

services to be eligible for universal service support. Commenters also should estimate the annual cost of any proposed modifications in the list of core services, and explain the derivation of their estimates. If the cost is expected to change significantly over time, commenters should provide an estimate for each of the first five years. Commenters may also wish to address the availability of functional substitutes for a service, the extent to which consumers may have access to the service in locales other than their own residences (e.g., public payphone, worksite, public facilities), and whether providing support for the service would affect competition in its delivery. Finally, commenters may also wish to address the implications for any modifications in the list of core services of ongoing network modernization trends.

The Commission asked the Joint Board to consider as part of its review the record on requests to redefine voice grade access for universal service purposes. The Commission previously rejected arguments for a higher level of bandwidth capacity, in the *First Report and Order*, 62 FR 32862, June 17, 1997, concluding that "a network transmission component of Internet access beyond voice grade access should not be supported" pursuant to section 254(c)(1). The Joint Board invites commenters to update the record on the definition of voice grade access, including whether support for a network transmission component of Internet access beyond the existing definition of voice grade access is warranted at this time. The Joint Board also seeks additional comment on technical issues involved in modifying the current standard, including factors other than bandwidth that affect modem performance, and whether modification would encourage investment in enhanced analog modem performance to the detriment of investment in high-speed and advanced services.

The Joint Board also invites comment on whether any advanced or high-speed services should be included within the list of core services. Commenters should address the questions set forth, and should specify the standard or level of service to which the comments apply.

In addition, the Joint Board invites comment on whether "soft dial tone" or "warm line" services should be included within the list of core services. These services enable an otherwise disconnected line to be used to contact emergency services (911) and the local exchange carrier's central business office. In particular, the Joint Board invites comment on the extent to which

these services are essential to public health or safety, and how such connections to eligible telecommunications carriers may be provided consistent with the principles of competitive neutrality.

Finally, the Joint Board invites comment on whether intrastate or interstate toll services, expanded area service, or prepaid calling plans should be included in the list of supported services.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments as follows: comments are due November 5, 2001, and reply comments are due January 3, 2002. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of the electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street SW., Room 5-A422, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554.

Pursuant to § 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this proceeding will continue to be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex-parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

Federal Communications Commission.

Katherine L. Schroder,

Division Chief, Accounting Policy Division.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank 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 office 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 September 19, 2001.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
(Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer)
230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Helen M. Paul*, Muscatine, Iowa; to acquire additional voting shares of APM Bancorp, Inc., Buffalo, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire additional voting shares of Buffalo Savings Bank, Buffalo, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 29, 2001.

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 website 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 September 28, 2001.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Frandsen Financial Corporation*, Arden Hills, Minnesota; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of F&M Bank Minnesota, Dundas, Minnesota.

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

1. *Spector Holdings Management, LLC*, San Antonio, Texas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 1 percent of the voting shares of, and become the general partner of, Spector Holdings Limited Partnership, San Antonio, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Luling Bancshares, Inc., Luling, Texas, Luling Delaware Financial Corporation, Dover, Delaware, and Citizens State Bank, Luling, Texas.

In connection with this application, Spector Holdings Limited Partnership, San Antonio, Texas, has applied to become a bank holding by acquiring 57.9 percent of the voting shares of Luling Bancshares, Inc., Luling, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Luling Delaware Financial Corporation, Dover, Delaware, and Citizens State Bank, Luling, Texas.

Also, Luling Bancshares, Inc., Luling, Texas, has applied to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Luling

Delaware Financial Corporation, Dover, Delaware, and Citizens State Bank, Luling, Texas. Luling Delaware Financial Corporation also has applied to become a bank holding company.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 29, 2001.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of June 26 and 27, 2001

In accordance with § 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on June 26 and 27, 2001.¹

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long-run objectives, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with reducing the federal funds rate to an average of around 3-3/4 percent.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, August 29, 2001.

Donald L. Kohn,
Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting of June 26 and 27, 2001, which include the domestic policy directive issued at that meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.

Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Home Health Advance Beneficiary Notice of Liability and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 484.10(a); *Form No.:* HCFA-R-296 (OMB# 0938-0781); *Use:* Home health agencies must provide proper written notice to Medicare beneficiaries in advance of furnishing home health care they believe that Medicare will not pay for before reducing, terminating, or denying services to a Medicare beneficiary; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 8,326; *Total Annual Responses:* 180,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 15,000. To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address:

CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, Attn. CMS-R-296, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.