

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Office of the Comptroller of the Currency****Proposed Renewal of Information Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comment concerning its extension, without change, of an information collection titled, "Release of Non-Public Information—12 CFR 4, Subpart C."

**DATES:** You should submit written comments by December 12, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1–5, Attention: 1557–0200, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874–4448, or by electronic mail to [regs.comments@occ.treas.gov](mailto:regs.comments@occ.treas.gov). You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874–5043.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to OCC Desk Officer, 1557–0200, by mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725, 17th Street, NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from Mary Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officer, or Camille Dixon, (202) 874–5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval of the following information collection:

*Title:* Release of Non-Public Information—12 CFR 4, Subpart C.

*OMB Number:* 1557–0200.

*Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* This submission covers an existing regulation and involves no change to the regulation or to the information collections embodied in the

regulation. The OCC requests only that OMB renew its approval of the information collections in the current regulation.

The information collection is required to protect non-public OCC information from unnecessary disclosure in order to ensure that national banks and the OCC engage in a candid dialogue during the bank examination process. Individuals who request non-public OCC information are required to provide the OCC with information regarding the requester's legal grounds for the request. Inappropriate release of information would inhibit open consultation between a bank and the OCC.

The information requirements in 12 CFR part 4, subpart C, are located as follows:

12 CFR 4.33: Request for non-public OCC records or testimony.

12 CFR 4.35(b)(3): Third parties requesting testimony.

12 CFR 4.36(a)(2): OCC former employee notifying OCC of subpoena.

12 CFR 4.37(a) and (b): Agreement to limit dissemination of released information.

12 CFR 4.38(d): Request for authenticated records or certificate of nonexistence of records.

The OCC uses the information to process requests for non-public OCC information and to determine if sufficient grounds exist for the OCC to release the requested information or provide testimony. This information collection makes the mechanism for processing requests more efficient and facilitates and expedites the OCC's release of non-public information and testimony to the requester.

*Type of Review:* Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; individuals.

*Number of Respondents:* 110.

*Total Annual Responses:* 170.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Total Annual Burden:* 467 hours.

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: October 6, 2005.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Fiscal Service****Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: North Pointe Insurance Company**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is Supplement No. 2 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 2005 Revision, published July 1, 2005, at 70 FR 38502.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874–6765.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is hereby issued to the following Company under 31 U.S.C. 9304 to 9308. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 2005 Revision, on page 38531 to reflect this addition: North Pointe Insurance Company (NAIC # 27740). Business Address: P.O. Box 2223, Southfield, Michigan 48037–2223. Phone: (248) 358–1171 x–146. Underwriting Limitation b/: \$3,268,000. Surety Licenses c/: DE, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MD, MI, NE, NJ, OH, PA, SD, TN. Incorporated in: Michigan.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570>. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO)

Subscription Service, Washington, DC, Telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 769-004-05219-0.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of

the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F01, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: September 8, 2005.

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