

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. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they will also 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 January 10, 1997.

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

1. *James A. Matthys*, Blue Grass, Iowa; to acquire an additional 4.8 percent, for a total of 26.1 percent, of the voting shares of APM Bancorp, Inc., Buffalo, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire Buffalo Savings Bank, Buffalo, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 18, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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 January 21, 1997.

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

1. *First Alamogordo Bancorp of Nevada, Inc.*, Reno, Nevada; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank of Alamogordo, Alamogordo, New Mexico, and the First National Bank of Ruidoso, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth R. Binning, Director, Bank Holding Company) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105:

1. *Westamerica Bancorporation*, San Rafael, California; to merge with and/or acquire 19.9 percent of the voting shares of ValliCorp Holdings, Inc., Fresno, California, and thereby indirectly acquire ValliWide Bank, Fresno, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 18, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the Federal Register.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION BETWEEN: 112596 AND 120696

Name of acquiring person, name of acquired person, name of acquired entity	PMN No.	Date terminated
Camerco Corporation, Magnox Electric plc., Power Resources Inc	97-0266	11/25/96
Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Co., Ltd.—a Taiwanese Co., Monaco Finance, Inc., Monaco Finance, Inc	97-0364	11/25/96
Thomas H. Lee Equity Fund III, L.P., Syratech Corporation, Syratech Corporation	97-0386	11/25/96
Senior Engineering Group, plc, Ketema, Inc., Ketema, Inc.	97-0389	11/25/96
J.J. Haines & Company, Inc., Independent Distributors, Inc., Independent Distributors, Inc.	97-0391	11/25/96
Wolters Kluwer nv, The Atlantic Foundation, Blessing/White Inc	97-0394	11/25/96
Fiskars Oy Ab, Alterra Holdings Corporation, Alterra Holdings Corporation	97-0395	11/25/96
Universal Outdoor Holdings, Inc., William B. Tanner, Tanner Peck LLC and TOA Enterprises	97-0397	11/25/96
Southgard Corporation, Tosco Corporation, Tosco Corporation	97-0402	11/25/96
Smit Internationale NV, SEACOR Holdings, Inc., SEACOR Holdings, Inc	97-0406	11/25/96

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION BETWEEN: 112596 AND 120696—Continued

