

*Norwest Corporation*, 81 Federal Reserve Bulletin 1128 (1995). These activities will take place in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

As set out in the prior Federal Register notice, the proposed management consulting activities will include consulting with respect to credit review/loan review, pre-funding loan due diligence and underwriting, collateral reviews, problem loan consulting, expert witness/litigation support, bankruptcy support, valuation services, compliance process design and review, special investigations, bank buy-sell due diligence, and CAMEL assessments.

Comments on this application must be received by April 23, 1996.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 4, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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### 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. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or

unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. 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 May 3, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (John J. Wixted, Jr., Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101:

1. *Croghan Bancshares, Inc.*, Fremont, Ohio; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Union Bancshares Corp., Marblehead, Ohio, and thereby indirectly acquire Union Bank and Savings Company, Bellevue, Ohio.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Key Florida Bancorp, Inc.*, Bradenton, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Liberty National Bank, Bradenton, Florida.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (James M. Lyon, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Higgins Bancorporation, Inc.*, Rosemount, Minnesota; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 75.1 percent of the voting shares of The First State Bank of Rosemount, Rosemount, Minnesota.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Hillister Enterprises II, Inc.*, Beaumont, Texas; and Umphrey II Family Limited Partnership, Beaumont, Texas; Southeast Texas Bancshares, Inc., Beaumont, Texas; and Texas Community Bancshares of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, to merge with Port Neches Bancshares, Inc., Port Neches, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank, Port Neches, Texas.

2. *Outsource Capital Group, Inc.*, Lubbock, Texas; and Outsource Delaware Capital Group, Inc., Dover, Delaware; to become bank holding companies by acquiring up to 100

percent of First Bank & Trust Co., White Deer, Texas.

In connection with this application Outsource Capital Group, Inc., Lubbock, Texas, and Outsource Delaware Capital Group, Inc., Dover, Delaware, to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Outsource Lease, Inc., Lubbock, Texas, in leasing activities pursuant to § 225.25(b)(5).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 4, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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### 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 that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) 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. Once the notice has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party

commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

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 April 24, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Christopher J. McCurdy, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045:

1. *Industrial Bank of Japan, Limited*, Tokyo, Japan; to acquire Government Pricing Information Systems, Inc., New York, New York, and thereby engage in data processing activities pursuant to § 225.25(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y.

2. *Societe Generale*, Paris, France; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, FIMAT Futures USA, Inc., New York, New York, in expanding its existing authority to provide securities brokerage and investment advisory services with respect to all classes of securities to the full extent pursuant to §§ 225.25(b)(4) and (15) of the Board's Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (John J. Wixted, Jr., Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101:

1. *PNC Bank Corp.*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; through its wholly-owned subsidiary, PNC Venture Corp., to make an approximate 20 percent voting equity investment in BankVest Capital Corp, Westboro, Massachusetts, and thereby engage in lease financing activities pursuant to § 225.25(b)(5) of the Board's Regulation Y.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:

1. *Farmers Bancshares, Inc.*, Hardinsburg, Kentucky; to engage *de novo* in the selling of insurance directly related to extensions of credit made by its finance company subsidiary, Farmers Bancshares Finance Corp., Inc., Hardinsburg, Kentucky, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(8)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (John E. Yorke, Senior Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198:

1. *FEO Investments*, Hoskins, Nebraska; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Meadow Ridge Partners, L.L.C., Norfolk, Nebraska, in community development activities pursuant to § 225.25(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 4, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*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:** 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 15, 1996.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: April 5, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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### Report to Congressional Committees Regarding Differences in Capital and Accounting Standards Among the Federal Banking and Thrift Agencies

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Notice of report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate and to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs of the United States House of Representatives.

**SUMMARY:** This report has been prepared by the Federal Reserve Board pursuant to section 121 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991. Section 121 requires each Federal banking and thrift agency to report annually to the above specified Congressional Committees regarding any differences between the accounting or capital standards used by such agency and the accounting or capital standards used by other banking and thrift agencies. The report must also contain an explanation of the reasons for any discrepancy in such accounting or capital standards. The report must be published in the Federal Register.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rhoger H Pugh, Assistant Director (202/728-5883), Norah Barger, Manager (202/452-2402), Gerald A. Edwards, Jr., Assistant Director (202/452-2741), Robert E. Motyka, Supervisory Financial Analyst (202/452-3621), or Arthur W. Lindo, Supervisory Financial Analyst (202/452-2695), Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. For the hearing impaired only, Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), Dorothea Thompson (202/452-3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th & C Streets NW., Washington, DC 20551.

### Introduction and Overview

This is the sixth annual report<sup>1</sup> on the differences in capital standards and accounting practices that currently exist among the three banking agencies (the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (FRB), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)) and the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS).<sup>2</sup> Section One of the report focuses on differences in the agencies' capital standards; Section Two discusses differences in accounting standards. The remainder of this introduction provides an overview of the discussion contained in these sections.

### Capital Standards

As stated in the previous reports to the Congress, the three bank regulatory agencies have, for a number of years, employed a common regulatory framework that establishes minimum capital adequacy ratios for commercial banking organizations. In 1989, all three banking agencies and the OTS adopted a risk-based capital framework that was based upon the international capital accord (Basle Accord) developed by the Basle Committee on Banking Regulations and Supervisory Practices (referred to as the Basle Supervisors' Committee) and endorsed by the central bank governors of the G-10 countries.

<sup>1</sup> The first two reports prepared by the Federal Reserve Board were made pursuant to section 1215 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA). The third, fourth, and fifth reports were made pursuant to section 121 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA), which superseded section 1215 of FIRREA.

<sup>2</sup> At the federal level, the Federal Reserve System has primary supervisory responsibility for state-chartered banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System as well as all bank holding companies. The FDIC has primary responsibility for state nonmember banks and FDIC-supervised savings banks. National banks are supervised by the OCC. The OTS has primary responsibility for savings and loan associations.