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### Synopsis of the Public Notice

On September 11, 2007, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) launched the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS), a voluntary, efficient, Web-based system that communications companies, including wireless, wireline, broadcast and cable providers, can use to report communications infrastructure status and situational awareness information during times of crisis. In the event of a DIRS activation, participating communications providers that serve areas affected by a disaster voluntarily submit information regarding, *inter alia*, the status of their communications equipment, restoration efforts, power (*i.e.*, whether they are using commercial power, generator or battery), and access to fuel. The Commission then compiles this data into reports which it shares with the National Communications System (NCS) in support of NCS's role as the primary agency for Emergency Support Function-2 (ESF-2) (Communications) of the National Response Framework. Because the information that communications companies input into DIRS is sensitive, for national security and/or commercial reasons, DIRS filings are non-public, and are considered presumptively confidential upon filing.

DIRS has had its initial activations during this 2008 hurricane season, first in response to Tropical Storm Fay, and then in response to Hurricane Gustav. In both cases, the information collected by DIRS was of significant value. It has become evident that sharing the data with other Federal government agencies involved in ESF-2 functions directly would enhance the value of DIRS by streamlining the reporting process and facilitating the accurate assessment of any damage to carrier infrastructure and the rapid restoration of that infrastructure. Accordingly, in future DIRS activations, the FCC will share DIRS data with NCS as well as with other Federal agencies authorized to participate in ESF-2 activities. The distribution of DIRS data to Federal agencies involved in ESF-2 does not alter the presumptively confidential nature of DIRS filings. DIRS data will

remain non-public, and any Federal agency to which DIRS data is distributed must, under Federal law, respect the confidential nature of DIRS filings. See 44 U.S.C. 3510. The Commission's decision to enhance the value of DIRS by expanding its reach to all Federal government agencies on the ESF-2 team is a further example of the Commission's commitment to promoting the safety of life and property through the use of wire and radio communication, as required by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, as well as to ensuring the continued effectiveness of ESF-2 and the National Response Framework.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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

#### SUMMARY:

#### Background

Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information collection 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 Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, 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:

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### Final Approval Under OMB Delegated Authority of the Extension for Three Years, Without Revision, of the Following Report

*Report title:* The Recordkeeping and Disclosure Requirements in Connection with Regulation M (Consumer Leasing).

*Agency form number:* Reg M.

*OMB control number:* 7100-0202.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Reporters:* Consumer lessors.

*Annual reporting hours:* Disclosures, 533 hours; and advertising, 40 hours.

*Estimated average hours per response:* Disclosures, 6.5 minutes; and advertising, 25 minutes.

*Number of respondents:* 24.

*General description of report:* This information collection is mandatory (sections 105(a) and 187 of TILA (15 U.S.C. 1604(a) and 1667f)) and is not given confidential treatment.

*Abstract:* The Consumer Leasing Act and Regulation M are intended to provide consumers with meaningful disclosures about the costs and terms of leases for personal property. The disclosures enable consumers to compare the terms for a particular lease with those for other leases and, when appropriate, to compare lease terms with those for credit transactions. The act and regulation also contain rules about advertising consumer leases and limit the size of balloon payments in consumer lease transactions. The information collection pursuant to Regulation M is triggered by specific events. All disclosures must be provided to the lessee prior to the consummation of the lease and when the availability of consumer leases on particular terms is advertised.

*Current actions:* On July 14, 2008, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 40349) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of this information collection. The comment period for this notice expired on September 12, 2008. The Federal Reserve did not receive any comments.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Dated: September 24, 2008.

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Secretary of the Board.

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