Name of acquiring person, name of acquired person, name of acquired entity	PMN No.	Date terminated
Meillor S.A., Coltec Industries, Inc., Farnam Sealing Systems, Inc	97-0408	11/25/96
TransMontaigne Oil Company, Koch Industries, Inc., Koch Industries, Inc	97-0410	11/25/96
ADC Telecommunications, Inc., Cirrus Logic, Inc., Pacific Communications Sciences, Inc	97-0415	11/25/96
Protective Life Corporation, Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc., Anthem Life Insurance Company of Indiana, Community	97-0419	11/25/96
Fluor Corporation, John P. McLaughlin, Corico Corporation; Contract Solutions, Inc.; Corico	97-0423	11/25/96
Vanstar Corporation, Malbert Smith, III, Contract Data Services, Inc	97-0430	11/25/96
Vanstar Corporation, A. Jackson Stenner, Contract Data Services, Inc	97-0431	11/25/96
NGC Corporation, Chevron Corporation, Venice Gathering Company	97-0432	11/25/96
Nextel Communications, Inc., Dr. Rajendra Singh, Wireless Ventures of Brazil, Inc. (a U.S. issuer)	97-0434	11/25/96
MedPartners, Inc., Summit Medical Group, P.A., Summit Medical Group, P.A	97-0438	11/25/96
Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Edisto Resources Corporation, Energy Source, Inc.; Energy Source Canada, Inc	97-0444	11/25/96
Vincent D. Rinaldi, Provident Bancorp., Inc., Provident Bancorp., Inc	97-0447	11/25/96
Federal Express Corporation, AMR Corporation,	97-0458	11/25/96
Hellman & Friedman Capital Partners, III, LP, Young & Rubicam Holdings, Inc., Young & Rubicam Holdings, Inc	97-0292	11/26/96
The Ogden Newspapers, Inc., Kenneth R. Thomson, Thomson Newspapers, Inc	97-0313	11/26/96
Kenneth R. Thomson, The Ogden Newspapers, Inc., Ogden Newspapers of Wisconsin, Inc	97-0320	11/26/96
First Bank System, Inc., Comerica Incorporated, Comerica Incorporated	97-0353	11/26/96
AlliedSignal Inc., Diagnostics Holdings, Inc., Burdick & Jackson, Inc	97-0372	11/26/96
Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc., Grupo Modelo, S.A. de C.V. (a Mexican company), Grupo Models and Diblo, SA de CV	97-0383	11/26/96
Willcox & Gibbs, Inc., Neil A. Macpherson, Macpherson Meistergram, Inc.; Geoffrey E. Macpherson	97-0387	11/26/96
Atmos Energy Corporation, United Cities Gas Company, United Cities Gas Company	97-0392	11/26/96
David D. Smith, Louis A. Cohen, Magna Financial Corporation	97-0446	11/26/96
Cox Enterprises, Inc., Hollinger Inc., a Canadian company, American Publishing Company	97-0284	11/27/96
Hollinger Inc., Kenneth R. Thomson, Thomson Newspapers, Inc	97-0285	11/27/96
Kenneth R. Thomson, Hollinger Inc., American Publishing Company	97-0286	11/27/96
Allied Colloids Group PLC, CPS Chemical Co., Inc., CPS Chemical Co., Inc	97-0362	11/27/96
Simmonds Capital Limited (a Canadian company), INTEX Diversified Corporation, INTEX Diversified Corporation	97-0452	12/03/96
Securicor PLC, INTEX Diversified Corporation, INTEX Diversified Corporation	97-0454	12/03/96
INTEK Diversified Corporation, Securicor PLC, Securicor Radiocom Limited	97-0455	12/03/96
Clear Channel Communications, Inc., Tichenor Media Systems, Inc., Tichenor Media Systems, Inc	97-0047	12/04/96
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center System, Shadyside Health Education and Research Corporation, Shadyside Health Education and Research Corporation	97-0334	12/04/96
Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Equity Funding III, L.P., Osborn Communications Corporation, Osborn Communications Corporation	97-0388	12/04/96
George S. Hofmeister, Mark T. Megge, Carron & Company	97-0439	12/04/96
Kirtland Capital Partners II, L.P., Rimer Anstalt, PVC Container Corporation	97-0465	12/04/96
Swiss Reinsurance Company, National Life Insurance Company, LSW National Holdings, Inc	97-0478	12/04/96
New England Growth Fund I, L.P., The Stanley Works, Stanley Home Automation, Inc.	97-0338	12/05/96
Tele-Communications, Inc., Tele-Communications, Inc., TV Guide On-Screen, a partnership	97-0339	12/05/96
Tele-Communications, Inc., The News Corporation Limited, an Australian company, TV Guide On-Screen, a partnership	97-0340	12/05/96
Daniel K. Frierson, Shelter Components Corporation, Danube Carpet Mills, Inc	97-0367	12/05/96
AccuStaff Incorporated, TravCorps Corporation, TravCorps Corporation	97-0427	12/05/96
General Electric Company, The Ziegler Companies, Inc., Ziegler Leasing Corporation	97-0445	12/05/96
General Electric Company, American Auto Funding Corporation, American Auto Funding Corporation	97-0450	12/05/96
The Robert Plan Corporation, Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group, PLC (UK Corp.), Newark Insurance Company	97-0451	12/05/96
The Clayton & Dubilier Private Equity Fund IV, L.P., Ace Electric Supply Company, Ace Electric Supply Company	97-0453	12/05/96
Nabors Industries, Inc., Noble Drilling Corporation, Noble Drilling Corporation	97-0457	12/05/96
Peira and Shaheen Voting Trust-Agreement dated 4/30/92, Johnny A. West, Sunrise Carpet Ind., Inc., B&H Holdings, Inc., Whitecres	97-0461	12/05/96
Daewood Electronics, Co., Ltd., Lagardere SCA, Thomson Multimedia S.A	97-0467	12/05/96
Degussa AG, George D. Beharakis, Muro Pharmaceutical, Inc	97-0468	12/05/96
George D. Beharakis, Degussa AG, Degussa AG	97-0469	12/05/96
Loving Enterprises, Inc., Powell Duffryn plc, Powell Duffryn Terminals, Inc	97-0479	12/05/96
Thyssen Aktiengesellschaft (a German company), Copper and Brass Sales, Inc., Copper and Brass Sales, Inc	97-0480	12/05/96
Koninklijke Van Ommeren NV, Powell Duffryn, plc, Powell Duffryn Terminals Inc	97-0484	12/05/96
Fund American Enterprises Holdings, Inc., National Grange Mutual Insurance Company, Main Street America Holdings, Inc	97-0485	12/05/96
Northern States Power Company, Compania Boliviana de Energia Electrica, S.A., Compania Boliviana de Energia Electrica, S.A	97-0486	12/05/96
George Koch Sons, Inc., Marco Sales, Inc., Marco Sales, Inc	97-0497	12/05/96
The Goldman Sachs Group, L.P., Herbert E. Ehlers, Liberty Investment Management	97-0500	12/05/96
Brunswick Corporation, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Igloo Holdings, Inc	97-0502	12/05/96

