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Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554.

Pursuant to § 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which ex parte communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

Federal Communications Commission.

Paul Garnett,

Acting Assistant Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division.

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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 September 18, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (James Hunter, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *BancFirst Corporation*, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Lincoln National Bancorporation, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire Lincoln National Bank, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 19, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Request for Measures of Patients' Hemodialysis Care Experiences

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of request.

SUMMARY: The Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is soliciting the voluntary submission of instruments measuring patient perspectives of their experience with hemodialysis facilities from researchers, vendors, stakeholders and other interested parties. AHRQ and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have set as a priority the development of a standardized survey that may be used to make widely available, comparable measurements of hemodialysis patient experiences. Therefore, AHRQ is assessing the feasibility of creating such a standardized instrument and the nature

and scope of the work to be done. As part of the feasibility study, AHRQ is reviewing existing instruments that capture patients' treatment experiences and is therefore requesting voluntary submission of such instruments or measures along with documentation for administration of the instruments or measures and, if possible, critical evaluations of particular measures or related survey administration techniques.

DATES: Parties interested in contributing to this endeavor are asked to submit the requested material on or before October 24, 2003 to Beth Kosiak, Ph.D. (see address below). AHRQ will not reply to individual responses, but will consider all submissions and suggestions.

ADDRESSES: Submissions should include a brief cover letter and include copy of the instrument or particular measure(s) for consideration. They may be in the form of a letter or e-mail, preferably with an electronic file in a standard word processing format such as Microsoft Word or Word Perfect on a 3½ inch diskette enclosed or as an e-mail with an e-mail attachment. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged. Responses to this request should be submitted to: Beth Kosiak, PhD, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850, Phone: (301) 427-1322, Fax: (301) 427-1341, e-mail: bkosiak@ahrq.gov.

In order to ease the handling of submissions, please send a copy of the instrument or measure(s), and a cover letter addressing the extent to which the information submitted meets the "Submission Criteria" below. A copy or citation of relevant peer-reviewed journal articles is also desirable, but not required. For citations, please include the title of the article, author(s), publication year, journal name, volume, issue, and page numbers where article appears. All submissions must include a statement of willingness to grant to AHRQ the right to use and authorize others to use submitted measures and their documentation as part of a CAHPS®-trademarked instrument. Any CAHPS instrument developed for patient perspectives of experiences of hemodialysis care will be made publicly available for use free of charge. However, a CAHPS instrument bearing the CAHPS trademark may only be administered following CAHPS documentation and instructions. To facilitate our obtaining any other required clarifications, please submit the following information with respect to a knowledgeable contact person: (a) Name, (b) title, (c) organization, (d)

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