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By the direction of the Commission.  
Dated: September 13, 2019.

**Reuben Daniels,**

*Acting Chief Operating Officer.*

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**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 1:49 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters related to the Corporation’s supervision, corporate, and resolution activities.

**PLACE:** The meeting was held in the Board Room located on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** The meeting was closed to the public.

**MATTERS CONSIDERED:** In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Martin J. Gruenberg, seconded by Director Joseph M. Otting (Comptroller of the Currency), and concurred in by Kathleen L. Kraninger (Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) and Chairman Jelena McWilliams, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters which were to be the subject of this meeting on less than seven days’ notice

to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B) and (c)(10) of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B) and (c)(10).

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at 202-898-7043.

Dated at Washington, DC, on September 17, 2019.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request (OMB No. 3064-0046; -0113; -0169; -0174; and -0191)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Agency information collection activities: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The FDIC, as part of its obligations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the renewal of the existing information collections described below. On July 12, 2019, the FDIC requested comment for 60 days on a proposal to renew these information collections. No comments were received. The FDIC hereby gives notice of its plan to submit to OMB a request to approve the renewal of these information collections, and again invites comment on their renewal.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 21, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the FDIC by any of the following methods:

- <https://www.FDIC.gov/regulations/laws/federal>.
- *Email:* [comments@fdic.gov](mailto:comments@fdic.gov). Include the name and number of the collection in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Manny Cabeza (202-898-3767), Regulatory Counsel, MB-3128, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All comments should refer to the relevant OMB control number. A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Manny Cabeza, Regulatory Counsel, 202-898-3767, [mcabeza@fdic.gov](mailto:mcabeza@fdic.gov), MB-3128, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 12, 2019, the FDIC requested comment for 60 days on a proposal to renew the information collections described below. No comments were received. The FDIC hereby gives notice of its plan to submit to OMB a request to approve the renewal of these collection, and again invites <sup>1</sup> comment on their renewal.

**Proposal To Renew the Following Currently Approved Collections of Information**

1. *Title:* Home Mortgage Disclosure (HMDA).

*OMB Control Number:* 3064-0046.

*Form Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Insured state nonmember banks.

*Burden Estimate:*

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN**

Information collection (IC) description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses	Estimated time per response (minutes)	Frequency of response	Total estimated annual burden (hours)
<b>Full Data Set</b>							
Home Mortgage Disclosure .....	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	650	1,400	5	On Occasion .....	75,833
	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	650	1,400	5	On Occasion .....	75,833

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN—Continued

Information collection (IC) description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses	Estimated time per response (minutes)	Frequency of response	Total estimated annual burden (hours)	
<b>Partial Data Set</b>								
Home Mortgage Disclosure .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	1,200	200	2.5	On Occasion .....	10,000	
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	1,200	200	2.5	On Occasion .....	10,000	
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours ..								<sup>2</sup> 171,667

*General Description of Collection:* The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System promulgated Regulation C, 12 CFR part 203, to implement the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), 12 U.S.C. 2801–2810. Regulation C requires depository institutions that meet its asset-size threshold to maintain data about home loan applications (the type of loan requested, the purpose of the loan, whether the loan was approved, and the type of purchaser if the loan was later sold), to update the information quarterly, and to report the information annually. The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and Regulation C now come under the authority of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

Pursuant to Regulation C, insured state-nonmember banks supervised by the FDIC with assets over a certain dollar threshold must collect, record, and report data about home loan applications.<sup>3</sup> For 2017 transactions,

1,865 FDIC-supervised institutions reported under HMDA; 1,217 of these institutions were small entities.<sup>4,5</sup> For transactions beginning in 2018, the set of data fields to be reported under HMDA was expanded. Institutions that meet certain criteria are partially exempt from reporting certain data fields.<sup>6</sup> To estimate the number of Full and Partial filers for 2018, subject matter experts (SMEs) in the Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) examined 2016 and 2017 data collected under HMDA, as well as preliminary data for 2018. Results from this analysis indicate that for 2018 data, there were roughly 650 and 1,200 respondents to the Full and Partial reporting requirements of this information collection, respectively. The frequency of responses was estimated by taking the total number of Full and Partial disclosure filings and dividing that number by the number of respondents.<sup>7</sup>

The frequency of response is ‘on occasion’, which remains unchanged from the 2016 ICR.<sup>8</sup> Due to an increase in the number of required items, the estimated time per response for the Full Data loan disclosure form will increase from 5 minutes to 10 minutes. The estimated time per response for the Partial Data loan disclosure form will remain unchanged at 5 minutes. For both the Full and Partial loan disclosure, the estimated burden is divided equally among reporting and recordkeeping.

