savings associations that have the same characteristics as other large and noncomplex firms would not technically qualify for the simplified reporting requirements. The revisions modify the DFAST-14A reporting forms and instructions to provide that all federal savings associations may comply with these simplified reporting requirements. This change promotes parity between national banks and federal savings associations that have similar size profiles and economic characteristics.

Response to Comments

The OCC received one comment from a trade association. The commenter suggested that the effective date for changes to the OCC reporting templates align with changes to the Board's reporting forms. The commenter also suggested that there should be a minimum of six months between the publication of final changes to the reporting templates and the effective date of the changes. According to the commenter, it is important to factor in the amount of time necessary to resolve

clarifying questions.

The OCC recognizes the challenges with implementing changes in a timely and controlled manner. The OCC continues to balance the need to collect additional information with the objective of providing as much time as is feasible in advance of implementation. With respect to the changes in this notice, the OCC has sought to align effective dates for reporting requirements to the extent practical with synonymous changes to the Board's Y-14A. For example, the OCC is eliminating the Regulatory Capital Transitions Schedule and the Retail Repurchase Schedule to parallel the Board's changes to the Y-14A. The addition of one item to the counterparty worksheet to collect information on FVAs is consistent with changes made by the Board. The OCC believes that many of the reporting template changes are either burden-neutral or burdenreducing. In addition to eliminating the two schedules referenced above, the OCC is also reducing the number of data items in the Supplemental Schedule by approximately half. The OCC continually seeks to clarify and improve the DFAST-14A reporting instructions; nevertheless, as is the case with all reporting templates, there will always be clarifying questions from the industry, and the OCC seeks to respond to questions in a timely manner.

The commenter also suggested that the technical instructions accompanying any changes in the reporting templates be subject to public notice and comment. The OCC will continue to publish technical instructions as early as feasible. The technical changes do not alter the burden associated with the reporting forms and do not impose additional requirements. The technical instructions provide procedures for the submission of DFAST-14A data, covering matters such as file format and other technical specifications. While the OCC publishes the technical instructions as early as possible, the OCC and the Board have historically not published the technical instructions for notice and comment.

The commenter also questioned the need for the OCC Supplemental Schedule. The commenter suggested that the Supplemental Schedule did not serve a supervisory purpose. The commenter also opposed the elimination of the materiality thresholds for certain items, which the commenter believed would increase the reporting burden.

The OCC considers those items included in the OCC Supplemental Schedule as material risks that are necessary for monitoring and assessing a covered institution's capital adequacy and capital planning process. By requiring only subsidiaries of large, complex firms, as defined by the Board, to complete this schedule, these requirements now align with reporting exceptions for a number of summary and operational risk subschedules. To minimize reporting burden the OCC has reduced the number of Supplemental Schedule reporting items in half as part of its process to continually ensure that only key risk elements are included within this schedule. As these items represent key risks, relatively smaller amounts of exposures within individual firms could represent material aggregate risks to the banking system. Therefore, the OCC has substituted materiality thresholds for reporting exemptions based on the size and complexity of the parent holding company, thereby aligning the reporting exceptions with a number of summary and operational risk subschedules.

Regarding data collection challenges posed by the Supplemental Schedule for covered institutions, as noted in the instructions, covered institutions that cannot use existing models and methodologies to furnish requested information on the OCC Supplemental Schedule may use allocations, expert judgment, or other methods for projections of balances, losses, and allowances if data is not available at the requested level of granularity. Covered institutions should supply appropriate documentation explaining their approach.

Other Changes

The OCC proposed to eliminate references to the term "extraordinary items" to align with Federal Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Subtopic 255–30. The Board has decided to delay this change with respect to its FR Y–14A; therefore, in order to promote consistency between the OCC DFAST–14A and the FR Y–14A, the OCC will delay this change until further notice.

Type of Review: Revision.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 26.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 13,949 hours.

The OCC believes that the systems covered institutions use to prepare the FR Y–14 reporting templates to submit to the Board will also be used to prepare the reporting templates described in this notice. 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 continue to be invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the OCC, including whether the information

has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the OCC'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 start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 29, 2018.

Karen Solomon,

Acting Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Renewal; Comment Request; Customer Complaint Form

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 (PRA).

In accordance with the requirements of the PRA, the OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

Currently, the OCC is soliciting comment concerning the renewal of an existing collection titled "Customer Complaint Form."

DATES: You should submit written comments by April 3, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the OCC is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by email, if possible. Comments may be sent to: Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Attention: 1557-0232, 400 7th Street ŠW, suite 3E-218, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (571) 465–4326 or by electronic mail to prainfo@occ.treas.gov. You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20219. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 649-6700 or, for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, TTY, (202) 649–5597. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid governmentissued photo identification and submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shaquita Merritt, OCC Clearance Officer, (202) 649–5490, for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, TTY, (202) 649–5597, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW, suite 3E–218, Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal

agencies must obtain approval from the OMB for each collection of information that they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) to include agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of title 44 requires federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each renewal of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the OCC is publishing notice of the renewal of the collection of information set forth in this document.

Title: Customer Complaint Form. OMB Control No.: 1557–0232.

Description: The customer complaint form was developed as a courtesy for customers who contact the OCC's Consumer Assistance Group (CAG) and wish to file a formal, written complaint. The form offers a template for consumers to use to focus their issues and identify the information necessary to provide a complete picture of their concerns. Use of the form is entirely voluntary; however, use of the form helps to avoid the processing delays associated with incomplete complaints and allows CAG to process complaints more efficiently.

CAG uses the information included in a completed form to create a record of the consumer's contact, capture information that can be used to resolve the consumer's issues, and provide a database of information that is incorporated into the OCC's supervisory process.

Type of Review: Regular.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 830.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

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 OCC, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
- (b) The accuracy of the OCC'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 start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 29, 2018.

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Acting Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0171]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for Individualized Tutorial Assistance

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0171 in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–5870 or email Cynthia.harvey.pryor@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0171" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: