

notice. If any person wishes to comment concerning the termination of the receivership, such comment must be made in writing and sent within thirty days of the date of this notice to: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Division of Resolutions and Receiverships, Attention: Receivership Oversight Department 34.6, 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, TX 75201.

No comments concerning the termination of this receivership will be considered which are not sent within this time frame.

Dated: October 11, 2017.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than November 1, 2017.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Nathan Halverson*, Mason City, Iowa; individually and as co-trustee of the Richard A. Halverson Disclaimer Trust, and as a group acting in concert with Kelli Halverson, Scottsdale, Arizona, and the Richard A. Halverson Disclaimer Trust, Mason City, Iowa, co-trustees Richard A. Halverson and Nathan Halverson, both of Mason City, Iowa; to join Richard A. Halverson as members of the Halverson Family Control Group; to retain voting shares of Farmers State Bancshares, Inc., Mason City, Iowa, and thereby indirectly retain shares of Farmers State Bank, Northwood, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 11, 2017.

Ann Misback,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 13, 2017.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Adam M. Drimer, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528.

Comments can also be sent electronically to or

Comments.applications@rich.frb.org:

1. *Howard Bancorp, Inc.*, Ellicott City, Maryland; to acquire voting shares of First Mariner Bank, Baltimore, Maryland.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 11, 2017.

Ann Misback,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act; Notice of Board Member Meeting; Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

Agenda

Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board Members' Meeting, October 23, 2017, 8:30 a.m. (In-Person).

Open Session

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 18, 2017 Board Members' Meeting
2. Investment Manager Annual Service Review
3. Monthly Reports
 - (a) Participant Activity Report
 - (b) Legislative Report
4. Quarterly Reports
 - (c) Investment Policy
 - (d) Budget Review
 - (e) Audit Status
5. Mid-Year Financial Audit
6. ORM Annual Report
7. OEP Annual Report/Survey
8. Blended Retirement Update
9. IT Update

Closed Session

Information covered under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B).

Adjourn

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kimberly Weaver, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: October 12, 2017.

Megan Grumbine,

General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") is seeking public comments on its request to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for a three-year extension of the current PRA clearance for the information collection requirements contained in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Privacy Rule (GLB Privacy Rule). That clearance expires on October 31, 2017.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may file a comment online or on paper by following the instructions in the Request for Comments part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Write "Privacy Rule: Paperwork Comment: FTC File No. P085405" on your comment, and file your comment online at <https://ftcpUBLIC.commentworks.com/ftc/glbfinancialrulepra2> by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580, or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW., 5th Floor, Suite 5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20024.

Comments on the information collection requirements subject to review under the PRA should additionally be submitted to OMB. If sent by U.S. mail, they should be addressed to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Trade Commission, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Comments sent to OMB by U.S. postal mail are subject to delays due to heightened security precautions. Thus, comments can also be sent via email to wliberante@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information requirements should be addressed to David Lincicum, Attorney, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Drop Box 8232, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: GLB Privacy Rule (officially titled Privacy of Consumer Financial Information Rule), 16 CFR part 313.

OMB Control Number: 3084-0121.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Privacy Rule is designed to ensure that customers and consumers, subject to certain exceptions, will have access to the privacy policies of the financial institutions with which they conduct business. As mandated by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), 15 U.S.C.

6801-6809, the Rule requires financial institutions to disclose to consumers: (1) Initial notice of the financial institution's privacy policy when establishing a customer relationship with a consumer and/or before sharing a consumer's non-public personal information with certain nonaffiliated third parties; (2) notice of the consumer's right to opt out of information sharing with such parties; (3) annual notice of the institution's privacy policy to any continuing customer;¹ and (4) notice of changes in the institution's practices on information sharing. These requirements are subject to the PRA. The Rule does not require recordkeeping. For PRA burden calculations the FTC has attributed to itself the burden for all motor vehicle dealers that do not routinely extend credit to consumers directly without assigning the credit to unaffiliated third parties (hereafter, motor vehicle dealers), and then shares equally the remaining PRA burden with the CFPB for other types of financial institutions over which both agencies have enforcement authority. See 12 U.S.C. 5519.

On July 7, 2017, the Commission sought comment on the Rule's information collection requirements.² The Commission did not receive any germane comments. As required by OMB regulations, 5 CFR 1320, the FTC is providing this second opportunity for public comment.

Privacy Rule Burden Statement

Estimated annual hours burden: 1,725,600 annual hours (FTC portion).

