Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

DATE AND TIME: The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on December 14, 2006, from 9 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roland E. Smith, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883–4009, TTY (703) 883–4056.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit

Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102–5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available), and parts will be closed to the public. In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Open Session

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - November 9, 2006 (Open)
- B. New Business
- Bookletter on Farm Credit Bank and Association Appointed Directors

Reports

- FCSBA Quarterly Report
- Economic and Funding Approval Update

Closed Session*

• OSMO Quarterly Report

Dated: December 6, 2006.

Roland E. Smith,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board. [FR Doc. 06–9641 Filed 12–7–06; 1:20 pm] BILLING CODE 6705–01–P

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the purpose of this notice is to announce that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has renewed the charter for the "Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in the Digital Age."

("Diversity Committee") for a two-year period through December 5, 2008. The Diversity Committee is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: December 5, 2008.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Charter is available from the Federal Communications Commission, Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa M. Fowlkes, Designated Federal Officer for the Diversity Committee, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. SW., Room 7–C753, Washington, DC 20554. Telephone (202) 418–7452. Email: lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Diversity Committee is to make recommendations to the FCC regarding policies and practices that will further enhance the ability of minorities and women to participate in the telecommunications and related industries. Issues or questions to be considered by the Committee will include, but are not limited to the following topic areas: (1) Financial issues, such as access to capital; (2) transactional transparency and related outreach; (3) career advancement; and (4) the impact of new and emerging technologies on diversity issues. In keeping with its advisory role, the duties of the Committee will be to provide guidance to the Commission on policies and practices that could increase the diversity of ownership and create opportunities for minorities and women to advance to managerial positions in the communications sector. The Committee will make reports and recommendations concerning the need for any guidelines, incentives, regulations or other policy approaches to promote diversity of participation in the communications sector. The Committee will also develop a description of best practices within the communications sector for promoting diversity of participation.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notices

Cancellation of previously announced meetings: Tuesday, December 1, 2006, meeting closed to the public and Thursday, December 21, 2006, meeting open to the public.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes. Merit and Service Awards. Election of Officers. Future Meeting Dates.

Advisory Opinion 2006–33: National Association of Realtors and Realtors Political Action Committee by counsel, Jan Witold Baran.

Prototype Demonstration for Searchable Advisory Opinions.

Management and Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

Mr. Robert Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.
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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.

^{*} Session Closed—Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).

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 January 5, 2007.

- A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Glenda Wilson, Community Affairs Officer) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:
- 1. Tyronza Bancshares, Marked Tree, Arkansas; to acquire up to 7.10 percent of the voting shares of Central Bank, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2. Cross County Bancshares, Inc., Wynne, Arkansas; to acquire up to 10.66 percent of the voting shares of Central Bank, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 3. Lonoke Bancshares, Inc., Lonoke, Arkansas; to acquire up to 10.66 percent of the voting shares of Central Bank, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 5, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m. (EST); December 18, 2006.

PLACE: 4th Floor Conference Room, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the November 20, 2006 Board member meeting.
- 2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
 - a. Monthly Performance Report.
 - b. Monthly Investment Report.
 - c. Legislative Report.
 - 3. Participant Survey Update.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942–1640.

Dated: December 7, 2006.

Thomas K. Emswiler,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment 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 II 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.

BILLING CODE 6210-01-S BILLING CODE		E 6760-01-P the applicable waiting period.	
Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—10/30/2006			
20070030 20070073 20070079 20070082	E. Merck OGH	Erniesio Bertarelli	Bertarelli Biotech S.A. Misys plc. Consumers Energy Company. ACS Media Canada Inc.
20070083 20070087 20070090 20070099	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc	Robyn Simon InterMune, Inc Kibble & Prentice Holding Company Lawrence Erlbaum	Holdco (LLC). InterMune, Inc. Kibble & Prentice Holding Company. Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc., Publishers.
20070100	Sharad Kumar Tak	Ronald H. Van Den Heuvel	New Concept Press, Inc. The Analytic Press, Inc. Eco Fibre, Inc. Oconto Falls Tissue, Inc. Recovering Aqua Resources, Inc.
20070102 20070103 20070106 20070113	Ralcorp Holdings, Inc	Terry R. Knutson and Rose Knutson Google, Inc	Cottage Bakery, Inc. Google, Inc. USAgencies, L.L.C. Arrowpoint General Partnership.
20070119 20070120	Steve S. Chen	Google Inc	Google Inc. Google Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—10/31/2006			
20060891 20061681	Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc	Andrx Corporation	Andrx Corporation. CBS Radio Inc. of Illinois. CBS Radio Stations Inc. Texas CBS Radio L.P.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/01/2006			
20061861 20070055 20070094	Aquila, Inc	Calpine Corporation Landry's Restaurants, Inc Royal Dutch Shell plc	