

change to the regulation or to the information collections embodied in the regulation. The OCC requests only that OMB renew its approval of the information collections in the current regulation.

The information requirements in 12 CFR part 5 are located as follows:

12 CFR 5.24(d)(2)(ii)(G)—Conversion:

An institution must identify all subsidiaries that will be retained following the conversion and provide information and analysis of the subsidiaries' activities that would be required if the converting bank or savings association were a national bank establishing each subsidiary pursuant to sections 5.34 or 5.39. The OCC will use the information to determine whether to grant the financial institution's request to convert to a national charter.

12 CFR 5.33(e)(3)(i) and (ii)—Business combinations: A national bank must identify any subsidiary to be acquired in a business combination and state the activities of each subsidiary. A national bank proposing to acquire, through a business combination, a subsidiary of a depository institution other than a national bank must provide the same information and analysis of the subsidiary's activities that would be required if the applicant were establishing the subsidiary pursuant to sections 5.34 or 5.39.

The OCC needs this information regarding the subsidiaries to be acquired to determine whether to approve the business combination. The OCC will use this information to confirm that the proposed activity is permissible for operating subsidiaries and to ensure that a bank proposing to conduct activities through a financial subsidiary satisfies relevant statutory criteria.

12 CFR 5.34—Operating subsidiaries: A national bank must file a notice or application to acquire or establish an operating subsidiary, or to commence a new activity in an existing operating subsidiary. The application or notice provides the OCC with needed information regarding the activities and location(s) of the operating subsidiaries. The OCC will review the information to determine whether proposed activities are legally permissible, to ensure that the proposal is consistent with safe and sound banking practices and OCC policy, and that it does not endanger the safety and soundness of the parent national banks.

12 CFR 5.35(f)(1) and (2)—Bank service companies: Under section 5.35(f)(1), a national bank that intends to make an investment in a bank service company, or to perform new activities in an existing bank service company,

must submit a notice to and receive prior approval from the OCC.

Under section 5.35(f)(2), a national bank that is "well capitalized" and "well managed" may invest in a bank service company, or perform a new activity in an existing bank service company, by providing the appropriate OCC district office written notice within 10 days after the investment, if the bank service company engages only in the activities listed in section 5.34(e)(5)(v). The OCC will review after-the-fact notices to confirm the permissibility of the national bank's investment in the bank service company.

12 CFR 5.36(e)—Other equity investments—Non-controlling investments: A national bank may make a non-controlling investment, directly or through its operating subsidiary, in an enterprise that engages in the activities described in section 5.36(e)(2) by filing a written notice. The OCC will use the information provided in the notice to confirm that the national bank is well capitalized and well managed, and that the bank meets the requirements applicable to non-controlling investments.

12 CFR 5.39—Financial subsidiaries: A national must file a notice prior to acquiring a financial subsidiary or engaging in activities authorized pursuant to section 5136A(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 24a) through a financial subsidiary. A national bank that intends, directly or indirectly, to acquire control of, or hold an interest in, a financial subsidiary, or to commence a new activity in an existing financial subsidiary, must obtain OCC approval through the procedures set forth in sections 5.39(i)(1) and (2). The OCC will review this information to ensure that a proposal satisfies applicable statutory criteria.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 587.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 587.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 587 burden hours.

OCC Contact: Jessie Dunaway, Clearance Officer, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Attention: 1557-0215, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20219.

OMB Desk Officer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7340, Paperwork Reduction Project 1557-0215, Office of

Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments: The Agencies have a continuing interest in the public's opinion regarding collections of information. Members of the public may submit comments regarding any aspect of these collections of information.

Dated: November 13, 2000.

Stuart Feldstein,

Assistant Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Fee Schedule for the Transfer of U.S. Treasury Book-Entry Securities Held on the National Book-Entry System

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury is announcing a new fee schedule for the transfer of book-entry securities maintained on the National Book-Entry System (NBES). This fee schedule will take effect on January 2, 2001. Based on the latest review of costs, the new basic fee for a Treasury book-entry security transfer will be reduced \$.02 for each transfer. Concurrent with Treasury's fee reduction, the Federal Reserve will be increasing the fee for the movement of funds by \$.02. These changes will result in the combined fee for a Treasury security transfer of \$.70. The combined fee is unchanged from CY 2000.

In addition to the basic fee, off-line transfers have a surcharge. The surcharge for an off-line Treasury book-entry transfer will be \$25.00, increasing \$7.00 or 39%.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 1, 1985, the Department of the Treasury established a fee structure for

the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities maintained on NBES.

Based on the latest review of book-entry costs and volumes, Treasury will decrease its basic fee and increase the off-line surcharge from the levels currently in effect. Beginning January 2, 2001, the basic fee will be \$.63 for each securities transfer and reversal sent and received, a 3% fee reduction per transfer. The current off-line surcharge of \$18.00 will increase to \$25.00, a 39% increase.

The basic transfer fee assessed to both sends and receives reflects stability of costs associated with the processing of

a security transfer. The increased off-line surcharge reflects the additional costs associated with the processing of off-line security transfers.

The Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstituting of Treasury securities, or for wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. The Treasury currently absorbs these costs and will continue to do so.

The fees described in this notice apply only to the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities held on NBES. The Federal Reserve System assesses a fee to recover the costs associated with the

processing of the funds component of Treasury book-entry transfer messages, as well as the costs of providing book-entry services for Government agencies on NBES. Information concerning book-entry transfers of government agency securities, which are priced by the Federal Reserve System, is set out in a separate **Federal Register** notice published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

The following is the Treasury fee schedule that will take effect on January 2, 2001, for the book-entry transfers on NBES:

TREASURY-NBES FEE SCHEDULE ¹ EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2001

[In Dollars]

Transfer type	Basic fee	Off-line surcharge	Funds ² movement fee	Total fee
On-line transfer originated .....	.63	.00	.07	.70
On-line transfer received .....	.63	.00	.07	.70
On-line reversal transfer originated .....	.63	.00	.07	.70
On-line reversal transfer received .....	.63	.00	.07	.70
Off-line transfer originated .....	.63	25.00	.07	25.70
Off-line transfer received .....	.63	25.00	.07	25.70
Off-line account switch received .....	.63	.00	.07	.70
Off-line reversal transfer originated .....	.63	25.00	.07	25.70
Off-line reversal transfer received .....	.63	25.00	.07	25.70

¹ The Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstituting of Treasury securities, or the wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. The Treasury currently absorbs these costs and will continue to do so.

² The funds movement fee is not a Treasury fee, but is charged by the Federal Reserve for the cost of moving funds associated with the transfer of a Treasury book-entry security.

Authority: 31 CFR 357.45

Dated: November 9, 2000.

Donald V. Hammond,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

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Lawrence Financial Holdings, Inc., Ironton, OH; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2000, the Director, Office of Examination and Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, or his designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Lawrence Federal Savings Bank, Ironton, Ohio, to

convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, and the Central Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 200 West Madison Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Dated: November 14, 2000.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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