As noted in previous burden estimates for the Privacy Rule, determining the PRA burden of the Rule's disclosure requirements is very difficult because of the highly diverse group of affected entities, consisting of financial institutions not regulated by a

¹ On December 4, 2015, Congress amended the GLBA as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). This amendment, titled Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion (FAST Act, Pub. L. 114094, section 75001) added new GLBA section 503(f). This subsection provides an exception under which financial institutions that meet certain conditions are not required to provide annual privacy notices to customers. Section 503(f) requires that to qualify for this exception, a financial institution must not share nonpublic personal information about customers except as described in certain statutory exceptions, under which sharing does not trigger a customer's statutory right to opt out of the sharing. In addition, section 503(f)(2) requires that the financial institution must not have changed its policies and practices with regard to disclosing nonpublic personal information from those that the institution disclosed in the most recent privacy notice the customer received.

² See FR 31604 (60-Day Federal Register Notice).

Federal financial regulatory agency. See 15 U.S.C. 6805 (committing to the Commission's jurisdiction entities that are not specifically subject to another agency's jurisdiction).

The burden estimates represent the FTC staff's best assessment, based on its knowledge and expertise relating to the financial institutions subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under this law. To derive these estimates, staff considered the wide variations in covered entities. In some instances, covered entities may make the required disclosures in the ordinary course of business, apart from the Privacy Rule. In addition, some entities may use highly automated means to provide the required disclosures, while others may rely on methods requiring more manual effort. The burden estimates shown below include the time that may be necessary to train staff to comply with the regulations. These figures are averages based on staff's best estimate of the burden incurred over the broad spectrum of covered entities.

Staff estimates that the number of entities each year that will address the Privacy Rule for the first time will be 5,000 and the number of established entities already familiar with the Rule will be 100,000. While the number of established entities familiar with the Rule would theoretically increase each year with the addition of new entrants, staff retains its estimate of established entities for each successive year given that a number of the established entities will close in any given year, and also given the difficulty of establishing a more precise estimate.

Staff believes that the usage of the model privacy form and the availability of the form builder simplify and automate much of the work associated with creating the disclosure documents for new entrants. Staff thus estimates 1 hour of clerical time and 2 hours of professional/technical time per new entrant.

For established entities, staff similarly believes that the usage of the model privacy form and the availability of the Online Form Builder reduces the time associated with the modification of the notices. Staff thus estimates 7 hours of clerical time and 3 hours of professional/technical time per respondent. Staff estimates that no more than 1% of the estimated 100,000 established-entity respondents would make additional changes to privacy policies at any time other than the occasion of the annual notice. Furthermore, under Section 503(f), businesses who have not changed their privacy notice since the last notice sent and who do not share information with

non-affiliated third parties outside of certain statutory exceptions do not have to issue annual notices to their customers. Staff estimates that at least

80% of businesses covered by the rule will, accordingly, not be required to issue annual notices.

The complete burden estimates for new entrants and established entities are detailed in the charts below.

START-UP HOURS AND LABOR COSTS FOR ALL NEW ENTRANTS (TABLE IA)

Event	Hourly wage and labor category *	Hours per respondent	Approximate number of respondents	Approximate total annual hours	Approximate total labor costs
Reviewing internal policies and developing GLB Act-implementing instructions**.	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	20	5,000	100,000	\$4,276,000
Creating disclosure document or electronic disclosure (including initial, annual, and opt-out disclosures).	\$17.91 Clerical	1	5,000	5,000	89,550
	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	2	5,000	10,000	427,600
Disseminating initial disclosure (including opt-out notices).	\$17.91 Clerical	15	5,000	75,000	1,343,250
	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	10	5,000	50,000	2,138,000
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	240,000	8,274,400

* Staff calculated labor costs by applying appropriate hourly cost figures to burden hours. The hourly rates used were based on mean wages for Financial Examiners and for Office and Administrative Support, corresponding to professional/technical time (e.g., compliance evaluation and/or planning, designing and producing notices, reviewing and updating information systems), and clerical time (e.g., reproduction tasks, filing, and, where applicable to the given event, typing or mailing) respectively. See BLS Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2016, Table 1 at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ocwage.pdf>. Labor cost totals reflect solely that of the commercial entities affected. Staff estimates that the time required of consumers to respond affirmatively to respondents' opt-out programs (be it manually or electronically) would be minimal.

** Reviewing instructions includes all efforts performed by or for the respondent to: Determine whether and to what extent the respondent is covered by an agency collection of information, understand the nature of the request, and determine the appropriate response (including the creation and dissemination of documents and/or electronic disclosures).

