

Mexico, and executives from telecommunications service providers will testify and present other evidence concerning the level of telephone service available to Indians on reservations. The hearing will be open to the general public. The Commission requests that all interested parties submit comment on all testimony and evidence received in the hearing, and on all issues arising therein and relevant thereto, including, but not exclusively, the cost of telephone service to remote, low-population areas, the extent and quality of telephone service on reservations, and governmental jurisdiction and sovereignty issues. The Commission requests submission of written comment on all such issues on or before March 31, 1999. See BO Docket No. 99-11.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED.** In comparison to other Americans, Indians on reservations have less access even to basic telephone service. The lack of telephone service limits the opportunities available to Indians on reservations. In particular, their access to medical care in emergencies is limited; they cannot reach prospective employers quickly and easily; and they cannot take advantage of commercial, educational, and other information available on the Internet. The FCC seeks to examine the causes for the low level of service and to determine what actions it might take to improve access to telephone service on Indian reservations.

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## FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting

#### Announcing an Open Meeting of the Board

**TIME AND DATE:** 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 27, 1999.

**PLACE:** Board Room, Second Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

**STATUS** The entire meeting will be open to the public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED DURING PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Report: FHLBank's Investments and Mission Character of FHLBanks Balance Sheets.

- Proposed Rule: Allocation of Joint and Several Liability on Consolidated Obligations.

- Expansion of the Affordable Multi-Family Participation Program of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta.

- Final Rule: Revisions to the Freedom of Information Act Regulation.

- Resolution Appointing FHLBank Directors.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Elaine L. Baker, Secretary to the Board, (202) 408-2837.

**William W. Ginsberg,**

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

**SUMMARY:** *Background.* On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act, as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Request for comment on information collection proposal(s).

The following information collection, which is being handled under this delegated authority, has received initial Board approval and is hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collection, along with an analysis of

comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;

- The accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, which should refer to the OMB control number or agency form number, should be addressed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, N.W. Comments received may be inspected in room M-P-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided in section 261.14 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.14(a).

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the Board: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the proposed form and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Mary M. McLaughlin, Chief, Financial Reports Section (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact Diane Jenkins (202-452-3544), Board of Governors of