

of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than October 29, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth Binning, Vice President, Applications and Enforcement) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Fife Commerical Bank 401K ESOP*, to acquire voting shares of Puget Sound Financial Services, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Fife Commercial Bank, all of Fife, Washington.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 9, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of September 16, 2008

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 September 16, 2008.¹

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 maintaining the federal funds rate at an average of around 2 percent.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, October 7, 2008.

Brian F. Madigan,

Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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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 applications 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 November 10, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Todd Offenbacher, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Foundation First Corporation*, Omaha, Nebraska, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Western State Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Western State Bank, both of Waterloo, Nebraska.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 9, 2008.

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 applications 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 November 10, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Burl Thornton, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Hoosier Heartland State Bancorp*, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Linden State Bancorp, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Linden State Bank, both of Linden, Indiana, and New Ross Bancorp, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Farmers State Bank, both of New Ross, Indiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 10, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Government in the Sunshine Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on September 16, 2008, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the 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.

FEDERAL REGISTER Citation of Previous Announcement: FR 73, 58592 dated October 7, 2008.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: Meeting has been canceled.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Michelle Smith, Director, or Dave Skidmore, Assistant to the Board, Office of Board Members at 202-452-2955.

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.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic

announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: October 14, 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 H 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—09/22/2008			
20081727	Audax Private Equity Fund I11, LP	Andrews Holding, LLC	Andrews Holding, LLC.
20081730	Dufry AG	Newco	Hudson Group Holdings, Inc.
20081731	Newco	Dufry AG	Dufry AG.
20081741	Sterling Investment Partners II, L.P.	Charles M. Simon	FCX USA, Inc.
20081744	The Gap, Inc	Blue Highways Holdings LLC	Athleta, Inc.
20081745	Audax Private Equity Fund III, L.P.	Mobilex Acquisition Group, LLC	MX USA, Inc.
20081751	Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VII, L.P. ...	Bodycote Plc	Bodycote Materials Testing Inc.
20081752	Sumner M. Redstone	NextMedia Investors LLC	NextMedia Outdoor, Inc.
20081753	Infosys Technologies Limited	Axon Group plc	Axon Group plc.
20081758	American Industrial Partners Capital Fund IV, LP.	Morgenthaler Partners VIII, L.P.	MAI Holdings, Inc.
20081760	Anixter International Inc.	James M. Lindenberg	World Class Wire and Cable, Inc.
20081764	MOD Holding Company, L.L.P.	Miller Distributing of Fort Worth, Inc.	Miller Distributing of Fort Worth, Inc.
20081766	J.H. Whitney VI, L.P.	George and Julianne Arguros	I Products Corporation.
20081768	Vladimir Lisin	Theodore P. Angelopoulos	Beta Steel Corp.
20081772	Actuant Corporation	Cortec Group Fund III, L.P.	The Cortland Companies, Inc.
20081774	DCP Midstream Partners, LP	Ganesh Energy, LLC	Michigan Pipeline & Processing, LLC.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/23/2008			
20081723	The Odom Corporation	Francine Loeb	Alaska Distributors Co.
20081726	3M Company	TSG4 L.P.	Meguiar's, Inc.
20081769	Prudential Financial Inc	Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company	Meguiar's International, Inc.
20081770	Prudential Financial Inc	MC Insurance Agency Services Holdings, LLC.	Mullin TBG Insurance Agency Services, LLC.
20081775	OCM Principal Opportunities Fund IV, L.P.	Nevada Chemicals, Inc.	TBG Insurance Services Corp.
			MC Insurance Agency Services, LLC.
			Mullin TBG Insurance Agency Services, LLC.
			Nevada Chemicals, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/24/2008			
20081771	Magnesita Refratararios S.A.	Rhone Partners III LP	Rearden G Holdings Eins GmbH.
20081773	TransDigm Group Incorporated	General Electric Company	Unison Industries, LLC.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/26/2008			
20081701	Warburg Pincus Private Equity X, L.P. ...	Green Dot Corporation	Green Dot Corporation.
20081716	NEC Corporation	NetCracker Technology Corporation	NetCracker Technology Corporation.
20081725	Tower Group, Inc	Partners Limited	HIG, Inc.
20081755	Precision Drilling Trust	Grey Wolf, Inc	Grey Wolf, Inc.
20081767	Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Fund I, Ltd.	Dr. Rajendra Singh	TVCC One Six Holdings, LLC.
20081777	Superior Well Services, Inc	Wexford Partners 9, L.P.	Diamondback—Completions LLC.