Burden for established entities already familiar with the Rule predictably would be less than for

startup entities because start-up costs, such as crafting a privacy policy, are generally one-time costs and have

already been incurred. Staff's best estimate of the average burden for these entities is as follows:

BURDEN HOURS AND COSTS FOR ALL ESTABLISHED ENTITIES (TABLE IB)

Event	Hourly wage and labor category *	Hours per respondent	Approximate number of respondents **	Approximate total annual hrs.	Approximate total labor costs
Reviewing GLB Act-implementing policies and practices.	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	4	100,000	400,000	\$17,104,000
Disseminating initial notices to new customers.	\$17.91 Clerical	15	100,000	1,500,000	26,865,000
Disseminating annual disclosure to pre-existing customers.	\$17.91 Clerical	15	14,000	210,000	3,761,100
	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	5	14,000	70,000	2,993,200
Changes to privacy policies and related disclosures.	\$17.91 Clerical	7	1,000	7,000	125,370
	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	3	1,000	3,000	128,280
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	2,190,000	50,976,950

* Staff calculated labor costs by applying appropriate hourly cost figures to burden hours. The hourly rates used were based on mean wages for Financial Examiners and for Office and Administrative Support, corresponding to professional/technical time (e.g., compliance evaluation and/or planning, designing and producing notices, reviewing and updating information systems), and clerical time (e.g., reproduction tasks, filing, and, where applicable to the given event, typing or mailing) respectively. See BLS Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2016, Table 1 at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ocwage.pdf>. Labor cost totals reflect solely that of the affected commercial entities. Consumers have a continuing right to opt out, as well as a right to revoke their opt-out at any time. When a respondent changes its information sharing practices, consumers are again given the opportunity to opt out. Again, staff assumes that the time required of consumers to respond affirmatively to respondents' opt-out programs (be it manually or electronically) would be minimal.

** The estimate of respondents which are required to disseminate annual notices is based on the following assumptions: (1) 100,000 established respondents, approximately 70% of whom maintain customer relationships exceeding one year, (2) no more than 20% (14,000) of whom have made changes to their policies and share nonpublic information outside of the statutory exceptions, and therefore are required to provide annual notices under GLBA 503(f). See CFPB, Proposed Rule, 81 FR 44801, 44809 (July 11, 2016); (3) and no more than 1% (1,000) of whom make additional changes to privacy policies at any time other than the occasion of the annual notice; and (4) such changes will occur no more often than once per year.

As calculated above, the total annual PRA burden hours and labor costs for all affected entities in a given year would

be 2,430,000 hours and \$59,251,350, respectively.

The FTC now carves out from these overall figures the burden hours and labor costs associated with motor

vehicle dealers. This is because the CFPB does not enforce the Privacy Rule for those types of entities. We estimate the following:

ANNUAL START-UP HOURS AND LABOR COSTS FOR NEW MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER ENTRANTS ONLY (TABLE IIA)

Event	Hourly wage and labor category	Hours per respondent	Approximate number of respondents (Table IA inputs × 0.57)**	Approximate total annual hrs.	Approximate total labor costs
Reviewing internal policies and developing GLB Act-implementing instructions**.	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	20	2,100	42,000	\$21,795,920
Creating disclosure document or electronic disclosure (including initial, annual, and opt -out disclosures).	\$17.91 Clerical	1	2,100	2,100	37,611
	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	2	2,100	4,200	179,592
Disseminating initial disclosure (including opt-out notices).	\$17.91 Clerical	15	2,100	31,500	564,165
	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	10	2,100	21,000	897,960
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	100,800	3,475,248

** Multiply the number of respondents from the comparable table above on all new entrants by the following allocation (43,708/105,000) = 0.42. The number in the denominator represents the total of the FTC’s existing Privacy Rule estimates for new entrants (5,000) and established entities (100,000). The numerator represents an estimate of motor vehicle respondents. For this category, Commission staff relied on the following industry estimates: 16,708 new car dealers per *National Automobile Dealers Association* data (2016) and 12,000 independent/used car dealers who do not extend credit directly to consumers without routinely assigning the credit to third-parties per *National Independent Automobile Dealers Association* data (2012), respectively, in addition to 15,000 dealers of other motor vehicles (motorcycles, boats, other recreational vehicles) per the 2012 economic census, which are also covered within the definition of “motor vehicle dealer” under section 1029(a) of the Dodd-Frank Act.

