

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 website at <http://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 August 25, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Anne McEwen, Financial Specialist) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.*, Bilbao, Spain; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Texas Regional Bancshares, Inc., McAllen, Texas; Texas Regional Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Texas State Bank, McAllen, Texas.

2. *Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.*, Bilbao, Spain; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of State National Bancshares, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; State National Bancshares of Delaware, Inc., Dover, Delaware; and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of State National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Sterling Bancshares, Inc.*, Houston, Texas, and Sterling Bancorporation, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; to merge with, and thereby acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of BOTH, Inc., Kerrville, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire BOTH of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, and Bank of the Hills, National Association, Kerrville, Texas.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Community Bancorp.*, Las Vegas, Nevada; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Cactus Commerce Bank, an Arizona Banking Corporation, Glendale, Arizona.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 27, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

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

TIME AND DATE: 12 p.m., Monday, August 7, 2006.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Smith, Director, or Dave Skidmore, Assistant to the Board, Office of Board Members at 202-452-2955.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists

applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 28, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Maximum Per Diem Rates for the Continental United States (CONUS)

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of Per Diem Bulletin 07-1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 continental United States (CONUS) per diem rates.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration's (GSA's) annual per diem review has resulted in lodging and meal allowance changes for locations within the continental United States (CONUS) to provide for the reimbursement of Federal employees' expenses covered by per diem. Per Diem Bulletin 07-1 updates the maximum per diem amounts in existing per diem localities. The standard CONUS lodging rate of \$60 is unchanged. The CONUS per diem rates prescribed in Bulletin 07-1 may be found at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>. GSA based the lodging per diem rates on the average daily rate that the lodging industry reports. The use of such data in the per diem rate setting process enhances the Government's ability to obtain policy compliant lodging where it is needed. In addition to the annual lodging study, GSA identified 26 new or redefined non-standard areas (NSA's). In order to base its per diem recommendations for those areas on accurate meal cost data, GSA commissioned an out of cycle meal survey in each of the 26 areas. For a complete listing of pertinent information that must be submitted through a Federal executive agency for GSA to restudy a location if a CONUS or standard CONUS per diem rate is insufficient to meet necessary expenses, please review numbers 4 and 5 of our per diem Frequently Asked Questions at (www.gsa.gov/perdiemfaqs).

DATES: This notice is effective October 1, 2006, and applies for travel performed on or after October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Lois Mandell, Office of Governmentwide

Policy, Office of Travel, Transportation, and Asset Management, at (202) 501-2824, or by email at www.gsa.gov/perdiemquestions. Please cite Notice of Per Diem Bulletin 07-1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

After an analysis of current data, GSA has determined that current lodging rates for certain localities do not adequately reflect the lodging economics in those areas. Except for two minor changes, GSA generally applied the FY 2006 methodology in developing the FY 2007 rates. The two changes were:

- Excluded properties identified as below industry standard.
- Redefined property selections within NSA's based on updated charge card data, in addition to Federal Executive Board/Federal Executive Agency input, to indicate actual Federal traveler destinations.

A meals study was also conducted for 26 new or redefined NSA's.

B. Change in standard procedure

GSA issues/publishes the CONUS per diem rates, formerly published in Appendix A to 41 CFR Chapter 301, solely on the internet at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>. This process, implemented in 2003, ensures more timely changes in per diem rates established by GSA for Federal employees on official travel within CONUS. Notices published periodically in the **Federal Register**, such as this one, now constitute the only notification of revisions in CONUS per diem rates to agencies.

Dated: July 19, 2006.

Becky Rhodes,

Deputy Associate Administrator.

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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, Department of Health and Human Services.

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: "Assessment of Unreimbursed Care among Community Primary Care Physicians." 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 October 2, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room #5036, 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: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ, Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427-1477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

"Assessment of Un-reimbursed Care among Community Primary Care Physicians"

This project is being conducted as part of AHRQ's Primary Care Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRN). One of AHRQ's PBRN contractors, the American Academy of Family Physicians' National Research Network (AAFP-NRN), will survey primary care practices participating in its PBRN in order to assess the current state of unreimbursed medical care provided in community based primary care practices.

There has been substantial research conducted to quantify the amount of unreimbursed care provided in private physicians' offices. This survey will collect information from a sample of community-based primary care practices that are widely representative of private physicians across the United States in order to understand the current state of private primary care office unreimbursed care and help assess factors that encourage and discourage practices from engaging in this activity.

The AAFP-NRN will collaborate with AHRQ on the design of a self-administered, web-based questionnaire. The survey will collect information pertaining to the level of unreimbursed care in the practice as well as characteristics of the practice, the physician(s) and the patient population.

Methods of Collection

The survey will be distributed to 800 primary care physicians with an

expected response rate of 75% (600 responses). A stratified sampling approach will be used to ensure appropriate representation from the four Census regions, urban and rural areas, and small and large practices. Selected physicians will receive a letter informing them of the purpose of the study and inviting them to participate. Within a week of receiving the invitation letter, respondents will receive an e-mail inviting them to complete a web-based questionnaire. A paper-based version of the questionnaire will be mailed to nonresponders after two weeks. Reminder phone calls will be placed in weeks four and six to all non-responders. If necessary to achieve target response rates, a re-mailing of the paper-based questionnaire will occur in week eight. The questionnaire is estimated to take no more than fifteen minutes to complete.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Data collection effort	Number of respondents	Estimated time per respondent in hours	Estimated total burden hours
Primary care clinicians	600	.25	150

Estimated Costs to the Federal Government

The total cost to the government for this activity is estimated to be \$129,956.

Request for Comments

In accordance with the above-cited legislation, comments on AHRQ's information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of health care research and information dissemination functions of AHRQ, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) 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 upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information