2. *Title:* External Audits.

*OMB Control Number:* 3064–0113.

*Form Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* All insured financial institutions with total assets of \$500 million or more and other insured financial institutions with total assets of less than \$500 million that voluntarily choose to comply.

*Burden Estimate:*

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN

Information collection (IC) description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses	Estimated time per response (hours)	Frequency of response	Total estimated annual burden (hours)	
<b>FDIC Supervised Institutions with \$10 Billion or More in Total Assets</b>								
Annual Report .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	28	1	150	Annually .....	4,200	
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	28	1	150	Annually .....	4,200	
Audit Committee Composition .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	28	1	3	Annually .....	84	
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	28	1	3	Annually .....	84	
Filing of Other Reports .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	28	1	.125	Annually .....	3.5	
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	28	1	.125	Annually .....	3.5	
Notice of Change in Accountants .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	7	1	.25	Annually .....	1.75	
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	7	1	.25	Annually .....	1.75	
<i>FDIC Supervised Institutions with \$10 Billion or More in Total Assets.</i>								8,578.5

<sup>2</sup> The one-hour difference in the Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours is due to rounding.

<sup>3</sup> Regulation C, 12 CFR part 1003, Home Mortgage Disclosure, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2018-title12-vol8/pdf/CFR-2018-title12-vol8-part1003-appA.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> The SBA defines a small banking organization as having \$550 million or less in assets, where “a financial institution’s assets are determined by averaging the assets reported on its four quarterly financial statements for the preceding year.” See 13 CFR 121.201 (as amended, effective December 2,

2014). “SBA counts the receipts, employees, or other measure of size of the concern whose size is at issue and all of its domestic and foreign affiliates.” See 13 CFR 121.103. Following these regulations, the FDIC uses a covered entity’s affiliated and acquired assets, averaged over the preceding four quarters, to determine whether the covered entity is “small” for the purposes of RFA.

<sup>5</sup> Call Report, December 31, 2017.

<sup>6</sup> Interpretive and Procedural Rule, Partial Exemptions from the Requirements of the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act under the Economic

Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (Regulation C), 83 FR 45325 <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/09/07/2018-19244/partial-exemptions-from-the-requirements-of-the-home-mortgage-disclosure-act-under-the-economic>.

<sup>7</sup> 910,000 Full Data disclosures ÷ 650 respondents = 1,400 disclosures per respondent.

240,000 Partial Data disclosures ÷ 1,200 respondents = 200 disclosures per respondent.

<sup>8</sup> See [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=20151203064-006](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=20151203064-006).

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN—Continued

Information collection (IC) description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses	Estimated time per response (hours)	Frequency of response	Total estimated annual burden (hours)
<b>FDIC Supervised Institutions with \$3 Billion to \$10 Billion in Total Assets</b>							
Annual Report .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	98	1	125	Annually .....	12,250
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	98	1	125	Annually .....	12,250
Audit Committee Composition .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	98	1	3	Annually .....	294
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	98	1	3	Annually .....	294
Filing of Other Reports .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	98	1	.125	Annually .....	12.25
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	98	1	.125	Annually .....	12.25
Notice of Change in Accountants .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	25	1	.25	Annually .....	6.25
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	25	1	.25	Annually .....	6.25
<i>FDIC Supervised Institutions with \$3 Billion to \$10 Billion in Total Assets.</i>							25,125
<b>FDIC Supervised Institutions with \$1 Billion to \$3 Billion in Total Assets</b>							
Annual Report .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	225	1	100	Annually .....	22,500
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	225	1	100	Annually .....	22,500
Audit Committee Composition .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	225	1	2	Annually .....	450
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	225	1	2	Annually .....	450
Filing of Other Reports .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	225	1	.125	Annually .....	28.125
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	225	1	.125	Annually .....	28.125
Notice of Change in Accountants .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	56	1	.25	Annually .....	14
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	56	1	.25	Annually .....	14
<i>FDIC Supervised Institutions with \$1 Billion to \$3 Billion in Total Assets.</i>							45,984.25
<b>FDIC Supervised Institutions with \$500 Million to \$1 Billion in Total Assets</b>							
Annual Report .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	401	1	12.5	Annually .....	5,012.5
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	401	1	12.5	Annually .....	5,012.5
Audit Committee Composition .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	401	1	1	Annually .....	401
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	401	1	1	Annually .....	401
Filing of Other Reports .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	401	1	.125	Annually .....	50.125
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	401	1	.125	Annually .....	50.125
Notice of Change in Accountants .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	100	1	.25	Annually .....	25
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	100	1	.25	Annually .....	25
<i>FDIC Supervised Institutions with \$500 Million to \$1 Billion in Total Assets.</i>							10,977.25
<b>FDIC Supervised Institutions with Less Than \$500 Million in Total Assets</b>							
Filing of Other Reports .....	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	3,291	1	.25	Annually .....	822.75
	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	3,291	2	.25	Annually .....	1,645.5
<i>FDIC Supervised Institutions with \$500 Million to \$1 Billion in Total Assets.</i>							2,468.25
<b>Total Estimated Annual Burden .....</b>							<b>93,133.25</b>

