

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 30, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy 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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 April 29, 2004.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Patrick Wilder, Managing Examiner) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *CSBC Financial Corporation*, Cropsey, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Citizens State Bank of Cropsey, Cropsey, Illinois.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Public Meeting: Application by J. P. Morgan Chase & Co., New York, New York, to Merge with Bank One Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

AGENCY: Federal Reserve System

ACTION: Notice of Public Meetings

SUMMARY: Two public meetings will be held regarding the application submitted by J. P. Morgan Chase & Co., New York, New York, to merge with Bank One Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, and acquire its banking and nonbanking subsidiaries pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act ("BHC Act") and related statutes. The purpose of the public meetings is to collect information relating to factors the Board is required to consider under the BHC Act.

DATES AND TIMES: The New York meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The Chicago meeting will be held on Friday, April 23, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting in New York will be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The public meeting in Chicago will be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and will begin at 8:30 a.m. Central Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the New York meeting, contact John G. Ricketti, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045 (facsimile: 212/720-2845). For the Chicago meeting, contact Alicia Williams, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604 (facsimile: 312/913-2626).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 9, 2004, J. P. Morgan Chase & Co. ("J. P. Morgan") requested the Board's approval under the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) and related statutes to merge with Bank One. The Board hereby orders that public meetings on the J. P. Morgan/Bank One proposal be held in New York, New York, and Chicago, Illinois.

Purpose and Procedures

The purpose of the public meetings is to collect information relating to factors the Board is required to consider under the BHC Act. These factors are (1) the effects of the proposal on the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the companies and banks

involved in the proposal, (2) competition in the relevant markets, and (3) the convenience and needs of the communities to be served. Convenience and needs considerations include a review of the records of performance of J.P. Morgan and Bank One under the Community Reinvestment Act, which requires the Board to take into account in its review of a bank acquisition or merger proposal each institution's record of meeting the credit needs of its entire community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with the safe and sound operation of the institution. 12 U.S.C. 2903.

Procedures for Hearing

Testimony at the public meeting will be presented to a panel consisting of a Presiding Officer and other panel members appointed by the Presiding Officer. In conducting the public meeting, the Presiding Officer will have the authority and discretion to ensure that the meeting proceeds in a fair and orderly manner. In contrast to a formal administrative hearing, the rules for taking evidence in an administrative proceeding will not apply to this public meeting. Panel members may question witnesses, but no cross-examination of witnesses will be permitted. The public meeting will be transcribed and information regarding procedures for obtaining a copy of the transcript will be announced at the public meeting.

On the basis of the requests received, the Presiding Officer will prepare a schedule for persons wishing to testify and establish the order of presentation. To ensure an opportunity for all interested commenters to present their views, the Presiding Officer may limit the time for presentations. At the discretion of the Presiding Officer, persons not listed on the schedule may be permitted to speak at the public meeting if time permits at the conclusion of the schedule of witnesses. Copies of testimony may, but need not, be filed with the Presiding Officer before a person's presentation.

Request to Testify

All persons wishing to testify at the meeting to be held in New York must submit a written request to John G. Ricketti, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045 (facsimile: 212/720-2845) not later than close of business on Monday, April 5, 2004. All persons wishing to testify at the meeting to be held in Chicago, must submit a written request to Alicia Williams, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street,

Chicago, Illinois 60604 (facsimile: 312/913-2626) not later than close of business on Monday, April 5, 2004. The request must include the following information: (i) identification of which meeting the participant wishes to attend; (ii) a brief statement of the nature of the expected testimony (including whether the testimony will support or oppose the proposed transaction, or provide other comment on the proposal) and the estimated time required for the presentation; (iii) address and telephone number (and facsimile number and e-mail address, if available) of the person testifying; and (iv) identification of any special needs, such as from persons desiring translation services, persons with a physical disability who may need assistance, or persons requiring visual aids for their presentation. To the extent feasible, translators will be provided to persons wishing to present their views in a language other than English if this information is included in the request to testify. Persons interested only in attending the meeting but not testifying need not submit a written request to attend.

By order of the Board of Governors acting through the General Counsel pursuant to delegated authority, effective March 31, 2004.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) allow the proposed information collection project: "AHRQ Grants Reporting System (GRS)". In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ

invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Cynthia D. McMichael, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 5022, Rockville, MD 20850. Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from AHRQ's Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia D. McMichael, AHRQ, Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427-1651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

"AHRQ Grants Reporting System (GRS)"

AHRQ has identified the need to establish a systematic method for its grantees to report project progress and important preliminary findings for grants funded by the Agency. The proposed system will address the shortfalls in the current reporting process and establish a consistent and comprehensive grants reporting solution for AHRQ. Currently, AHRQ receives grants continuation applications on an annual basis from all grantees. The progress report, which represents a portion of the annual continuation application, is inadequate because it is too infrequent and does not necessarily capture the information that AHRQ requires to respond to internal and external inquiries.

The reporting system will also provide a centralized repository of grants research information that can be used to support initiatives within the Agency's research plans for the future and to support activities such as performance monitoring, budgeting, knowledge transfer as well as strategic planning.

AHRQ currently conduct quarterly conference calls with some grantees. The content, frequency, and focus of these calls vary. In some grant programs, the number of participants on these calls may be so large as to prohibit quarterly updates from all participants in order to avoid creating an extremely lengthy conference call and to allow the Agency to address other important issues during these calls.

The GRS will support the timely collection of important information related to the life cycle of all a grants. This information includes: significant

changes in project goals, methods, study design, sample or subjects, interventions, evaluation, disseminations, training, key personnel, key preliminary findings; significant problems and resolutions; publications and presentations; tools and products; and new collaborations/partnerships with AHRQ grantees or others conducting related research. Collecting this information in a systematic manner will:

- Promote the transfer of critical information more frequently and efficiently which will enhance the Agency's ability to support research designed to improve the outcomes and quality of health care, reduce its costs, and broaden access to effective services.
- Increase the efficiency of the Agency in responding to ad-hoc information requests, Freedom of Information Act requests, and producing responses related to federally mandated programs and regulations.
- Establish a consistent approach throughout the Agency for information collection about grant progress and a systematic basis for oversight and for facilitating potential collaborations among grantees.
- Decrease the inconvenience and burden on grantees of unanticipated ad-hoc requests for information by the Agency in response to particular (one-time) internal and external requests for information.

Data Confidentiality Provisions

Confidential commercial information will be protected in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 1905. Information about Principal Investigators will be maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a. The submitted reports will be printed and included in the official grant file. All of these files will be retained according to existing Agency policies and procedures and archived as required.

Methods of Collection

The data will be collected using an Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) electronic reporting form developed specifically for the purpose of collecting information quarterly. To reduce burden and to the extent possible, these forms will be pre-populated with reoccurring information needed to specifically identify the institution, project, principal investigator, and other similar information.