

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 § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) 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. The notice also will 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.

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 August 6, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *NSB Holding Corp.*, Staten Island, New York; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Check Depot, Staten Island, New York, in check cashing, including federal, state and local government benefit checks, *See Midland Bank, PLC*, 76 Fed. Res. Bull. 869 (1990).

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill III, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Crestar Financial Corporation*, Richmond, Virginia; to acquire American National Bancorp, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, and thereby indirectly acquire American National Savings Bank, F.S.B., Baltimore, Maryland, and thereby engage in operating a savings and loan association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4) of the Board's Regulation Y. Comments on this application must be received by August 15, 1997.

2. *NationsBank Corporation*, Charlotte, North Carolina; to acquire Montgomery Securities, Inc., and The Pyramid Company, San Francisco, California, and thereby engage in underwriting and dealing in, to a limited extent, all types of debt and equity securities other than interests in open end investment companies (*See J.P. Morgan & Co., Inc., The Chase Manhattan Corp., Bankers Trust New York Corp., Citicorp., and Security Pacific Corp.*, 75 Fed. Res. Bull. 192 (1989)); in underwriting and dealing in obligations of the United States, general

obligations of states and their political subdivisions, and other obligations that state member banks of the Federal Reserve System may be authorized to underwrite and deal in under 12 U.S.C. 24 and 335, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(8) of the Board's Regulation Y; in acting as investment or financial advisor, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y; in providing securities brokerage services (including securities clearing and securities execution services on an exchange), alone and in combination with investment advisory services, and incidental activities (including related securities credit activities and custodial services), pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y; in buying and selling in the secondary market all types of securities on the order of customers as a riskless principal to the extent of engaging in a transaction in which the company, after receiving an order to buy (or sell) a security from a customer, purchases (or sells) the security for its own account to offset a contemporaneous sale to (or purchase from) the customer, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y; and in acting as agent for the private placement of securities in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Montgomery Securities and The Pyramid Company, would be merged into a newly created subsidiary of NationsBank Corporation, which would be merged into NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina. NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc., would then be renamed NationsBanc Montgomery Securities, Inc.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Barnett Banks, Inc.*, Jacksonville, Florida; to acquire First of America Bank-Florida, FSB, Tampa, Florida, and thereby engage in owning, controlling and operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4) of the Board's Regulation Y. This activity will be conducted throughout the State of Florida. Comments on this application must be received by August 15, 1997.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Associated Banc-Corp*, Green Bay, Wisconsin; to acquire First Financial Corporation, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire First Financial Bank, FSB, Stevens Point,

Wisconsin, and thereby engage in owning and operating a savings and loan association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4) of the Board's Regulation Y; Appraisal Services, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and thereby engage in performing appraisals of real estate and tangible personal property, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(2) of the Board's Regulation Y; and First Financial Card Services Bank, N.A., Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and thereby engage in operating a credit card bank, pursuant to §§ 225.28(b)(1) and (2) of the Board's Regulation Y. Comments on this application must be received by August 15, 1997.

E. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Union Planters Corporation*, Memphis, Tennessee; to acquire Magna Bancorp, Inc., Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and thereby indirectly acquire Magnolia Federal Bank for Savings, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and thereby engage in indirectly acquiring a federal savings bank, pursuant to Section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y, and Magna Mortgage Company, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and thereby engage in originating and servicing mortgage loans, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y, and in providing real estate appraisal and inspection services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(2) of the Board's Regulation Y. At consummation, the offices of Magnolia Federal Bank for Savings will be disbursed among various Union Planters Corporation's existing subsidiary banks, and its charter will be merged with and into an existing bank subsidiary of Union Planters Corporation. Following consummation, the shares of Mortgage Company will be sold to an existing thrift subsidiary of Union Planters Corporation. Comments on this application must be received by August 15, 1997.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 17, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 28, 1997.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street

entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: July 18, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project 1

Responsibilities of Awardees and Applicant Institutions for Reporting Possible Misconduct in Science (42 CFR part 50 and PHS 6349)—0937-0198—Revision—As required by Section 493 of the Public Health Service Act, the Secretary by regulation shall require that applicant and awardee institutions receiving PHS funds must investigate and report instances of alleged or apparent misconduct in science.

Respondents: State or local governments; Businesses or other for-profit; Non-profit institutions—*Reporting Burden Information—Number of Respondents:* 3607; *Number of Annual Responses:* 3,700; *Average Burden per Response:* 29.85 minutes; *Total Reporting Burden:* 1,841 hours—*Disclosure Burden Information—Number of Respondents:* 3607; *Number of Annual Responses:* 3,667; *Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes; *Total Disclosure Burden:* 1,834 hours—*Recordkeeping Burden Information—Number of Respondents:* 40; *Number of Annual Responses:* 140; *Average Burden per Response:* 7.03 hours; *Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 984 hours—*Total Burden—*4,659 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: July 10, 1997.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meetings.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Health Data Needs, Standards, and Security. Workgroup on Data Standards and Security.

Times and Dates: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., August 5, 1997; 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., August 6, 1997; 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., August 7, 1997.

Place: Capital Hilton, 16th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: Under the Administrative Simplification provisions of P.L. 104-191, the Health Insurance Portability and

Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the Secretary of Health and Human Services is required to adopt standards for specified transactions to enable health information to be exchanged electronically. The law requires that, within 24 months of adoption, all health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers who choose to conduct these transactions electronically must comply with these standards. The law also requires the Secretary to adopt a number of supporting standards including standards for code sets and classification systems and standards for security to protect health information. The Secretary is required to consult with the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) in complying with these provisions. The NCVHS is the Department's federal advisory committee on health data, privacy and health information policy.

To assist in the development of the NCVHS recommendations to HHS, the NCVHS Subcommittee on Health Data Needs, Standards, and Security has been holding a series of public meetings to obtain the views, perspectives and concerns of interested and affected parties.

On August 5, and August 6, 1997, the Subcommittee's Working Group on Data Standards and Security will hold a public meeting at which they will receive input from the health care industry on recommendations for security standards. The Subcommittee is interested in receiving testimony that will provide an understanding of the foundation of information security in health care as well as the issues, barriers, and challenges that face the industry. Representatives of the health care industry—health care providers, payers, professional associations, vendors, and standards development organizations—are being invited to testify and respond to the Subcommittee's question on security issues in the implementation of the administrative simplification provisions of P.L. 104-191. The industry representatives are being asked to address the questions (below) in writing, to make brief oral presentations of their answers, and to answer further questions from the Subcommittee. Other organizations that would like to submit written statements on these issues are invited to do so.

On August 7, 1997, the Subcommittee will discuss issues, recommendations, and its proposed workplan for the supporting standards for the nine financial and administrative health care transactions. The full NCVHS has already forwarded its recommendations on the architecture for these nine transactions to the Secretary.

Questions to be Addressed: Whereas not all questions are applicable to all participants or their organizations, the following set of questions illustrates the scope and complexity of the security issues to be addressed by the Committee.

Policies and Procedures

- What policies and procedures should be employed to safeguard information?
- How should these policies and procedures be communicated to internal and external users as well as consumers?
- How frequently are policies reviewed?