*General Description of Collection:* FDIC's regulations at 12 CFR part 363 establish annual independent audit and reporting requirements for financial institutions with total assets of \$500 million or more. The requirements include the submission of an annual report on their financial statements,

recordkeeping about management deliberations regarding external auditing and reports about changes in auditors. The information collected is used to facilitate early identification of problems in financial management at financial institutions.

3. *Title:* Qualifications for Failed Bank Acquisitions.

*OMB Control Number:* 3064-0169.

*Form Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Insured state nonmember banks and state savings associations.

*Burden Estimate:*

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN

Information collection (IC) description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses	Estimated time per response (hours)	Frequency of response	Total estimated annual burden (hours)
Section D—Investor Reports on Affiliates .....	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	3	12	2	On Occasion .....	72
Section E—Maintenance of Business Books and Records.	Recordkeeping ...	Mandatory .....	3	4	2	On Occasion .....	24

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN—Continued

Information collection (IC) description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses	Estimated time per response (hours)	Frequency of response	Total estimated annual burden (hours)
Section I—Disclosures Regarding Investors and Entities in Ownership Chain.	Reporting .....	Mandatory .....	3	4	4	On Occasion .....	48
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	144

*General Description of Collection:* The FDIC’s policy statement on Qualifications for Failed Bank Acquisitions provides guidance to private capital investors interested in acquiring or investing in failed insured depository institutions regarding the terms and conditions for such investments or acquisitions. The information collected pursuant to the policy statement allows the FDIC to evaluate, among other things, whether such investors (and their related interests) could negatively impact the Deposit Insurance Fund, increase resolution costs, or operate in a manner that conflict with statutory safety and

soundness principles and compliance requirements. There were eight (8) bank failures in 2015, five (5) failures in 2016, eight (8) failures in 2017, and zero bank failures in 2018 and one in the first eight months of 2019. This is an average of fewer than 5 bank failures per year. Based on this recent data, the declining trend in failures, and the improvement in bank financial conditions, the FDIC believes that it is appropriate to reduce the expected number of respondents for Sections D and I from 10 per year to 3 while keeping the expected number of respondents at 3 per year for Section E. The estimated total number of hours per respondent, per year will remain

unchanged at 48 hours. The 48 hours is comprised of 12 monthly reports of two hours each for Section D, four quarterly reports of two hours each for Section E, and four quarterly reports of four hours each for Section I. Thus the total estimated annual burden for the ICR is 144 hours as reflected in the table above. This represents a reduction of 280 hours from the 2016 estimate of 424 hours.  
 4. *Title:* Funding and Liquidity Risk Management.  
*OMB Control Number:* 3064–0174.  
*Form Number:* None.  
*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.  
*Burden Estimate:*

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN

Information collection (IC) description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses	Estimated time per response (hours)	Frequency of response	Total estimated annual burden (hours)
Par. 14—Strategies, Policies, Procedures and Risk Tolerances.	Recordkeeping ...	Voluntary .....	3,483	1	96	On Occasion .....	334,368
Par. 20—Liquidity Risk Management, Measurement, Monitoring and Reporting.	Reporting .....	Voluntary .....	3,483	12	4	On Occasion .....	167,184
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	501,552

