The attached notice and request for comment regarding Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request – Request for Service Corporation Activity was published in the Federal Register on November 7, 2002.
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Request for Service Corporation Activity

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before January 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel’s Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906–6518; or send an e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov.

OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at http://www.ots.treas.gov. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906–5922, send an e-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906–7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from Nadine Washington, Information Systems, Administration & Finance, (202) 906–6706, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection. Comments should address one or more of the following points:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;  
b. The accuracy of OTS’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;  
c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;  
d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

**Title of Proposal:** Request for Service Corporation Activity.

**OMB Number:** 1550–0013.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Regulation Requirement:** 12 CFR 545.74 and 559.12

**Description:** 12 CFR 545.74 requires savings associations to obtain approval or notify OTS prior to engaging in activities through a service corporation that are not preapproved by regulation. It also contains a recordkeeping requirement for securities brokerage activities. 12 CFR 559.12 governs the issuance of securities. These requirements allow OTS to review service corporation activities and to ensure that they will not adversely affect an institution’s safety and soundness.

**Type of Review:** Renewal.

**Affected Public:** Savings Associations.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 114.

**Estimated Frequency of Response:** Event-generated.

**Estimated Burden Hours per Response:** 2 hours.

**Estimated Total Burden:** 228 hours.

**Clearance Officer:** Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906–6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**OMB Reviewer:** Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395–7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Dated:** October 31, 2002.

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