

Missouri. Juniper bank will be the successor by merger with First Bank.

Comments on this application must be received by February 12, 2001.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 23, 2001.

Robert deV. Frierson

Associate 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 February 22, 2001.

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

1. *Southern Community Financial Corporation*, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Southern

Community Bank & Trust, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Cynthia C. Goodwin, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Persons Banking Company, Inc.*, Lithonia, Georgia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The Farmers Bank, Forsyth, Georgia.

2. *Synovus Financial Corp.*, Columbus, Georgia; to acquire approximately 6 percent of the voting shares of Juniper Financial Corporation. Wilmington, Delaware, and thereby acquire shares of Juniper Bank, Wilmington, Delaware, a *de novo* bank, and First Bank, CBC, Maryville, Missouri. Juniper Bank will be the successor by merger with First Bank.

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

1. *Sterling Bancshares, Inc.*, Houston, Texas, and Sterling Bancorporation, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; to merge with CaminoReal Bancshares, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of CaminoReal Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, and CaminoReal Bank, N.A., San Antonio, Texas.

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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 February 22, 2001.

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

1. *Platte Valley Financial Services, Inc.*, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; to acquire Tri-County Bancorp, Torrington, Wyoming, and thereby indirectly acquire Tri-County Bank, Torrington, Wyoming, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

Time and Date: February 21, 2001—9:00 a.m.—5:15 p.m.; February 22, 2001—10:10 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 705A, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting the Committee will hear presentations and hold discussions on several health data policy topics. On the first day an update from HHS has been scheduled on the implementation of the administrative simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The Committee will be briefed by HHS staff on a number of data policy activities including a report from a recent World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board meeting, an evaluation of the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) for surveillance of sentinel health indicators, and a presentation