

agreements and to deal with fact and interest arbitration issues as well. The need for this form is to obtain information such as name, address, type of assistance desired, so that the FMCS can respond to requests efficiently and effectively for various arbitration services (e.g. furnishing lists of seven arbitrators to parties). The purpose of this information collection is to facilitate the processing of the party's request for arbitration assistance. No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection. This notice for comments refers to a revision of the current form to include information regarding payment for services and to note if the request involves Expedited Arbitration.

Burden Statement: The current total annual burden estimate is that FMCS will receive requests from approximately 15,000 respondents per year. In most instances, the form is completed only once and takes about ten minutes to complete. Thus, the frequency of request for an arbitration panel is usually only once.

Title: Arbitrator's Report and Fee Statement. ICR Form R-19; OMB No. 3076-0003. Expiration date: November 30, 2001.

Affected Entities: Individual arbitrators who render awards under appointment by the FMCS procedures.

Abstract: Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. S 171(b) and 29 CFR Part 1404, FMCS assumes a responsibility to monitor the work of the arbitrators who serve on its roster. This is satisfied through the requirement of completion of report and fee statement which indicates when the arbitration award was rendered, the file number, the company and union, the issues, whether briefs were filed and transcripts taken, if there were any waivers by parties on the date the award was due, and the fees and days for services as an arbitrator. This information is then contained in the agency's annual report to indicate the types of arbitration issues, the average or median arbitration fees and days spent and cases. This notice request is for an extension of the form which is currently approved for collection; no change in the substance or method of collection is involved.

Burden Statement: FMCS receives approximately 4000 responses per year. The form is only filed out once and the time required is approximately ten minutes. FMCS uses this form to review arbitrator conformance with its fee and expenses reporting requirements. This information is then contained in the agency's annual report to indicate the types of arbitration issues, the average

or median arbitration fees and days spent on cases. This notice request is for extension of the form which is currently approved for collection; no change in the substance or method of collection is involved.

II. Request for Comments

FMCS solicits comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- (ii) Enhance the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information.
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic and fax submission of responses.

III. The Official Record

The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in addresses at the beginning of this document. FMCS will transfer all electronically received comments into printed paper form as they are received.

List of Subjects

Arbitration and Information collection requests.

Dated: September 25, 1998.

Vella Traynham,

Deputy Director.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their

views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than October 15, 1998.

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

1. *William W. Magruder*, Jamestown, Kentucky; to acquire an additional 43.31 percent, for a total of 49.77 percent, of the voting shares of Jamestown Bancorp, Inc., Jamestown, Kentucky, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank of Jamestown, Jamestown, Kentucky.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 25, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate 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. 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 October 26, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
(Philip Jackson, Applications Officer)

230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *AmBank Holdings, Inc.*, Davenport, Iowa; to become a bank holding company by merging with AmBank Financial Services, inc., Rock Island, Illinois, and thereby acquire American Bank and Trust Company, Davenport, Iowa.

2. *Community Bancshares Corp.*, Indianola, Iowa; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Fort Des Moines Community Bank, Des Moines, Iowa.

3. *St. Charles Financial Corporation*, Oak Brook, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Commerce Bancorp, Inc., Berkeley, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire National Bank of Commerce, Berkeley, Illinois.

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

1. *OGS Investments, Inc.*, Ocala, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Florida Citizens Bank, Ocala, Florida (in organization).

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

1. *Arvest Bank Group, Inc.*, Bentonville, Arkansas; to acquire an additional 50 percent, for a total of 100 percent of the voting shares of TRH Bank Group, Inc., Norman, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire The Security National Bank and Trust Company of Norman, Norman, Oklahoma, and The Oklahoma National Bank of Duncan, Duncan, Oklahoma.

2. *Area Bancshares Corporation*, Owensboro, Kentucky; to merge with Peoples Bancorp of Winchester, Inc., Winchester, Kentucky, and thereby indirectly acquire Peoples Commercial Bank, Winchester, Kentucky.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 25, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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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 October 15, 1998.

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

1. *South Alabama Bancorporation, Inc.*, Mobile, Alabama; to acquire First National Securities, Inc., Brewton, Alabama, and thereby engage in securities brokerage activities, pursuant to §§ 225.28(b)(6) and (b)(7) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 25, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 A.M. (EDT) October 13, 1998.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room 4506, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 1998, Board member meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
3. Review of KPMG Peat Marwick audit report: "Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration Review of U.S.

Department of Treasury Operations relating to the Thrift Savings Plan Investments in the Government Securities Investment Fund."

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Tom Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

John J. O'Meara,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting on October 22 and 23

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board will hold a two-day meeting on Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23, 1998. Important note: The first day, Thursday, October 22, will go from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 4N30. The second day, Friday, October 23, will go from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in room 7C13, the Comptroller General's Briefing Room, of the General Accounting Office building, 441 G St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following issues: (1) The Amendments to Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment Exposure Draft; (2) Social Insurance; (3) the Internal Revenue Service's proposed Technical Corrections to the Accounting for Revenue and Other Financing Sources Standard; (4) Credit Reform; and (5) "More Likely Than Not" issues.

Any interested person may attend the meeting as an observer. Board discussions and reviews are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G St., N.W., Room 3B18, Washington, D.C. 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, Section 10(a)(2), 86 Stat. 770, 774 (1972) (current version at 5 U.S.C. app. section 10(a)(2) (1988); 41 CFR 101-6.1015 (1990).

Dated: September 28, 1998.

Wendy M. Comes,

Executive Director.

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