

the UGESP recordkeeping requirement, the Commission proposed to conduct a practical utility survey to obtain estimates of burden hours. The intended survey was not approved by OMB, however, and the Commission relied instead on data obtained from the Business Roundtable study on "Cost of Government Regulation" conducted by the Arthur Anderson Company.

In its initial estimate of recordkeeping burden the Commission relied on data from that study to derive the estimate of 1.91 million hours. In a subsequent submission to OMB for clearance of the UGESP collection, the Commission made an adjustment to reflect the increase in the incidence of computerized recordkeeping that had resulted in a reduction of total burden hours of approximately 300,000, and had brought the total burden down to 1.6 million hours.

In the calculation of the initial burden of UGESP compliance, the estimated number of employees covered by the guidelines was 71.1 million. Average cost per employee was taken to be \$1.79. Since most of this cost, however, was for employers' administrative functions and represented the time spent in reviewing their selection processes for 'adverse impact' and in reviewing and validating their testing procedures, the actual recordkeeping function was estimated to be in the range of 10 to 15 percent of the total per-employee costs, or between \$.179 and \$.2685 per employee. The Commission used these per-employee costs, even though it believed that they were an over-estimate. In the initial estimate the Commission used the higher end of the range.

The Commission now believes that a better estimate is the midpoint of the range or \$.22 per employee. The number of employees also has grown by 15 million since the initial estimate, so that there now are 86 million subject to UGESP. In addition, from the private employer survey the Commission has been conducting for the past 30 years (the EEO-1), it is aware that 29.7 percent of the private employers file their employment reports on magnetic tapes, on diskettes, or on computer printouts. Thus, at a minimum, that proportion of employers has computerized recordkeeping. From the same survey the Commission also has learned that when records are computerized, the burden hours for reporting, and thus for recordkeeping, are about one-fifth of the burden hours associated with non-computerized records. Therefore, the Commission's

current estimate of recordkeeping burden hours is as follows:

Computerized recordkeepers—(.29) × 86 mil × (\$.044)=\$1,097,360

All other recordkeepers—(.71) × 86 mil × (\$.22)=\$13,433,200

Total recordkeeping cost = \$14,530,560

Total Burden Hours are then computed by dividing the total cost of recordkeeping by \$10, the hourly rate of staff recordkeepers. The total new estimate of burden hours associated with the UGESP recordkeeping then is 1.45 million hours. Assumptions made in deriving the estimate are as follows:

Cost per employee for manual records is \$.22*

Cost per employee for computerized records is \$.044*

Hourly rate of pay for recordkeeping staff is \$10.00**

* Both of these are derived from a private employer study.

** To the extent that this is an under-estimate, the reporting burden is over-estimated.

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For the Commission.

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Change in Bank Control Notices; Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies; Correction

This notice corrects a notice (FR Doc. 96-9394) published on pages 16791 and 16792 of the issue for Wednesday, April 17, 1996.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of New York heading, the entry for HSBC Holdings plc, London, England, and HSBC Holdings BV, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, is revised to read as follows:

1. *HSBC Holdings plc*, London, England; and *HSBC Holdings BV*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, *HSBC Futures, Inc.*, New York, New York, in executing and clearing, executing without clearing, clearing without executing, and providing other related services, including incidental advisory services, with respect to futures and options on futures on certain non-financial commodities. Also, to execute without clearing, and clear without executing, futures on certain financial products. The proposed activities would be provided to institutional investors and employees trading for their own

accounts throughout the world. (See, *J.P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated*, 80 Fed. Res. Bull. 151 (1994); and *Northern Trust Corporation*, 79 Fed. Res. Bull. 723 (1993)).

Comments on this application must be received by May 31, 1996.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 16, 1996.

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Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the 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. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking