

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 application also will 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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 October 31, 2002.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *BNC Bancorp*, Thomasville, North Carolina; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of North Carolina, Thomasville, North Carolina.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *The Templar Fund, Inc.*, St. Louis, Missouri; to acquire between 36.77 and 40.8 percent of the voting shares of Truman Bancorp, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Truman Bank, St. Louis, Missouri.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 1, 2002.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FTC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) information collection requirements contained in its Automotive Fuel Ratings, Certification and Posting Rule ("Fuel Rating Rule" or "Rule"). The FTC is seeking public comments on the proposal to extend through December 31, 2005 the current PRA clearance for information collection requirements contained in the regulations. That clearance expires on December 31, 2002.

DATES: Comments must be filed by November 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10202, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN.: Desk Officer for the Federal Trade Commission (comments in electronic form should be sent to oira_docket@omb.eop.gov), and to Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, Room H-159, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580 (comments in electronic form should be sent to: FuelRatingPRA@ftc.gov) as prescribed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information requirements should be sent to Neil Blickman, Attorney, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-3038.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. On July 24, 2002, the FTC sought comment on the information collection requirements associated with the Fuel Rating Rule, 16 CFR part 306 (OMB Control Number: 3084-0068). See 67 FR 48471. No comments were received. Pursuant to the OMB regulations that implement the PRA (5 CFR part 1320), the FTC is providing this second opportunity for public comment while seeking OMB approval to extend the existing paperwork clearance for the Rule.

If a comment contains nonpublic information, it must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled "confidential." Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may instead be filed in electronic form (in ASCII format, WordPerfect, or Microsoft Word) as part of or as an attachment to email

messages directed to the following email box: FuelRatingPRA@ftc.gov. Such comments will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CCR 4.9(b)(6)(ii).

The Fuel Rating Rule establishes standard procedures for determining, certifying, and disclosing the octane rating of automotive gasoline and the automotive fuel rating of alternative liquid automotive fuels, as required by the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. 2822(a)-(c). The Rule also requires refiners, producers, importers, distributors, and retailers to retain records showing how the ratings were determined, including delivery tickets or letters of certification.

Estimated annual hours burden: 42,000 total burden hours (17,000 recordkeeping hours + 25,000 disclosure hours).

Recordkeeping: Based on industry sources, staff estimates that 200,000 fuel industry members each incur an average annual burden of approximately five minutes to ensure retention of relevant business records for the period required by the Rule, resulting in a total of 17,000 hours, rounded.

Disclosure: Staff estimates that affected industry members incur an average burden of approximately one hour to produce, distribute, and post octane rating labels. Because the labels are durable, only about one of every eight industry members (*i.e.*, approximately 25,000 of 200,000 members) incur this burden each year, resulting in a total annual burden of 25,000 hours.

Estimated annual cost burden: \$739,000, rounded (\$672,000 in labor costs and \$67,000 in non-labor costs).

Labor costs: Staff estimates that the work associated with the Rule's recordkeeping and disclosure requirements is performed by skilled clerical employees at an average rate of \$16.00 per hour. Thus, the annual labor cost to respondents of complying with the recordkeeping and disclosure requirements of the Rule is estimated to be \$672,000 ((17,000 hours + 25,000 hours) × 16.00 per hours).

Capital or other non-labor costs: \$67,000, rounded up to the nearest thousand. Staff believes that there are no current start-up costs associated with the Rule. Because the Rule has been effective since 1979 for gasoline, and since 1993 for liquid alternative automotive fuels, industry members already have in place the capital equipment and other means necessary to comply with the Rule. Retailers

(approximately 175,000 industry members), however, do incur the cost of procuring (and replacing) fuel dispenser labels to comply with the Rule. According to industry input, the price per label is about thirty-eight cents. Based on ranging industry estimates of a 6–10 year useful life per dispenser label, staff will conservatively factor into its calculation of labeling cost the shortest assumed useful life, *i.e.*, 6 years. Staff believes that the average retailers has six dispensers, with all of them being obtained either simultaneously or otherwise within the same year. Assuming that, in any given year, $\frac{1}{6}$ of all retailers (29,167 retailers) will replace their dispenser labels, staff estimates total labeling cost to be \$66,500 ($29,167 \times 6 \times .38$).

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Acting General Counsel.

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Final OGE Information Quality Guidelines

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Government Ethics announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has completed its review of OGE's Information Quality Guidelines. The Office of Government Ethics' final Information Quality Guidelines are now posted on the OGE Web site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary T. Donovan at the Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005–3917; OGE Internet e-mail: usoge@oge.gov (for e-mail messages the subject line should include the following reference—"Final OGE Information Quality Guidelines"); telephone: (202) 208–8000, ext. 1185; TDD 202–208–8025; FAX: 202–208–8037. A copy of the final guidelines may be obtained, without charge, by contacting Ms. Donovan.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 515 of the Treasury & General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law No. 106–554 requires each Federal agency to publish guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information it disseminates to the public. Agency guidelines must be based on Governmentwide guidelines issued by

OMB. In compliance with this statutory requirement, OMB has completed its final review of OGE's Information Quality Guidelines and OGE has posted its final guidelines on the OGE Internet Web site (<http://www.usoge.gov>). The guidelines, effective October 1, 2002, describe OGE's procedures for ensuring the quality of information that it disseminates to the public and the procedures by which an affected person could obtain correction of information disseminated by OGE that did not comply with the guidelines.

On July 31, 2002, OGE published a notice of the posting of its draft information quality guidelines on OGE's Web site and requested public comment. See 67 FR 49694–49695. The Office of Government Ethics received one letter of general comments. In response to that letter and OMB's final review of the draft guidelines, OGE added language to clarify the effective date of the guidelines once finalized. Furthermore, in response to OMB's final review, OGE inserted language addressing OGE's current comprehensive public comment process, including the separate procedures for commenting on documents published in the **Federal Register**.

Persons who cannot access the guidelines through the Internet may request a paper or electronic copy by contacting Ms. Donovan at the address, phone number, e-mail address, or FAX number listed above.

Approved: October 1, 2002.

Daniel D. Dunning,

Deputy Director for Administration and Information Management, Office of Government Ethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS

Reports Clearance Office at (202) 619–2118 or e-mail Geerie.Jones@HHS.gov.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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.

Proposed Project: Incidence of Received Research Misconduct in Biomedical Research—NEW—As required by Section 493 of the Public Health Service Act, the Secretary by regulation shall require that applicant and institution receiving PHS funds must investigate and report instances of alleged or apparent misconduct in science. The purpose of this study is to produce a reliable estimate of the incidence of research misconduct and initiate a longitudinal database for measuring changes and evaluating federal and institutional efforts to prevent research misconduct and promote research integrity.

Respondents: Not-for-profit Institutions—**Number of Respondents:** 3,000; **Burden per Response:** 20 minutes; **Total Burden:** 1,000 hours.

Send comments via e-mail to Geerie.Jones@HHS.gov or mail to OS Reports Clearance Office, Room 503H, Huber H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201. Comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: September 12, 2002.

Kerry Weems,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

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The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of