

submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable;

(6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submission will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Application for the Transfer of Physical Assets.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2502-0275.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-92266.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* Prospective purchasers of properties with mortgages either HUD-insured or HUD-held prior to conveyance of title submit to HUD an Application for the Transfer of Physical Assets.

*Respondents:* Business or Other-For-Profit, Non-for-Profit Institutions.

*Frequency of Submission:* On Occasion.

*Reporting Burden:*

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 32,200.

*Status:* Reinstatement, without change.

**Authority:** Sec. 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

**Donna L. Eden,**

*Director, Office of Investment Strategies, Policy, and Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4463-N-03]

### Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice of changes in Debenture Interest Rates.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Commissioner under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the "Act"). The interest rate for debentures issued under section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2000 is 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the

loan or mortgage was endorsed or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2000, is 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> percent.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James B. Mitchell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 6164, Washington, DC 20410. Telephone (202) 708-3944 extension 2612, or TDD (202) 708-4594 for hearing- or speech-impaired callers. These are not toll-free numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 224 of the National Housing Act (24 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. Each of these regulatory provisions states that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time-to-time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate

determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury: (1) Has determined, in accordance with the provisions of section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning January 1, 2000, is 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> percent; and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> percent for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2000. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4)) with an insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the first 6 months of 2000.

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1980	July 1, 1980.
9 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1980	Jan. 1, 1981.
11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1981	July 1, 1981.
12 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1981	Jan. 1, 1982.
12 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1982	Jan. 1, 1983.
10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1983	July 1, 1983.
10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1983	Jan. 1, 1984.
11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1984	July 1, 1984.
13 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1984	Jan. 1, 1985.
11 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1985	July 1, 1985.
11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1985	Jan. 1, 1986.
10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1986	July 1, 1986.
8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	July 1, 1986	Jan. 1, 1987.
8 .....	Jan. 1, 1987	July 1, 1987.
9 .....	July 1, 1987	Jan. 1, 1988.

Effective interest rate	On or after	Prior to
9 1/8 .....	Jan. 1, 1988	July 1, 1988.
9 3/8 .....	July 1, 1988	Jan. 1, 1989.
9 1/4 .....	Jan. 1, 1989	July 1, 1989.
9 .....	July 1, 1989	Jan. 1, 1990.
8 1/8 .....	Jan. 1, 1990	July 1, 1990.
9 .....	July 1, 1990	Jan. 1, 1991.
8 3/4 .....	Jan. 1, 1991	July 1, 1991.
8 1/2 .....	July 1, 1991	Jan. 1, 1992.
8 .....	Jan. 1, 1992	July 1, 1992.
8 .....	July 1, 1992	Jan. 1, 1993.
7 3/4 .....	Jan. 1, 1993	July 1, 1993.
7 .....	July 1, 1993	Jan. 1, 1994.
6 5/8 .....	Jan. 1, 1994	July 1, 1994.
7 3/4 .....	July 1, 1994	Jan. 1, 1995.
8 3/8 .....	Jan. 1, 1995	July 1, 1995.
7 1/4 .....	July 1, 1995	Jan. 1, 1996.
6 1/2 .....	Jan. 1, 1996	July 1, 1996.
7 1/4 .....	July 1, 1996	Jan. 1, 1997.
6 3/4 .....	Jan. 1, 1997	July 1, 1997.
7 1/8 .....	July 1, 1997	Jan. 1, 1998.
6 3/8 .....	Jan. 1, 1998	July 1, 1998.
6 1/8 .....	July 1, 1998	Jan. 1, 1999.
5 1/2 .....	Jan. 1, 1999	July 1, 1999.
6 1/8 .....	July 1, 1999	Jan. 1, 2000.
6 1/2 .....	Jan. 1, 2000	July 1, 2000.

Section 221(g)(4) of the Act provides that debentures issued pursuant to that paragraph (with respect to the assignment of an insured mortgage to the Secretary) will bear interest at the "going Federal rate" of interest in effect at the time the debentures are issued. The term "going Federal rate" is defined to mean the interest rate that the Secretary of the Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of 8- to 12-year maturities, for the 6-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2000, is 7 1/8 percent.

HUD expects to publish its next notice of change in debenture interest rates in June 2000.

The subject matter of this notice falls within the categorical exemption from HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.20(l). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Sections 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 1715l, 1715o; sec. 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d)),

Dated: February 15, 2000.

**William C. Appgar,**

*Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of Advisory Committee to the Interagency Task Force to Improve Hydroelectric Licensing Processes

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of the Interior—Office of the Secretary.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the Advisory Committee to the Interagency Task Force to Improve Hydroelectric Licensing Processes will meet on March 16, 2000 at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the meeting is to:

(1) Update Committee members on the current activities of the Interagency Task Force (ITF);

(2) Review and discuss the ITF Working Groups' draft products on: (i) State Mandates (*i.e.*; CWA Section 410 water quality certification and CZMA certification); and (ii) Economics.

**DATE:** March 16, 2000; 9:30 am–3 pm.

**ADDRESS:** United States Department of Agriculture, Whitten Building, Williamsburg Room, Suite 104A, 1400 Independence Ave. NW Washington, DC 20025.

You should inform Security at the building entrance on Jefferson Drive that you are attending a meeting hosted by NRE, (202) 720-7173. After calling NRE, Security will issue you a visitor's pass and direct you to the Williamsburg Room, Suite 104A.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Schunk, Special Assistant to the Chief of the Forest Service, (202) 720-7173

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of the Interior and the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, with the concurrence of ITF members, established the Advisory Committee to provide a forum for non-Federal entities to review and provide comments on the deliberations of the ITF. Interested parties are invited to

attend the meeting and will be given an opportunity to provide comments.

**Alex Matthiessen,**

*Special Assistant to the Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-021886

*Applicant:* Timothy Micale, Falls Creek, PA

The applicant requests a permit to import the one female African dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis tetraspis*) from Mr. Rene Hedegaard, Eskiidstruo, Denmark, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propagation.

PRT-023231

*Applicant:* Richard Olsen, Santa Cruz, CA

The applicant requests a permit to import six viable eggs of the Chinese monal pheasant (*Lophophorus lhuysii*) from the Sichuan Forestry Department, Baoxing, China under a cooperative agreement to study the hatching for the purpose of captive propagation for the enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-023461

*Applicant:* Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA

The applicant requests a permit to export one male and one female captive-hatched Andean condors (*Vultur gryphus*) to the Ministry of the Environment of Colombia for release in the Colombian Andes for enhancement of the survival of the species.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to