*General Description of Collection:* The information collection includes reporting and recordkeeping requirements related to sound risk management principles applicable to insured depository institutions. To enable an institution and its supervisor to evaluate the liquidity risk exposure of an institution’s individual business lines and for the institution as a whole, the Interagency Policy Statement on Funding and Liquidity Risk Management (Interagency Statement) summarizes principles of sound

liquidity risk management and advocates the establishment of policies and procedures that consider liquidity costs, benefits, and risks in strategic planning. In addition, the Interagency Statement encourages the use of liquidity risk reports that provide detailed and aggregate information on items such as cash flow gaps, cash flow projections, assumptions used in cash flow projections, asset and funding concentrations, funding availability, and early warning or risk indicators. This is intended to enable management to

assess an institution’s sensitivity to changes in market conditions, the institution’s financial performance, and other important risk factors.  
 5. *Title:* Interagency Guidance on Leveraged Lending.  
*OMB Control Number:* 3064–0191.  
*Form Number:* None.  
*Affected Public:* Insured state nonmember banks and savings associations.  
*Burden Estimate:*

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN

Information collection (IC) description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses	Estimated time per response (hours)	Frequency of response	Total estimated annual burden (hours)
Interagency Guidance on Leveraged Lending—Implementation.	Recordkeeping ...	Voluntary .....	1	1	988	On Occasion .....	988
Interagency Guidance on Leveraged Lending—Ongoing.	Recordkeeping ...	Voluntary .....	6	1	527.3	On Occasion .....	3,164

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BURDEN—Continued

Information collection (IC) description	Type of burden	Obligation to respond	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses	Estimated time per response (hours)	Frequency of response	Total estimated annual burden (hours)
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,152

*General Description of Collection:* The Interagency Guidance on Leveraged Lending (Guidance) outlines for agency-supervised institutions high level principles related to safe-and sound leveraged lending activities, including underwriting considerations, assessing and documenting enterprise value, risk management expectations for credits awaiting distribution, stress testing expectations, pipeline portfolio management, and risk management expectations for exposures held by the institution.

This Guidance provides information to all financial institutions supervised by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the FDIC (the Agencies) that engage in leveraged lending activities. The number of community banks with substantial involvement in leveraged lending is small; therefore, the Agencies generally expect community banks to be largely unaffected by this information collection. There is no change in the method or substance of the collection. The overall reduction in burden hours is the result of economic fluctuation. In particular, the number of respondents has decreased while the hours per response and frequency of responses have remained the same.

**Request for Comment**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dated at Washington, DC, on September 12, 2019.

**Valerie Best,**

*Assistant Executive Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**

**Notice of Agreements Filed**

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreement to the Secretary by email at *Secretary@fmc.gov*, or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within twelve days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission's website (*www.fmc.gov*) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523-5793 or *tradeanalysis@fmc.gov*.

*Agreement No.:* 201320.

*Agreement Name:* CNCO/Matson Slot Charter Agreement.

*Parties:* The China Navigation Co. Pte. Ltd. and Matson Navigation Company, Inc.

*Filing Party:* Conte Cicala; Clyde & Co US LLP.

*Synopsis:* The Agreement authorizes China Navigation Company to charter space to Matson in the trade between the U.S. Pacific Coast, Samoa, American Samoa, and Tahiti.

*Proposed Effective Date:* 9/10/2019.

*Location:* <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/23436>.

Dated: September 13, 2019.

**Rachel E. Dickon,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

**Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority**

Part E, Chapter E (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality), of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (61 FR 15955-58, April 10, 1996, most recently amended at 81 FR 22271, on April 15, 2016) is amended to reflect recent organizational changes. The specific amendments are as follows:

I. Under Section E-10, Organization, delete all components and replace with the following:

- A. Office of the Director.
- B. Center for Evidence and Practice Improvement.
- C. Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety.
- D. Center for Financing, Access, and Cost Trends.
- E. Office of Communications.
- F. Office of Extramural Research, Education, and Priority Populations.
- G. Office of Management Services.

II. Under Section E-20, Functions, delete Center for Evidence and Practice Improvement, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets, and Center for Financing Access and Cost Trends in its entirety and replace with the following:

*Center for Evidence and Practice Improvement.* Conducts and supports research on health care delivery and practice improvement across the continuum of care from prevention to chronic care management to end of life care. Specifically: (1) Synthesizes evidence and translates science for multiple stakeholders; (2) advances decision and communication sciences to facilitate informed treatment and health care decision making by patients and their health care providers; (3) explores how health information technology can improve clinical decision making and health care quality; (4) catalyzes and promotes sustainability of improvements in clinical practice across health care settings through research,