

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Ocean Transportation Intermediary License; Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission an application for license as a Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediary pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR part 515).

Persons knowing of any reason why the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Transportation Intermediaries, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

#### *Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants:*

Tropical Wind Cargo International, LLC, 8305 NW., 27 Street, Suite 113-B, Miami, FL 33122. Officers: Vivian Gonzalez, Manager, (Qualifying Individual), Eduardo Li Sanchez, Manager.

WEL Logistics, Inc., 11161 Fraley Street, Garden Grove, CA 92541. Officers: Andy Song, President, (Qualifying Individual), Hyun J. Lee, Secretary.

Ridge International Freight, Ltd., dba RIF Line, 2125 196th Street SW., Suite 118, Lynnwood, WA 98036. Officer: Qi Ye, President, (Qualifying Individual).

PAB Shipping Inc. dba PAB Maritime Service, 159 N. Courtland Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Officer: Pierangelo Bonati, President, (Qualifying Individual).

Autolog Forwarding Corporation, 1701 East Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036. Officers: Larry Vasconez, Asst. Vice President, (Qualifying Individual), Myron Levine, President.

#### *Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder Transportation Intermediary Applicants:*

Agent's House International, Inc., 2120 Dennis Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Officers: Kim Highsmith, Chief Operating Officer, (Qualifying Individual), Ronald Avery, President.

SYL Cargo USA, Inc. dba SYL Cargo, 8484 NW., 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33166. Officers: Enrique J. Chia,

General Manager, (Qualifying Individual), Diana Cevallos, President.

Gridiron Forwarding Co., Inc., 731 Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. Officer: Donald G. Goldberg, President, (Qualifying Individual). China Container Line Ltd., 17800 Castleton Street, Suite 158, City of Industry, CA 91748. Officers: Arthur King, President, (Qualifying Individual), Howard Chan, Treasurer. Epic International Transport, LLC, 6048 Lido Lane, Long Beach, CA 90803. Officer: Charles Alphonsus Brennan, Manager, (Qualifying Individual).

#### *Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants:*

JC Logistics, 30040 58th Place S., Auburn, Washington 98001, Cheryl Wilson, Sole Proprietor.

Action Brokerage Corp., 4477 NW., 97 Avenue, Miami, FL 33178. Officers: Elizabeth Zaldivar, President, (Qualifying Individual), John E. Lebold, Vice President.

MTHM, Inc., 6800 Sands Point, Houston, TX 77074. Officer: Thomas W. Chapman, President, (Qualifying Individual).

Carlin Logistics Incorporated, 441 N. Park Blvd., Unit 5J, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. Officers: Linda Adams, President, (Qualifying Individual), Carl S. Adams, Vice President.

Dated: February 11, 2005.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
*Secretary.*

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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/](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 March 11, 2005.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia** (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105-1521:

1. *Sterling Financial Corporation*, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; to retain 100 percent of the voting shares of Delaware Sterling Bank & Trust Company, Christiana, Delaware.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 10, 2005.

**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 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/](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 March 14, 2005.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Independence Bancshares, Inc.*, Greenville, South Carolina; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Independence National Bank, Greenville, South Carolina (in organization).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 11, 2005.

**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/](http://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 March 2, 2005.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Andre Anderson, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *BankEast Corporation*, Knoxville, Tennessee; to acquire Curtis Mortgage Company, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, and thereby engage in brokering residential and investor real estate loans in the secondary market, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 10, 2005.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Federal Open Market Committee

[Docket No. OP-1223]

#### Rules of Organization

**AGENCY:** Federal Open Market Committee.

**ACTION:** Notice; amendment to Rules of Organization.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Open Market Committee (the "Committee") has amended its Rules of Organization to provide that the annual terms of Reserve Bank representatives on the Committee shall begin on the date of the Committee's first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year (rather than January 1 of each year). The Committee also has made other minor and technical amendments to its Rules of Organization to conform the rules to current practice and to make the rules gender-neutral.

**DATES:** The amendments to the Rules of Organization became effective on February 2, 2005.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kieran J. Fallon, Assistant General Counsel (202-452-5270), April Snyder, Attorney (202-452-3099), Legal Division; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; or Deborah J. Danker, Deputy Secretary (202-452-3253), Federal Open Market Committee, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551. Users of

Telecommunication Device for Deaf (TTD) only, call (202) 263-4869.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee is composed of the members of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and five representatives of the Federal Reserve Banks. The Reserve Bank representatives on the Committee are elected annually in the manner set forth in section 12A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 263(a)). An alternate also is elected annually for each Reserve Bank representative, and the alternate serves on the Committee in the absence of the relevant Reserve Bank representative.<sup>1</sup> The Federal Reserve Act authorizes the Board to prescribe regulations governing the details of the elections of Reserve Bank representatives and alternates.<sup>2</sup>

The Committee has amended its Rules of Organization to provide that the annual terms of the Committee's Reserve Bank members (and alternates) shall begin on the date of the Committee's first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year (rather than on January 1st of each year). With this change, the annual terms of the Committee's Reserve Bank representatives (and alternates) will run from the Committee's first regularly scheduled meeting of a calendar year to the Committee's first regularly scheduled meeting of the next calendar year. The amendment synchronizes the terms of the Reserve Bank representatives (and alternates) with the terms of the Committee's officers and staff, who currently are elected annually at the Committee's first regularly scheduled meeting of each year.

The Committee also has amended its Rules of Organization to clarify that the Committee's officers and staff are elected at the Committee's first *regularly scheduled* meeting of each year, and to reflect the fact that the Committee currently appoints only one Manager for the System Open Market Account. These changes conform the rules to the Committee's current practice. Finally, the Committee has modified sections 2(b), 4(b), and 5 of its Rules of Organization to make the rules gender-neutral.

The Committee has incorporated the amendments into the Committee's Rules of Organization. The Committee's Rules of Organization are uncodified regulations for use by the Committee, issued pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552. Because the amendments relate solely to the internal organization, procedure or

<sup>1</sup> Each Reserve Bank representative and alternate must be a president or first vice president of a Reserve Bank.

<sup>2</sup> See 12 U.S.C. 263(a).