

**Supporting Statement for the  
Request for Extension of Time to Dispose of Assets  
Acquired in Satisfaction of Debts Previously Contracted  
(FR 4006; OMB No. 7100-0129)**

**Summary**

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, under delegated authority from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), proposes to extend for three years, without revision, the Request for Extension of Time to Dispose of Assets Acquired in Satisfaction of Debts Previously Contracted (FR 4006; OMB No. 7100-0129). A bank holding company that acquired voting securities or assets through foreclosure in the ordinary course of collecting a debt previously contracted may not retain ownership of those shares or assets for more than two years without prior Federal Reserve approval. There is no formal reporting form, and each request for extension must be filed at the appropriate Reserve Bank of the bank holding company. The Federal Reserve uses the information provided in the request to fulfill its statutory obligation to supervise bank holding companies. The annual burden for the FR 4006 is estimated to be 180 hours.

**Background and Justification**

Under section 4(c)(2) of the Bank Holding Company Act and section 225.22(d)(1) of Regulation Y, a bank holding company is not required to seek prior Federal Reserve approval before acquiring voting securities or assets, acquired by foreclosure or otherwise, in the ordinary course of collecting a debt previously contracted (“DPC property”), if the DPC property is divested within two years of acquisition. However, the two-year period may be extended by the Federal Reserve for up to three additional years and for up to five additional years (for a total of ten years) in the case of certain types of DPC property. The Bank Holding Company Act and Regulation Y specify the standards that should be considered in granting extensions for different types of DPC property. A request for extension must be filed in letter form at the appropriate Reserve Bank. The Federal Reserve System uses the information in a request to determine if the proposed extension is consistent with prudential supervisory and financial standards, as well as the public interest.

**Description of the Information Collection**

The request for extension only applies to a bank holding company that is unable to divest a specific DPC property within two years of initial acquisition. The bank holding company’s letter to the Reserve Bank must describe the efforts made, to date, to effect divestiture (including reasons for any delay in the pace of divestiture) and include financial and descriptive data with respect to assets as well as the sales price of any related divested assets. Generally, extensions are requested for a period of one year, although in appropriate circumstances the Federal Reserve may grant an extension request of longer than one year. In determining whether to approve a request, the Federal Reserve takes into consideration whether the bank holding company has made a good faith effort to dispose of the property, the value of the property relative to the organization’s capital, the effect that selling or retaining the property would have on the financial condition of the bank holding company (and any affected subsidiary), and the bank holding company’s supervisory record. The information collected serves to identify potentially unsound situations and to encourage timely compliance with

the divestiture requirement contained in the statute and regulation. The Federal Reserve monitors the bank holding company's efforts to effect an orderly divestiture and may require divestiture before the end of the approved period if supervisory concerns warrant such action.

### **Time Schedule for Information Collection**

This information collection is event generated. The first request for extension must be filed by a bank holding company before the second anniversary of the date that the specific DPC property was originally acquired. Subsequent requests for extension must be filed before expiration of the previously authorized holding period. Most requests are filed annually. The Federal Reserve responds to extension requests in writing in a timely manner.

### **Legal Status**

The Board's Legal Division has determined that section 4(c)(2) of the Bank Holding Company Act [12 U.S.C. § 1843(c)(2)] authorizes the Board to require a request for extension. The information is required to obtain a benefit, that is, authorization to hold DPC shares or assets beyond the two-year permissible holding period. The Board has established a procedure for requesting an extension in its Regulation Y [12 C.F.R. § 225.22(d)(1)(ii)]. Bank holding companies may request confidential treatment for information contained in the request. The Board, in turn, may grant confidential treatment upon a showing by the individual company that such information should be held confidential.

### **Consultation Outside the Agency**

On May 8, 2007, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 26116) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension of the FR 4006. The comment period for this notice expired on July 9, 2007. No comments were received. On July 18, 2007, the Federal Reserve published a final notice in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 39429) for the FR 4006.

### **Estimate of Respondent Burden**

Based upon prior experience and review, the respondent burden for this extension request is estimated to average five hours per submission. The respondent burden varies depending upon the complexity of the individual situation. The Federal Reserve received 36 requests for extension in 2006. The total respondent burden for the FR 4006 is estimated to be 180 hours annually, as presented in the following table. This extension request represents less than 1 percent of total Federal Reserve System reporting burden.

	<i>Number of respondents</i>	<i>Estimated annual frequency</i>	<i>Estimated average hours per response</i>	<i>Estimated annual burden hours</i>
FR 4006	36	1	5	180

The total cost to the public is estimated to be \$11,097.<sup>1</sup>

### **Sensitive Questions**

This collection of information contains no questions of a sensitive nature, as defined by OMB guidelines.

### **Estimate of Cost to the Federal Reserve System**

Costs associated with the processing of this extension request are minimal. Storage of the reported information is not automated. Because there is no standard reporting form, there are no printing or distribution costs.

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<sup>1</sup> Total cost to the public was estimated using the following formula. Percent of staff time, multiplied by annual burden hours, multiplied by hourly rate: 30% - Clerical @ \$25, 45% - Managerial or Technical @ \$55, 15% - Senior Management @ \$100, and 10% - Legal Counsel @ \$144. Hourly rate estimates for each occupational group are averages using data from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, *Occupational Employment and Wages*, news release.