

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Mississippi (FEMA-1251-DR), dated October 1, 1998, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated October 1, 1998, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Mississippi, resulting from Hurricane Georges beginning on September 25, 1998, and continuing is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended ("the Stafford Act"). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Mississippi.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Public Assistance is later warranted, Federal funds provided under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Michael J. Polny of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Mississippi to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster: Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties for Individual Assistance.

All counties within the State of Mississippi are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1240-DR]

**North Carolina; Amendment No. 5 to  
Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of North Carolina, (FEMA-1240-DR), dated August 27, 1998, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 2, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the State of North Carolina, is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of August 27, 1998:

Pitt County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing

Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Lacy E. Suiter,**

*Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1245-DR]

**Texas; Amendment to Notice of a  
Major Disaster Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-1245-DR), dated September 23, 1998, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 5, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective October 5, 1998.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

**Lacy E. Suiter,**

*Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1248-DR]

**U.S. Virgin Islands; Amendment No. 3  
to Notice of a Major Disaster  
Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the U.S. Virgin Islands (FEMA-1248-DR), dated

September 24, 1998, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 2, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, effective this date and pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Marianne Jackson of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

This action terminates my appointment of Barbara Russell as Federal Coordinating Officer for this disaster.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1242-DR]

### Commonwealth of Virginia; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia, (FEMA-1242-DR), dated September 4, 1998, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 9, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia, is hereby amended to include Public Assistance

for the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of September 4, 1998:

The independent cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Lacy E. Suiter,**

*Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### 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. The application also will 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. 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 November 12, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. FirstMerit Corporation, Akron, Ohio; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Signal Corp., Wooster, Ohio, and thereby indirectly acquire Signal Bank, N.A., Wooster, Ohio; Summit Bank, N.A., Akron, Ohio; and NC Interim National Bank, Wooster, Ohio (in formation, successor to First Federal Savings Bank, New Castle, Pennsylvania).

In connection with this application, applicant also has applied to acquire First Federal Savings Bank of New Castle, New Castle, Pennsylvania, and thereby engage in permissible savings association activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y; Mobile Consultants, Inc., Alliance, Ohio, and thereby engage in brokering manufactured home loans to and on behalf of financial institutions and provides collection and recovery services on such loans, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) and (b)(2) of Regulation Y; and Summit Banc Investments Corp., Fairlawn, Ohio (a registered broker-dealer with NASD), and thereby engage in acting as an investment advisor, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y.

2. Salt Lick Bancorp, Inc., Salt Lick, Kentucky; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Salt Lick Deposit Bank, Salt Lick, Kentucky.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. Citizens Bancorporation of New Ulm, Inc., New Ulm, Minnesota; to acquire at least 80 percent of the voting shares of State Bank of La Salle (Incorporated), La Salle, Minnesota.

2. Palmer Bancshares, Inc., Kasson, Minnesota; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Kasson State Bank, Kasson, Minnesota.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. First Express of Nebraska, Inc., Gering, Nebraska; to acquire Wauneta Falls Bancorp, Inc., Wauneta, Nebraska; and thereby indirectly acquire Wauneta Falls Bank, N.A., Wauneta, Nebraska, and Ogallala National Bank, Ogallala, Nebraska.

2. First National Bancshares, ESOP and 401K, Goodland, Kansas; to acquire