

Title: Notice of Mediation Agencies. FMCS Form F-7. OMB No. 3076-0004. Expiration date: November 30, 1998.

Affected Entities: Parties affected by this information collection are private sector employers and labor unions involved in interstate commerce who file notices for mediation services to the FMCS and state, local, and territorial agencies, who receive copies of these notices filed.

Abstract: Under the National Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, 29 U.S.C. § 158(d)(3), Congress listed specific notice provisions creating a duty to bargain collectively so that no party to a collective bargaining agreement could terminate or modify that contract, unless the party wishing to terminate or modify the contract sent a written notice to the other party, sixty days prior to the expiration date (Section 8(d)(1), and offered to meet and confer with the other party for the purpose of negotiating a new or modified contract (Section 8(d)(2)). Furthermore, the Act requires that the party notify the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service within thirty days after such notice of the existence of a dispute and simultaneously notify any State or territorial agency established to mediate and conciliate disputes with the State or Territory where the dispute occurred (Section 8(d)(3)). The 1974 amendments to the NLRA, which extended coverage to nonprofit health care institutions, also created a notification procedure in the health care industry requiring the parties to notify each other 90 days in advance of termination and 60 days to the mediation service. This amendment also required notification of initial bargaining situations (notification of the existence of a dispute) to the FMCS, within 30 days.

To facilitate handling of more than 85,000 such notices a year, FMCS has created a specific information collection form. The purpose of this information collection activity is for FMCS Notice Processing Unit (NPU) to comply with FMCS's statutory duty to receive these notices, to facilitate assignment of mediators to assist in labor disputes, and to assist the parties in knowing whether or not proper notice was given. The information from these notices is sent to the five regional offices and field offices to inform mediators so they may contact labor and management quickly, efficiently, and offer their dispute resolution services, where applicable.

Either party to the contract may make a request in writing for a copy of the notice filed with FMCS. These notices are critical to the function of FMCS and fulfill a statutory purpose as well.

The F-7 form was created to establish conformity throughout interstate commerce and to allow FMCS to gather desired information in a uniform manner. The collection of such information, including the name of employer or employer association, address and phone number, official contact, bargaining unit and establishment size, location of affected establishment and negotiations, industry or type of business, principal product or service, union address, phone number, and official contact, contract expiration date or renewal date, whether the notice is filed on behalf of the union or employer, and whether this is a health care industry notice for initial contracts or existing contracts, is critical for reporting and mediation purposes.

Burden Statement: The current annual respondent burden estimate is approximately 60,000 respondents. This one-page form takes about 10 minutes to complete, for a total of 30,000 annual hours. Each respondent is required to respond only once per event (i.e., 30-day notice for mediation). The frequency is once per collective bargaining contract.

II. Request for Comments

FMCS solicits comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

III. Public Docket

A record has been established for this action. A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 105, Office of Administration, Washington, DC 20427, and is maintained by the Office Manager, Mary

Prothro. FMCS will transfer all electronically received comments into printed paper form as they are received.

List of Subjects

Mediation, Information collection requests, Notices.

Dated: July 28, 1998.

Vella Traynham,

Deputy Director.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than August 19, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
(Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *Leo A. Altier*, Louis A. Altier, Paul W. Altier, all of Corning, Ohio; William H. Altier, Zanesville, Ohio; John F. Altier, Crooksville, Ohio; Christine M. Altier, Columbus, Ohio; Mary Ann Flowers, Lancaster, Ohio; Pamela R. Compston, New Lexington, Ohio; Donald M. Altier, Somerset, Ohio; and Angela Hopkins, Cedar Hill, Texas; all to acquire voting shares of The Bank of Corning Company, Corning, Ohio.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 30, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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