number. A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leneta Gregorie, at the FDIC address above.

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

1. *Title:* Recordkeeping and Disclosure Requirements in Connection with Regulation Z (Truth in Lending).

OMB Number: 3064–0082.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: State nonmember banks that regularly offer or extend consumer credit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,200.

Estimated Time per Response: 491.11 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 2,553,775 hours.

General Description of Collection: Regulation Z (12 CFR 226), issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, prescribes uniform methods of computing the cost of credit, disclosure of credit terms, and procedures for resolving billing errors on certain credit accounts.

2. *Title:* Recordkeeping and Disclosure Requirements in Connection with Regulation M (Consumer Leasing).

OMB Number: 3064–0083.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Affected Public: State nonmember banks engaging in consumer leasing.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.
Estimated Time per Response: 75 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 150,000 hours.
General Description of Collection: Regulation M (12 CFR 213), issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, implements the consumer leasing provisions of the Truth in Lending Act.

3. *Title:* Recordkeeping and Disclosure Requirements in Connection with Regulation B (Equal Credit Opportunity).

OMB Number: 3064-0085.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Affected Public: State nonmember banks engaging in credit transactions.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,200.
Estimated Time per Response: 135.16 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 702,832 hours.
General Description of Collection: Regulation B (12 CFR 202), issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, prohibits creditors from discriminating against applicants on any of the bases specified by the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, establishes guidelines for gathering and evaluating credit information, and requires creditors to give applicants a written notification of rejection of an application.

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. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of April 2011.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Renewals; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on renewal of an existing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments on renewal of the information collection titled: Notice of Branch Closure (OMB Number: 3064-0109).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 27, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the FDIC by any of the following methods:

- *http://www.FDIC.gov/regulations/laws/federal/notices.html.*
- *E-mail:* comments@fdic.gov Include the name of the collection in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Gary A. Kuiper (202-898-3877), Counsel, Room F-1086, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All comments should refer to OMB Number 3064-0109. A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary A. Kuiper, at the FDIC address above.

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

1. *Title:* Notice of Branch Closure.
OMB Number: 3064-0109.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Affected Public: Insured depository institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 509.

Estimated Time per Response: 2.6 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 1,319 hours.
General Description of Collection: An institution proposing to close a branch

must notify its primary regulator no later than 90 days prior to the closing. Each FDIC-insured institution must adopt policies for branch closings. This collection covers the requirements for notice, and for policy adoption.

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. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of April 2011.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

Items To Be Discussed

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

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PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Shawn Woodhead Werth,

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission.

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