

that the action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed snail species in the action area. The opinion also includes an "Incidental Take Statement." Under the terms of section 7(b)(4) and section 7(o)(2) of the Endangered Species Act, take of species that is incidental to an agency's action is not prohibited provided that such taking is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Incidental Take Statement. The Service identified eight "reasonable and prudent measures" that have been addressed by EPA in order to minimize incidental take. Two revisions to the NPDES permit were necessary to address the conditions of the Biological Opinion. One of the measures requires the permittee to orally report conditions that endanger listed snail species to both EPA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within 24 hours from the time a permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The other measure requires that written reports on noncompliance occurrences that endanger listed Snake River snails be sent to the Service.

State Water Quality Standards and State Certification

The State of Idaho, Division of Environmental Quality, has certified under section 401 of the Clean Water Act, that the subject discharges comply with the Idaho State Water Quality Standards and sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act.

Executive Order 12866

EPA has determined that this general permit is not a "significant regulatory action" under the terms of Executive Order 12866 and is therefore not subject to OMB review.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements of this permit were previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, requires that EPA prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis for rules subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) that have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The permit issued today, however, is not a "rule" subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) and is therefore not subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Section 201 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), Public Law 104-4, generally requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their "regulatory actions" (defined to be the same as "rules" subject to the RFA) on tribal, state, and local governments and the private sector. The permit issued today, however, is not a "rule" subject to the RFA and is therefore not subject to the requirements of UMRA.

Appeal of Permit

Within 120 days following the date of permit issuance of EPA's final permit decision under 40 CFR 124.15, any interested person may appeal the general permit in the Federal Court of Appeal in accordance with section 509(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. The date of permit effectiveness is defined at 40 CFR 23.2 to be at 1:00 pm eastern time, two weeks after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Persons affected by a general NPDES permit may not challenge the conditions of the permit as a right of further EPA proceedings. Instead, they may either challenge the permit in court or apply for an individual NPDES permit and then request a formal hearing on the issuance or denial of an individual NPDES permit.

Effective Date

The general NPDES permit shall become effective on September 13, 1999. The general permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight on September 13, 2004.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

Randall F. Smith,

Director, Office of Water, Region 10.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 99-1558]

ELIMINATION OF EXISTING SERVICE REQUIREMENT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the elimination of the requirement that carriers making accounting rate filings serve every carrier that provides service on the international route. The Commission found that the International Bureau's new electronic filing system is an adequate substitute for this requirement. With this action,

carriers will no longer have to serve other carriers with a copy of their filing with the Commission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Choi or Jackie Ruff, Attorney-Advisors, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-1470.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The International Bureau announces on August 6, 1999 its implementation of the Commission's decision to eliminate the requirement that carriers making accounting rate filings with the Commission serve every carrier that provides service on the international route with a copy of the filing. We strongly encourage carriers in lieu of this requirement to file a copy of their accounting rate filing electronically over the International Bureau Electronic Filing System (IBFS) in order to assist with the Commission's processing of these filings. Interested parties and carriers making filings may access copies of accounting rate filings from the IBFS which can be found on the internet.

The Commission eliminated the requirement in § 64.1001(k) that carriers serve a copy of accounting rate filings to every carrier serving the international route in question in the *1998 Biennial Regulatory Review: Reform of the International Settlements Policy*, IB Docket No. 98-148, CC Docket 90-337 (Phase II), IB Docket 95-22, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 99-73 (rel. May 6, 1999), 64 FR 34734 (June 29, 1999). In that order, the Commission found that the International Bureau's new electronic filing system would be an adequate substitute for the existing service requirement and directed the International Bureau to implement the Commission's elimination of the requirement within three months of the release of the order.

On February 10, 1999, the International Bureau unveiled the IBFS to the public. The IBFS is an internet-based system that allows its users to electronically file 15 different types of applications and run a host of reports and customized queries. Among the many filing options users have is an electronic form for filing accounting rate change requests. We strongly encourage parties to file accounting rate change requests using IBFS, but we note such electronic filing is not mandatory at this time. Entities interested in filing electronically should contact the IBFS Information Line at (202) 418-2222 or visit the IBFS Homepage at <http://ibfsweb.fcc.gov/webreports>.

To facilitate the electronic submission of such accounting rate filings and

retrieval of information, the International Bureau will hold IBFS training courses for interested parties and carriers making accounting rate change requests. Course dates and times will be announced in a later notice.

For additional information about this implementation, please contact Lisa Choi or Jackie Ruff, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-1460. For additional information about the IBFS, please contact Jacqueline Ponti, International Bureau, (202) 418-1460.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in open session at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 1999, to consider the following matters:

Summary Agenda: No substantive discussion of the following items is anticipated. These matters will be resolved with a single vote unless a member of the Board of Directors requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.

Disposition of minutes of previous Board of Directors' meetings.

Summary reports, status reports, and reports of actions taken pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors.

Memorandum and resolution re: Final amendment to Part 348—Management Official Interlocks.

Memorandum and resolution re: Proposed amendment to the Corporation's Rules and Regulations concerning restrictions on the purchase of assets from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Discussion Agenda:

Memorandum and resolution re: Proposed amendment to Part 360—Resolution and Receivership Rules and withdrawal of related proposed statement of policy.

Memorandum and resolution re: Proposed amendments to Part 327—Assessments.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC

Building located at 550—17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call (202) 416-2449 (Voice); (202) 416-2004 (TTY), to make necessary arrangements.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898-6757.

Dated: August 24, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

SUMMARY:

Background. Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information collections 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). Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instrument(s) are placed into OMB's public docket files. 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. West--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: Report of Condition for Foreign Subsidiaries of U.S. Banking Organizations and Financial Information for Foreign Subsidiaries of U.S. Banking Organizations.

Agency form number: FR 2314 a, b, and c.

OMB control number: 7100-0073.

Frequency: Quarterly and annually.

Reporters: Foreign subsidiaries of U.S. banks, bank holding companies, and Edge and agreement corporations.

Annual reporting hours: 6,825 burden hours.

Estimated average hours per response: 1.5 to 10.5 hours.

Number of respondents: 1,362.

Small businesses are not affected.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 324, 602, 625, and 1844(c)) data are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Sections (b)(4) and (b)(8) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (8)).

Abstract: The FR 2314 is the only source of comprehensive and systematic data on the assets, liabilities, and earnings of the foreign bank and nonbank subsidiaries of U.S. banking organizations and is used to monitor the growth, profitability, and activities of these foreign companies. The FR 2314a collects information on assets and liabilities and includes several memoranda items on contingent liabilities and twelve supporting schedules. The supporting schedules provide detail on cash and balances due from depository institutions, securities, loans and lease financing receivables, other assets, claims on related organizations, deposits, other liabilities, liabilities to related organizations, changes in capital and reserve accounts, income and expenses, assets held in trading accounts, and past due and nonaccrual loans and leases. The FR 2314b collects somewhat less information on assets and liabilities, off-balance-sheet items, income and expenses, and securities. The FR 2314c is a brief one-page report that collects information on total assets, equity capital, net income, and off-balance-sheet items.

Final Approval Under OMB Delegated Authority of the Extension for Three Years, With Revisions, of the Following Reports

1. Report title: Domestic Finance Company Report of Assets and Liabilities.

Agency form number: FR 2248.

OMB control number: 7100-0005.

Frequency: Monthly.

Reporters: Domestic finance companies.