

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Network Reliability and Interoperability Council; Charter Renewal**

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission has renewed the charter for the "Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (the "Council") for a 2-year period, through December 29, 2005. The Council is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

DATES: Renewed through December 29, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may request a copy of the charter by writing to Chief, Network Technology Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, The Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 7-A325, Washington, DC 20554; by calling (202) 418-1096; or by faxing (202) 418-1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffery Goldthorp, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (202) 418-1096 or *Jeffery.Goldthorp@fcc.gov*. The TTY Number is: (202) 418-2989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to provide recommendations to the FCC and to the communications industry that, if implemented, shall under all reasonably foreseeable circumstances assure optimal reliability and interoperability of wireless, wireline, satellite, cable, and public data networks.¹ This includes facilitating the reliability, robustness, security, and interoperability of communications networks including emergency communications networks. The scope of this activity also encompasses recommendations that shall ensure the security and sustainability of communications networks throughout the United States; ensure the availability of adequate communications capacity during events or periods of exceptional stress due to natural disaster, terrorist attacks or similar occurrences; and facilitate the rapid restoration of telecommunications services in the event of widespread or major disruptions in the provision of communications services. The Council

shall address topics in the following areas:

1. Emergency Communications Networks Including E911
2. Homeland Security Best Practices
3. Best Practices for Wireless and Public Data Network Services
4. Broadband

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of information collections to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for OMB review and approval of the information collection systems described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Information about this submission, including copies of the proposed collections of information, may be obtained by calling or writing the FDIC contact listed below.

- *Mail:* Steve Hanft, Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 898-3907, Legal Division, Room MB-3046, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429. All comments should refer to the OMB control number.

Joseph Lackey, FDIC OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10236, Washington, DC 20503.

- *Hand Delivery:* Guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Hanft, at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal To Renew the Following Three Currently Approved Collections of Information

1. *Title:* Application for a Bank to Establish a Branch or Move its Main Office or Branch.

OMB Number: 3064-0070.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Insured financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,540.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 7,700 hours.

General Description of Collection:

Insured State nonmember banks are required by law to obtain the FDIC's prior written consent before they can establish and operate any new domestic branch or move their main office or any branch from one location to another.

2. *Title:* Application for Consent to Reduce or Retire Capital.

OMB Number: 3064-0079.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Insured State nonmember banks.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Total Annual Burden: 80 hours.

General Description of Collection:

Insured state nonmember banks that propose to change their capital structure must apply for and obtain FDIC's consent to reduce or retire capital.

3. *Title:* Activities and Investments of Savings Associations.

OMB Number: 3064-0104.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Insured savings associations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 75.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 375 hours.

General Description of Collection:

This collection of information is an application submitted by savings associations to the FDIC as part of the process of obtaining exceptions to the restrictions on the powers of savings associations. The restrictions reduce the risk of loss to the deposit insurance funds and eliminate some differences between the powers of state associations and those of federal associations.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether these collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the

¹Public data networks are networks that provide data services for a fee to one or more unaffiliated entities.

methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 13th day of January, 2004.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 69 FR 361.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: 10 a.m., January 21, 2004.

CHANGES:

1. The addition of an Open Session of the Meeting to begin at 2 p.m.

2. The consideration of Item 1 in the Open Session of the Meeting: Item 1. Petition No. P10-03—Petition of National Custom Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. for Rulemaking.

3. The addition of Item 5 to the Closed Session of the Meeting: Item 5. Petition No. P3-02—Petition of the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers, Inc. To Investigate Truck Detention Practices of the New York Terminal Conference at the New York/New Jersey Port District.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bryant L. VanBrakle, Secretary, (202) 523-5725.

Bryant L. Van Brakle,

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/.

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 9, 2004.

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

1. *Allied Bancshares, Inc.*, Cumming, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank of Forsyth County, Cumming, Georgia.

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

1. *Pine River Bank Corporation*, Bayfield, Colorado; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank of Lake City & Creede, Lake City, Colorado.

2. *First Pioneer Holding, Inc.*, Denver, Colorado; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First Western Trust Bank, Denver, Colorado (in organization).

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire First Western Investment Management, Inc., Denver, Colorado, and thereby engage in investment advisory activities, pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(6)(i) and (ii) of Regulation Y, and James Sprout & Associates, Inc., Fort Collins, Colorado, and thereby engage in investment advisory activities, pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(6)(i) and (ii) of Regulation Y.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire

Poudre River Valley Trust Co., Fort Collins, Colorado, and thereby engage in trust company activities, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(5) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 12, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Public Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy Sites: Oak Ridge Reservation Health Effects Subcommittee

Name: Public meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on PHS Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Oak Ridge Reservation Health Effects Subcommittee (ORRHES).

Time and Date: 12 p.m.–6:30 p.m., February 3, 2004.

Place: Kingston Community Center, 201 Patton Ferry Road, Kingston, TN 37763. Telephone: (865) 376-9476.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 75 people.

Background: Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in October 1990 and renewed in September 2000 between ATSDR and DOE, the MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

In addition, under an MOU signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in 2000, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been given the