

Stuttgart, Arkansas; Merchants & Planters Bank, N.A., Camden, Arkansas, and FirstBank, Texarkana, Texas.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Ned S. Holmes*, Houston, Texas; to acquire an additional 3.24 percent, for a total of 17.65 percent, of the voting shares of Commercial Bancshares, Inc., Houston, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Heritage Bank, Wharton, Texas.

2. *Rayford Holley Reilly*, Groveton, Texas; to acquire an additional 5 percent, for a total of 28.82 percent, of the voting shares of Citizens State Financial Corporation, Corrigan, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Citizens State Bank, Corrigan, Texas, and First Bank, Groveton, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 30, 1996.

William W. Wiles

Secretary of the Board.

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De Novo Corporation to do Business Under Section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act

An application has been submitted for the Board's approval of the organization of a corporation to do business under Section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act (Edge Corporation) 12 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.* The Edge Corporation will operate as a subsidiary of the applicant, Bank One, Texas, National Association, Dallas, Texas. The factors that are to be considered in acting on the application are set forth in the Board's Regulation K (12 CFR 211.4).

The application may be inspected at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland or at the Board of Governors. Any comment on an application that requests a hearing must include a statement of why a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identify specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, and summarize the evidence that would be presented at a hearing.

Comments regarding the application must be received by the Reserve Bank indicated or at the offices of the Board of Governors no later than September 20, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Andrew C. Burkle, Jr., Vice President) 1455 East 6th, Cleveland, Ohio 44114:

1. *Bank One, Texas, National Association*, Dallas, Texas; to establish Banc One International Corporation, Dallas, Texas, a *de novo* Edge

Corporation pursuant to Section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act.

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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 activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank

indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 30, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:

1. *Union Planters Corporation*, Memphis, Tennessee, and Capital Bancorporation, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of, and merge with Financial Bancshares, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; and thereby indirectly acquire First Financial Bank of St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri; First Financial Bank of Mississippi County, East Prairie, Missouri; First Financial Bank of Ste. Genevieve, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri; First Financial Bank of Southeast Missouri, Sikeston, Missouri; Citizens First Financial Bank, Dexter, Missouri.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (John E. Yorke, Senior Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198:

1. *Premier Bancorp, Inc.*, Denver, Colorado; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Premier Bank, Denver, Colorado.

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Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice 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 question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the

BHC Act, including whether consummation of the proposal 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 on this question 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, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 19, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Robert M. Brady, Vice President) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106:

1. *State Street Boston Corporation*, Boston, Massachusetts; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiaries, Boston Financial Data Services, Inc., Quincy, Massachusetts, and National Financial Data Services, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, in securities brokerage activities, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(15)(i) of the Board's Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Christopher J. McCurdy, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045:

1. *Summit Bancorp*, Princeton, New Jersey; to acquire Central Jersey Financial Corp., East Brunswick, New Jersey, and thereby indirectly acquire Central Jersey Savings Bank, SLA, East Brunswick, New Jersey, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(9) of the Board's Regulation Y.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105:

1. *CoreStates Financial Corp.*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, CoreStates Securities Corp., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in underwriting and dealing in government obligations, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(16) of the Board's Regulation Y.

2. *Fulton Financial Corporation*, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; to engage *de novo* in community development activities through a limited partnership,

pursuant to § 225.25(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690:

1. *Caisse Nationale de Credit Agricole S.A.*, Paris, France; to retain through Banque Indosuez, Paris, France, Indosuez Carr Futures, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, Daniel Breen & Company, L.P., Houston, Texas, and thereby engage in acting as a futures commission merchant and providing related advisory services, and in investment advisory activities. In connection with this application, Caisse Nationale de Credit Agricole S.A., Paris, France, and Banque Indosuez, Paris, France, also have applied to engage through Daniel Breen & Company, L.P., Houston, Texas, and Breen Trust Company, Houston, Texas, in functions and activities permitted for trust companies. In addition, Applicants also have applied to engage *de novo* in acting as a futures commission merchant and providing related advisory services with respect to non-financial futures and, to provide execution-only and clearance-only services with respect to futures transactions. Applicant proposed to engage in these activities, pursuant to § 225.25 b(18), and (b)(3) of the Board's Regulation Y and Board Order. 79 Fed. Res. Bull. 1049 (1993); 80 Fed. Res. Bull. 151 (1994); 80 Fed. Res. Bull. 649 (1994); and 80 Fed. Res. Bull. 552 (1994).

2. *Stichting Prioriteit ABN AMRO Holding, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Stichting Administratiekantoor ABN AMRO Holding, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; ABN AMRO Holding N.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands; ABN AMRO Bank N.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands; ABN AMRO North America, Inc., Chicago, Illinois*, to acquire Heigle Mortgage and Financial Corporation, Bloomington, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire LaSalle Home Mortgage Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, and thereby engage in the nonbanking activity of making and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

E. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:

1. *National Commerce Bancorporation*, Memphis, Tennessee; to acquire Kenesaw Leasing Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, and thereby engage in leasing personal or real property, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(5) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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Secretary of the Board

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Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of July 2-3, 1996.

In accordance with § 271.5 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on July 2-3, 1996.¹ The directive was issued to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as follows:

The information reviewed at this meeting suggests that economic activity advanced considerably further in the second quarter, but increases in final demand showed some signs of moderation. Nonfarm payroll employment was up substantially in April and May; the civilian unemployment rate rose to 5.6 percent in May. Industrial production increased appreciably further in May, reflecting gains across a wide range of industries. Real consumer spending rose substantially on balance over April and May. Single-family housing starts fell considerably in May from a relatively high level in April. Orders and contracts point to some deceleration in spending on business equipment and nonresidential structures after a very rapid expansion earlier in the year. The nominal deficit on U.S. trade in goods and services widened in April from its rate in the first quarter. Upward pressures on food and energy prices have led to somewhat larger increases in the consumer price index over recent months.

Most Market interest rates have edged higher since the Committee meeting on May 21. In foreign exchange markets, the trade-weighted value of the dollar in terms of the other G-10 currencies has depreciated slightly over the intermeeting period.

M2 declined in May, though partial data for June pointed to a rebound. Growth of M3 was relatively sluggish in May but also appears to have turned up in June. For the year through June, both aggregates are estimated to have grown at rates around the upper bounds of

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting of July 2-3, 1996, which include the domestic policy directive issued at that meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.