

is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(4) and (b)(6)).

Abstract: The Federal Reserve uses this information to define relevant banking markets for specific merger and acquisition applications and to evaluate changes in competition that would result from proposed transactions.

4. Report title: Notice of Branch Closure

Agency form number: FR 4031

OMB control number: 7100-0264

Frequency: On occasion

Reporters: State member banks

Annual burden hours: 422 hours

Estimated average hours per response: Reporting requirements, 2 hours; Disclosure requirements, 1 hour; Recordkeeping requirements, 8 hours.

Number of respondents: 124

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 1831r-l(a)(1)) and may be given confidential treatment upon request (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: The mandatory reporting, recordkeeping, and disclosure requirements regarding the closing of any branch of an insured depository institution are imposed by section 228 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991. There is no reporting form associated with the reporting portion of this information collection; state member banks notify the Federal Reserve by letter prior to closing a branch. The Federal Reserve uses the information to fulfill its statutory obligation to supervise state member banks.

5. Report title: Reports Related to Securities of State Member Banks as Required by Regulation H.

Agency form number: Reg H-1

OMB Control number: 7100-0091

Frequency: Quarterly and on occasion

Reporters: State member banks

Annual reporting hours: 1,477 hours

Estimated average hours per response: 5.11 hours

Number of respondents: 17

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (15 U.S.C. 781(i)) and is not given confidential treatment.

Abstract: The Federal Reserve(s) Regulation H requires certain state member banks to submit information relating to their securities to the Federal Reserve on the same forms that bank holding companies and nonbank entities use to submit similar information to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information is primarily used for public disclosure and is available to the public upon request.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 6, 2007.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

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 April 2, 2007.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *BlackRidge Financial, Inc.*, Fargo, North Dakota, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of BlackRidgeBANK, Fargo, North Dakota, a *de novo* bank.

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

1. *Woodforest Financial Group, Inc.*, The Woodlands, Texas; to acquire 100

percent of the voting shares of Olympic Savings, SSB, Refugio, Texas. Upon consummation, Woodforest Final Group, Inc., will convert Olympic Bank into a federal savings bank and change its name to Woodforest Bank, FSB, Refugio, Texas, and thereby engage in owning and operating a savings and loan association, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 5, 2007.

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

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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 Web site at <http://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 April 5, 2007.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) P.O. Box 55882, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Chittenden Corporation*, Burlington, Vermont; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of, and thereby merge with Merrill Merchants Bancshares, Inc. and thereby indirectly acquire Merrill Merchants Bank, all located in Bangor, Maine.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire at least 5 percent of the voting shares of M&M Consulting Limited Liability Company, Bangor, Maine, and thereby engage in providing internal audits, loan reviews and regulatory compliance consulting services, generally under one to two year contracts, to New England-based financial institutions, pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(2)(vi) and (b)(9)(i)(A)(1) of Regulation Y, and indirectly acquire Profit Protection LLC, and thereby engage in providing anti-money laundering and bank security seminars/training sessions in Florida and across the country and the publication of banking-related training manuals, pamphlets, video tapes and similar materials, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(9)(i)(A)(1) of Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Patrick M. Wilder, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Minier Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan w/401(k) Provisions*, Minier, Illinois; to increase its ownership of Minier Financial, Inc., Minier, Illinois, from 26.12 percent to no more than 51 percent, and thereby increase its indirectly ownership of First Farmers State Bank, Minier, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 6, 2007.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Public Input Opportunity

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

SUMMARY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) announces the following availability of opportunity for the public to provide input regarding the draft document, "Explosion Pressure Design Criteria for New Seals in U.S. Mines."

NIOSH is the Federal agency responsible for conducting research and

making recommendations for the prevention of occupational injuries and illnesses, including those occurring in the mining industry. Federal Mine Safety and Health Act, 30 U.S.C. 951.

Seals are dam-like structures constructed in underground coal mines throughout the U.S. to isolate abandoned mining panels or groups of panels from the active workings. Historically, mining regulations required seals to withstand a 140 kPa (20 psi) explosion pressure; however, the 2006 MINER Act requires MSHA to increase this design standard by the end of 2007. This report provides a sound scientific and engineering justification to recommend a three-tiered explosion pressure design criteria for new seals in coal mines in response to the MINER Act. Much of the information contained in this report also applies to existing seals.

A copy of the draft document can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/mineseal/>.

Comments should be submitted to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, 4676 Columbia Parkway, M/S C-34, Cincinnati, OH 45226, telephone 513/533-8450, fax 513/533-8285, nioshdocket@cdc.gov. Comments may also be submitted directly through the Web site <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/mineseal/comments.html>.

The document will remain available for comment until March 12, 2007. Comments should reference docket number NIOSH-100 in the subject heading.

All information received in response to this notice will be available for public examination and copying at the NIOSH Docket Office, Room 111, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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John Howard,

Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-265-94 and CMS-460]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

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

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Independent Renal Dialysis Facility Cost Report and supporting regulations 42 CFR 413.20 and 42 CFR 413.24; *Form No.:* CMS-265-94 (OMB# 0938-0236); *Use:* Providers of services participating in the Medicare program are required under sections 1815(a), 1833(e), 1861(v)(1)(A) and 1881(b)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act to submit annual information to achieve reimbursement for health care services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries. The Form CMS-265-94 cost report is needed to determine the amount of reasonable cost due to the providers for furnishing medical services to Medicare beneficiaries.

The data collected will be used for the following additional purposes: (a) Determination of reimbursements rates for renal dialysis treatments, self-dialysis training, and other reasonable and medically necessary services rendered in connection with these treatments; (b) justification of requests for adjustments or exceptions in the reimbursements rates; and, (c) accumulation of data for overall evaluation. Worksheet B, Worksheet C