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The fees described in this notice apply only to the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities held on NBES.

Information concerning book-entry transfers of government agency securities, which are priced by the Federal Reserve System, is set out in a separate **Federal Register** notice published elsewhere in this issue by the

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System [Docket OP-1165].

The following is the Treasury fee schedule that will take effect on January 2, 2004, for the book-entry transfers on NBES:

TREASURY—NBES FEE SCHEDULE ¹

[Effective January 2, 2004, (in dollars)]

Transfer type	Basic fee	Off-line surcharge	Funds ² movement fee	Total fee
On-line transfer originated .....	.21	.00	.04	.25
On-line transfer received .....	.21	.00	.04	.25
On-line reversal transfer originated .....	.21	.00	.04	.25
On-line reversal transfer received .....	.21	.00	.04	.25
Off-line transfer originated .....	.21	28.00	.04	28.25
Off-line transfer received .....	.21	28.00	.04	28.25
Off-line account switch received .....	.21	.00	.04	.25
Off-line reversal transfer originated .....	.21	28.00	.04	28.25
Off-line reversal transfer received .....	.21	28.00	.04	28.25

¹ The Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstituting of Treasury securities, or the wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. The Treasury currently absorbs these costs and will continue to do so.

² The funds movement fee is not a Treasury fee, but is charged by the Federal Reserve for the cost of moving funds associated with the transfer of a Treasury book-entry security.

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Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-252936-96]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning a final regulation, REG-252936-96 (TD 8780), Rewards for Information Relating to Violations of Internal Revenue Laws (section 301.7623-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 29, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this regulation should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rewards for Information Relating to Violations of Internal Revenue Laws.

OMB Number: 1545-1534.

Regulation Project Number: REG-252936-96.

Abstract: The regulations explain the procedure for submitting information that relates to violations of the internal revenue laws. The regulations also require a person claiming a reward for information to provide, in certain circumstances, identification of evidence that the person is the proper claimant.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or 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 agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency'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 of information 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,