

1. *Clyde Ray White, Clydine Covington White, and Jarrah Reed White*, all of Monroe, Louisiana; Larry Nolan White and Virginia Owens White, both of Colleyville, Texas; and Patrick Slade White, Huntsville, Alabama, acting in concert to acquire voting shares of Ouachita Bancshares Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Ouachita Independent Bank, both of Monroe, Louisiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 1, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

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. 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 the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than October 31, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Steve Foley, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *First Trust Corporation*, New Orleans, Louisiana, to indirectly acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Globe Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire Globe Homestead Savings Bank, FSA, both of Metairie, Louisiana, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(i) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 1, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/02/2008			
20081619	JANA Offshore Partners, Ltd	Convergys Corporation	Convergys Corporation.
20081641	GTCR Fund IX/A, L.P	TA IX L.P	Triumph HealthCare Holdings, Inc.
20081644	Teck Cominco Limited	Fording Canadian Coal Trust	1231207 Alberta ULC. 627066 Alberta Ltd. Ardley Coal Limited. Beachpoint Holdings Ltd. Bitmin Resources Inc. Fording Amalco Inc. Fording Coal Limited. Philadelphia Consolidated Holding Corp.
20081647	Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc	Philadelphia Consolidated Holding Corp.	
20081649	USA Credit Union	T & C Federal Credit Union	T & C Federal Credit Union.
20081657	Gores Capital Partners, L.P	Gores LuxCo I, S.a r.l	Gores LuxCo I, S.a r.l.
20081658	CapCom Credit Union	DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union.	DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union.
20081660	Comcast Corporation	Pilot Group LP	Daily Candy, Inc.
20081661	FMG Acquisition Corp	United Insurance Holdings, L.C	United Insurance Holdings L.C.
20081670	Deutsche Telekom AG	AT&T Inc	AT&T Mobility LLC f/k/a. Cingular Wirelless LLC. AT&T Mobility LLC F/k/a. Dobson Cellular Systems, LLC. T-Mobile USA, Inc.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/04/2008			
20081611	ABRY Partners V, L.P	Warburg, Pincus Equity Partners, L.P.	ChartOne, Inc.
20081662	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	PDL BioPharma, Inc	PDL BioPharma, Inc.
20081667	Janus Capital Group, Inc	Mac-Per-Wolf Company	Perkins, Wolf, McDonnell and Company, LLC.
20081669	Li & Fung Limited	Bruce Makowsky and Kathleen Van Zeeland.	Van Zeeland, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/05/2008			
20081511	ION Geophysical Corporation	Donald G. Chamberlain	ARAM Systems, Ltd. Canadian Seismic Rentals Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/08/2008			
20081500	Sisters of Providence—Mother Joseph Province.	HOP, Inc	HCP, Inc.
20081671	AT&T Inc	Deutsche Telekom AG	AT&T Mobility LLC f/k/a. Cingular Wirelless LLC. AT&T Mobility LLC F/k/a. Dobson Cellular Systems, LLC. T-Mobile USA, Inc.
20081677	Ameriprise Financial, Inc	H&R Block, Inc	HRB Financial Corporation.
20081685	Denbury Resources, Inc	Wapiti Energy, LLC	Wapiti Energy, LLC. Wapiti Gathering, LLC. Wapiti Operating, LLC. Chaparral Energy, Inc.
20081686	Voting Trust Relating to Issued Share Cap. of Magnetar Cap.	Chaparral Energy, Inc	
20081687	Black Canyon Direct Investment Fund, L.P.	Dr. Richard J. Malouf	All Smiles Dental Center, Inc.
20081690	Providence Equity Partners VI L.P ...	World Triathlon Corporation	World Triathlon Corporation.
20081691	Sempra Energy	EnergySouth, Inc	EnergySouth, Inc.
20081696	Billabong International Limited	Robert Kaplan	Da Kine Hawaii Corporation.
20081700	Community Health Systems, Inc	Empire Health Services	Empire Health Services. Inland Empire Hospital Services Association.
20081707	JPMorgan Chase & Co	Johnson & Johnson	Ethicon, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/09/2008			
20081698	Complete Production Services, Inc ..	Appalachian Well Services, Inc	Appalachian Well Services, Inc. Titan Wireline Services, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/10/2008			
20081688	4 Garages LLC	General Electric Company	UGP—Tower, LLC. Urban Growth Wabash. Randolph, LLC.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/11/2008			
20081650	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc	Griffon Corporation	Griffon Corporation.
20081654	Lime Rock Partners IV, L.P	Industrial Rubber Products, Inc	Industrial Rubber Products, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/12/2008			
20081632	Humana Inc	Covenant Health	PHP Companies, Inc.
20081643	Cobham plc	Tyco Electronics Ltd	AMP Products Pacific Limited. Laser Diode, Inc. M/A—COM Eurotec B.V. M/A—COM, Inc. Tyco Electronics AMP GmbH. Tyco Electronics AMP Korea Limited. Tyco Electronics Corporation India Pvt. Limited. Tyco Electronics France SAS. Tyco Electronics H.K. Limited. Tyco Electronics Israel Ltd. Tyco Electronics Raychem GmbH. Tyco Electronics Raychem SA. Tyco Electronics (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Tyco Electronics (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. Tyco Electronics Singapore Pte Ltd. Tyco Electronics Svenska AB. Tyco Electronics UK Ltd. Tyco Holdings (Bermuda).