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION BETWEEN: 112596 AND 120696—Continued

Name of acquiring person, name of acquired person, name of acquired entity	PMN No.	Date terminated
The Gordon Gray 1956 Living Trust, InterMedia Partners, L.P., Kauai CableVision, L.P	97-0510	12/05/96
Mercury General Corporation, William M. Cameron, American Fidelity Insurance Company	97-0511	12/05/96
Mercury General Corporation, Lynda L. Cameron, American Fidelity Insurance Company	97-0512	12/05/96
Ronald W. Burkle, The Starkman Family Trust, Jerry's Famous Deli, Inc.	97-0517	12/05/96
Unitrin, Inc., Gregory M. Shepard and Tracy M. Shepard, Union Automobile Indemnity Company	97-0518	12/05/96
Bemis Company, Inc., Paramount Packaging, L.L.C., Paramount Packaging, L.L.C	97-0520	12/05/96
American Financial Group, Inc., American Eagle Group, Inc., American Eagle Group, Inc	97-0523	12/05/96
Bemis Company, Inc., Paramount Packaging Corporation, Paramount Packaging Corporation	97-0526	12/05/96
Ryder System, Inc., Leland E.G. Larson, School Bus Services, Inc	97-0507	12/06/96
MEI Holdings, L.P., Mountasia Entertainment International, Inc., Mountasia Entertainment International, Inc	97-0625	12/06/96

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra M. Peay or Parcellena P. Fielding, contact representatives—Federal Trade Commission, Premerger Notification Office, Bureau of Competition, room 303, Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-3100.

By Direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 96N-0458]

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

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to the affirmation of generally recognized as safe (GRAS) substances.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by February 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration,

12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret R. Wolff, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 16B-19, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the

use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Affirmation of Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) Status (21 CFR 170.35(c)(1))—(OMB Control Number 0910-0132)—Extension

Under authority of sections 201, 402, 409, and 701 of the act (21 U.S.C. 321, 342, 348, and 371), FDA reviews petitions for affirmation as GRAS which are submitted on a voluntary basis by the food industry and other interested parties. Under section 409 of the act (21 U.S.C. 348), the agency has the authority to regulate food additives. Section 201(s) of the act (21 U.S.C. 321(s)), defines "food additive" and expressly excludes from the definition substances generally recognized as safe for use in food.

Specifically under section 201(s) of the act, a substance is GRAS if it is generally recognized among experts qualified by scientific training and experience to evaluate its safety, to be safe through either scientific procedures or common use in food. The act has historically been interpreted to permit food manufacturers to make their own determination that use of a substance in food is GRAS. To implement the GRAS provisions of the act, FDA has issued procedural regulations under § 170.35(c)(1). These regulations establish a process by which a person may obtain FDA concurrence with a GRAS determination; this concurrence is referred to as "GRAS affirmation." These regulations set forth the information to be submitted to FDA to obtain agency concurrence that a substance is GRAS (§ 170.35(c)(1)).

GRAS petitions are reviewed by FDA to ascertain whether the available data establish that the intended use of the substance is GRAS based upon either a history of the safe use of the substance, or upon widely available safety data (scientific procedures). The GRAS affirmation process is a voluntary one, and there is some risk that FDA may not