

**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 May 29, 1998.

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

1. *First American Corporation*, Nashville, Tennessee; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Peoples Bank, Dickson, Tennessee.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *First Commerce Bancshares, Inc.*, Lincoln, Nebraska; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Western Nebraska National Bank, Valentine, Nebraska.

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**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy 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 May 20, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York** (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *The Bank of Nova Scotia*, Toronto, Canada; to acquire American Securities Transfer & Trust Incorporated, Denver, Colorado, and thereby engage in certain shareholder services, including acting as a stock transfer and dividend disbursing agent and providing similar custodial or agency services, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(5) of the Board's Regulation Y.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *First Chicago NBD Corporation*, Chicago, Illinois; to acquire indirectly through First Chicago Trust Company, New York, New York, 50 percent of the voting shares of Boston EquiServe, L.P., Canton, Massachusetts, and thereby engage in the nonbanking activities of providing data processing services and performing trust company operations pursuant to §§ 225.28(b)(14) and 225.28(b)(5) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 30, 1998.

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*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 11, 1998.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C 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:** Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

**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.bog.frb.fed.us> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: May 1, 1998

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION****Survey of Rent-to-Own Customers; Proposed Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

**ACTION:** Proposed information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The FTC invites comments on a proposed telephone survey before submitting a request for OMB review under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed survey must be submitted on or before July 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Elaine W. Crockett,