

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket: RSPA-98-4957; Notice 1]

**Notice of Request for Extension of Existing Information Collection****AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marvin Fell, (202) 366-6205, to ask questions about this notice, or write by e-mail to marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests public participation in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval process for the extension an existing RSPA information collection. RSPA's information collection concerns a pipeline safety regulation that requires gas service line operators who do not maintain certain customer piping to notify the customers of the need to maintain the piping.**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by March 23, 1999 to be assured of consideration.**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to send comments to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, D.C., 20590. Please identify the docket and notice numbers shown in the heading of this notice.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Customer-Owned Service Lines.  
*Type of Request:* Existing information collection.*Abstract:* RSPA pipeline safety regulation 49 CFR 192.16 requires operators of gas service lines who do not maintain buried customer piping up to building walls or certain other locations to notify their customers of the need to maintain that piping. Congress directed DOT to take this action in response to service line accidents. By advising customers of the need to maintain their buried gas piping, the notices may reduce the risk of future accidents.

Each operator must make the following records available for inspection by RSPA or a State agency participating in the Federal pipeline safety program at 49 U.S.C. 60105 or 60106: (1) a copy of the notice currently in use; and (2) evidence that notices have been sent to customers within the previous 3 years.

*Estimate of Burden:* Minimal.*Respondents:* Gas transmission and distribution operators.*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,590.*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 350.*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 9,167 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) the need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

All timely written comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be available to the public in the docket.

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**Richard B. Felder,***Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Financial Crimes Enforcement Network****Proposed Collection; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Treasury.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury ("Treasury"), 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") is soliciting comments concerning a new form, "Designation of Exempt Person," for use by banks and other depository institutions ("banks") in designating their eligible customers as exempt from the requirement that banks report to Treasury customer

transactions in currency in excess of \$10,000.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 23, 1999 to be assured of consideration.**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to: Office of Chief Counsel, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, Suite 200, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA 22182-2536, *Attention:* PRA Comments—Designation of Exempt Person. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address:"regcomments@fincen.treas.gov" with the caption in the body of the text, "*Attention:* PRA Comments—Designation of Exempt Person."**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Requests for additional information should be directed to Charles Klingman, Financial Institutions Policy Specialist, FinCEN, at (703) 905-3602, or Eileen Dolan, FinCEN, at (703) 905-3618. A copy of the form may be obtained through the Internet at <http://www.treas.gov/fincen>.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Designation of Exempt Person.*OMB Number:* 1506-0012.*Form Number:* TD F 90-22.53.*Abstract:* The Bank Secrecy Act, Titles I and II of Pub. L. 91-508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311-5330, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, *inter alia*, to issue regulations requiring records and reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters. Regulations implementing Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act (codified at 31 U.S.C. 5311-5330) appear at 31 CFR part 103. The authority of the Secretary to administer Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN.

The reporting by financial institutions of transactions in currency in excess of \$10,000 has long been a major component of the Department of the Treasury's implementation of the Bank Secrecy Act. The reporting requirement is imposed by 31 CFR 103.22, a rule issued under the broad authority granted to the Secretary of the Treasury by 31 U.S.C. 5313(a) to require reports of domestic coins and currency transactions.

The Money Laundering Suppression Act of 1994, Title IV of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act (Pub. L. 103-325) amended 31 U.S.C. 5313. The statutory amendments mandate exemptions from currency transaction reporting in the case of customers that