

respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its information collection titled, "Assessment of Fees—12 CFR 8." The OCC is also giving notice that it has submitted the collection to OMB for review.

DATES: You should submit written comments by February 11, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mail Stop 1–5, Attention: 1557–0223, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874–4448, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 874–5043. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to OCC Desk Officer, 1557–0223, by mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from Mary Gottlieb, (202) 874–5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval of the following information collection:

Title: Assessment of Fees—12 CFR 8.
OMB Control No.: 1557–0223.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Type of Review: Regular review.

Abstract: The OCC is requesting comment on its proposed extension, without revision, of the information collection titled, "Assessment of Fees—12 CFR 8." The National Bank Act authorizes the OCC to collect assessments, fees, and other charges as necessary or appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the OCC. The OCC will require national banks to provide the OCC with "receivables attributable" data from independent credit card banks, that is, national banks that

primarily engage in credit card operations and are not affiliated with a full service national bank. "Receivables attributable" are the total amount of outstanding balances due on credit card accounts owned by an independent credit card bank (the receivables attributable to those accounts) on the last day of an assessment period, minus receivables retained on the bank's balance sheet as of that day. The OCC will use the information to verify the accuracy of each bank's assessment computation and to adjust the assessment rate for independent credit card banks over time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11.

Estimated Number of Responses: 22.

Frequency of Response: Semiannually.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 22 hours.

The OCC issued a 60-day **Federal Register** Notice on October 26, 2007 (72 FR 60931). No comments were received. Comments continue to be invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 7, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Health Services Research and Development Service Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463, Federal Advisory Committee Act, that a meeting of the Health Services Research and Development Scientific

Merit Review Board will be held March 4–6, 2008, at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa, 200 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, Arizona. Various subcommittees of the Board will meet during the review period. Each subcommittee meeting of the Merit Review Board will be open to the public the first day for approximately one-half hour from 8 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion will be closed. The closed portion of each meeting will involve discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research proposals and critiques.

The purpose of the Board is to review research and development applications concerned with the measurement and evaluation of health care services, the testing of new methods of health care delivery and management, and nursing research. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit. Recommendations regarding funding are prepared for the Chief Research and Development Officer.

On Tuesday, March 4, two subcommittees will convene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Long Term Care & Aging and Nursing Research Initiative (NRI). On Wednesday, March 5, five subcommittees will convene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Chronic Disease Management, Equity/Women's Health, Health Services Research Methodology, Implementation and Management Research Science, and Mental Health & Post-Deployment Health. On Thursday, March 6, four subcommittees will convene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Chronic Disease Management, Health Services Research Methodology, Implementation and Management Research Science, and Mental Health & Post-Deployment Health.

After the subcommittees meet there will be a debriefing provided to members to the Health Services Research & Development Scientific Merit Review Board. The purposes of the debriefing are to discuss the outcomes of the review sessions and to ensure the integrity and consistency of the review process.

During the closed portions of the meetings on March 4–6, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended by

Public Law 94–409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact the Assistant Director of Operations (124B), Health

Services Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at least five days before the meeting. For further information, call (202) 254–0207.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: January 3, 2008.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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