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS AND LABOR COSTS FOR ESTABLISHED MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS ONLY (TABLE IIB)

Event	Hourly wage and labor category *	Hours per respondent	Approximate number of respondents** (Table IB inputs × 0.57)	Approximate total annual hrs.	Approximate total labor costs
Reviewing GLB Act-implementing policies and practices.	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	4	42,000	168,600	\$7,209,336
Disseminating initial notices to new customers.	\$17.91 Clerical	15	42,000	630,000	11,283,300
Disseminating annual disclosure	\$17.91 Clerical	15	5,880	88,200	1,579,662
	\$42.76 Professional/Technical	5	5,880	29,400	1,257,144
Changes to privacy policies and related disclosures.	\$17.91 Clerical	7	420	2,940	52,655
	\$42.76 Professional/Technical.	3	420	1,260	53,878
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	920,400	21,435,975

The FTC’s portion of the annual hourly burden would be 1,021,200 + ((2,430,000 – 1,021,200)/2) = 1,725,600 annual hours. The FTC’s portion of the annual cost burden would be \$24,911,223 + \$((59,251,350 – 24,911,223)/2) = \$42,081,287.

Estimated Capital/Other Non-Labor Costs Burden

Staff believes that capital or other non-labor costs associated with the document requests are minimal. Covered entities will already be equipped to provide written notices (e.g., computers with word processing programs, copying machines, mailing capabilities). Most likely, only entities that already have online capabilities will offer consumers the choice to receive notices via electronic format. As such, these entities will already be equipped with the computer equipment and software necessary to disseminate

the required disclosures via electronic means.

Request for Comment

You can file a comment online or on paper. For the FTC to consider your comment, we must receive it on or before November 15, 2017. Write “Privacy Rule: Paperwork Comment: FTC File No. P085405” on your comment. Your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including, to the extent practicable, on the public Commission Web site, at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtm>. As a matter of discretion, the Commission tries to remove individuals’ home contact information from comments before placing them on the Commission Web site.

Postal mail addressed to the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security screening. As a

result, we encourage you to submit your comments online, or to send them to the Commission by courier or overnight service. To make sure that the Commission considers your online comment, you must file it at <https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/glbfinancialrulepra2> by following the instructions on the web-based form. When this Notice appears at <http://www.regulations.gov>, you also may file a comment through that Web site.

If you file your comment on paper, write “Privacy Rule: Paperwork Comment: FTC File No. P085405” on your comment and on the envelope, and mail it to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite CC–5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580, or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW., 5th Floor, Suite 5610,

Washington, DC 20024. If possible, submit your paper comment to the Commission by courier or overnight service.

Comments on the information collection requirements subject to review under the PRA should additionally be submitted to OMB. If sent by U.S. mail, they should be addressed to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Trade Commission, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Comments sent to OMB by U.S. postal mail are subject to delays due to heightened security precautions. Thus, comments can also be sent via email to wliberante@omb.eop.gov.

Because your comment will be placed on the publicly accessible FTC Web site at <https://www.ftc.gov/>, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, your comment should not include any sensitive personal information, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number; date of birth; driver's license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any "trade secret or any commercial or financial information which . . . is privileged or confidential"—as provided by Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2)—including in particular competitively sensitive information such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns, devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled "Confidential," and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c). In particular, the written request for confidential treatment that accompanies the comment must include the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. See FTC Rule 4.9(c). Your comment will be kept confidential only if the General Counsel grants your request in accordance with the law and the public interest. Once your comment

has been posted on the public FTC Web site—as legally required by FTC Rule 4.9(b)—we cannot redact or remove your comment from the FTC Web site, unless you submit a confidentiality request that meets the requirements for such treatment under FTC Rule 4.9(c), and the General Counsel grants that request.

The FTC Act and other laws that the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives on or before November 15, 2017. For information on the Commission's privacy policy, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, see <https://www.ftc.gov/site-information/privacy-policy>.

Christian S. White,
Acting General Counsel.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission").

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The information collection requirements described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The FTC seeks public comments on its proposal to extend, for three years, the current PRA clearance for information collection requirements contained in its Trade Regulation Rule entitled Power Output Claims for Amplifiers Utilized in Home Entertainment Products (Amplifier Rule or Rule) (OMB Control Number 3084-0105). That clearance expires on January 31, 2018.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by December 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may file a comment online or on paper by following the instructions in the Request for Comments part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Write "Amplifier Rule: FTC File No. P974222" on your comment, and file your comment online at <https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/amplifierrulepra1> by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on

paper, mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580, or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW., 5th Floor, Suite 5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be addressed to Jock K. Chung, Attorney, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Mail Code CC-9528, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" means agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. 44 U.S.C. 3502(3); 5 CFR 1320.3(c). As required by section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the FTC is providing this opportunity for public comment before requesting that OMB extend the existing clearance for the information collection requirements contained in the Commission's Amplifier Rule, 16 CFR part 432 (OMB Control Number 3084-0105). The FTC invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The Amplifier Rule assists consumers by standardizing the measurement and disclosure of power output and other performance characteristics of amplifiers in stereos and other home entertainment equipment. The Rule also specifies the test conditions necessary to make the disclosures that the Rule requires.