

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 23, 1999.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). 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, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Cynthia Goodwin, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Centerstate Banks of Florida, Inc.*, Winter Haven, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank of Osceola County, Kissimmee, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire Community National Bank of Pasco County, Zephyrhills, Florida, and First National Bank of Polk County, Winter Haven, Florida.

2. *Century South Banks, Inc.*, Dahlonoga, Georgia; to merge with Lanier Bankshares, Inc., Gainesville, Georgia, and thereby indirectly acquire

Lanier National Bank, Gainesville, Georgia.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *PremierWest Bancorp*, Medford, Oregon; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Southern Oregon, Medford, Oregon, and 100 percent of the voting shares of United Bancorp, Roseburg, Oregon, and thereby indirectly acquire Douglas National Bank, Roseburg, Oregon.

In connection with this application, Applicant has also applied to acquire DNB Mortgage Company, Roseburg, Oregon, and thereby engage in making, acquiring, brokering, or servicing loans or other extensions of credit, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

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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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). 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, 2000.

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

1. *Omni Financial Services, Inc.*, Atlanta, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of United National Bank, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

In connection with this application, Applicant has also applied to engage *de novo* in making and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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, including the companies listed below, 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 January 12, 2000.

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

1. *Concord EFS, Inc.*, Memphis, Tennessee; to acquire National Payment Systems, Inc., New York, New York (d/b/a Card Payment Systems), and thereby engage in data processing activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14)(i) of Regulation Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of a Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of a meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. The Commission will discuss (a) its ongoing project examining ethical issues in international research and (b) its new project examining issues arising from the oversight human subjects research in the United States. Some Commission members may participate by telephone conference. The meeting is open to the public and opportunities for statements by the public will be provided on January 13, 2000 from 1:30 pm–2:00 pm.

Dates/Times and Location

January 13, 2000, 8:30 am–5 pm—The Madison Hotel, 15th and M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

January 14, 2000, 8 am–12 noon—Same Location as Above

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) on October 3, 1999 by Executive Order 12975 as amended. The mission of the NBAC is to advise and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council, its Chair, the President, and other entities on bioethical issues arising from the research on human biology and behavior, and from the applications of that research.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited by the availability of space on a first come, first serve basis. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should

contact Ms. Jody Crank by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below as soon as possible, at least 4 days before the meeting. The Chair will reserve time for presentations by persons requesting to speak and asks that oral statements be limited to five minutes. The order of persons wanting to make a statement will be assigned in the order in which requests are received. Individuals unable to make oral presentations can mail or fax their written comments to the NBAC staff office at least five business days prior to the meeting for distribution to the Commission and inclusion in the public record. The Commission also accepts general comments at its website at bioethics.gov. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should contact NBAC staff at the address or telephone number listed below as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jody Crank, National Bioethics Advisory Commission, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5B01, Rockville, Maryland 20892-7508, telephone 301-402-4242, fax number 301-480-6900.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

Eric M. Meslin,

Executive Director, National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Special Emphasis Panel (SEP); Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of these Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings.

SEPs are committees used for scientific review activities. These committees have members drawn from a list of experts who are designated to serve for particular individual meetings rather than for extended fixed terms of service.

Substantial segments of these upcoming SEP meetings listed below will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10 (d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting. These discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning

individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *Name of SEP:* Health Research Dissemination and Implementation.

Date: January 31, 2000 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHCPR, 6010 Executive Blvd., 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

2. *Name of SEP:* Health Care Markets and Managed Care.

Date: February 3–4, 2000 (Open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHCPR, 6010 Executive Blvd., 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or minutes of these meetings should contact Ms. Jenny Griffith, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHCPR, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1847.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) announces meetings of scientific peer review groups. The subcommittees listed below are part of the Agency's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These discussions are likely to include personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Research Training.