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20081682	GeNx360 Capital Partners, L.P	GSC Recovery IIA, L.P	No. 7 Ltd., Taiwan Branch.
20081703	AEP Industries Inc	Atlantis Plastics, Inc	Precision Partners, Inc.
			Atlantis Plastic Films, Inc.
			Linear Films, Inc.
20081711	Ecopetrol S.A	Chevron Corporation	Union Oil Company of California.
20081718	Fortune Brands, Inc	Pernod Ricard SA	Cruzan Viril, Ltd.
			The Absolut Spirits Company, Inc.
			V&S Vin Spirit AB.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/15/2008

20080831	Reed Elsevier PLC	ChoicePoint Inc	ChoicePoint Inc.
20080832	Reed Elsevier NV	ChoicePoint Inc	ChoicePoint Inc.
20080987	Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA.	Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited ..	Luitpold Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
20081648	Kulicke and Sofia Industries	Orthodyne Electronics Corporation ..	Orthodyne Electronics Corporation.
20081666	JDA Software Group, Inc	i2 Technologies, Inc	i2 Technologies, Inc.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/16/2008

20081683	The Middleby Corporation	TurboChef Technologies, Inc	TurboChef Technologies, Inc.
20081684	Johnson & Johnson	SurgRx, Inc	SurgRx, Inc.
20081695	Eli Lilly and Company	Monsanto Company	Monsanto Company.
20081706	Orkla ASA	Benson Holdings, Inc	Benson Industries LLC.
20081720	Assurant, Inc	General Electric Company	General Electric Company.
20081729	Alberto-Culver Company	The Procter & Gamble Company	Noxell Corporation.
20081735	Arbor Investments II, L.P	Bradshaw International, Inc	Bradshaw International, Inc.
20081737	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co	X-Rite, Incorporated	X-Rite, Incorporated.
20081738	The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc ..	AIX Holdings, Inc	AIX Holdings, Inc.
20081742	Covanta Holding Corporation	Ridgewood Electric Power Trust IV ..	Indeck Maine Energy, LLC.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/18/2008

20081783	Barclays PLC	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., a debtor-in-possession.	LB 745 LLC. Lehman Brothers Inc.
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TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/19/2008

20081665	Owens & Minor, Inc	Mr. George Burrows	The Burrows Company.
20081719	Chesapeake Energy Corporation	Cinco County Barnet Shale, LLC	DDJET Limited LLP.
20081743	Covanta Holding Corporation	Ridgewood Electric Power Trust V ..	Indeck Maine Energy, LLC.
V20081746	Riverside Capital Appreciation Fund V, L.P.	Commercial Markets Holdco, Inc	JohnsonDiversey Canada, Inc. JohnsonDiversey, Inc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary****Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act**

October 1, 2008.

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS),
Department of Health and Human
Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Declaration pursuant to section 319F-3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d) to provide targeted liability protections for anthrax countermeasures based on a credible risk that the threat of exposure to *Bacillus anthracis* and the resulting disease constitutes a public health emergency.

DATES: This notice and the attached declaration are effective as of the date of signature of the declaration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

RADM W.C. Vanderwagen, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Telephone (202) 205-2882 (this is not a toll-free number).

HHS Secretary's Declaration for Utilization of Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Anthrax Countermeasures

Whereas significant changes in the nature, regularity and degree of threats to health posed by the use of infectious agents as weapons of biological warfare have generated increased concern for the safety of the general American population particularly following the deliberate exposure of citizens in the