

proposals for estimating special line growth. In the event that the Bureau decides to update special access lines, consistent with its prior practice, the Bureau also seeks comment on whether it should continue to allocate these updated special access lines to wire centers based on the *1999 Data Request*, or whether it should use an alternative methodology.

The Bureau seeks comment on whether to update the cost model with year-end 2002 line count data filed July 31, 2003 for purposes of estimating average forward-looking costs and determining support for non-rural carriers following a Commission decision in the *Ninth Report and Order* remand proceeding. The Bureau notes that new line count data will be available shortly. Moreover, in light of the statutory deadline of October 16, 2003, for a Commission decision in the remand proceeding, it is unlikely that the new version of the forward-looking cost model with updated inputs will be utilized for purposes of calculating support until January 1, 2004.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments as follows: Comments are due on or before September 2, 2003, and reply comments are due on or before September 10, 2003. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters

must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

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 20054.

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

Federal Communications Commission.

William Scher,

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank

holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than August 25, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
(Sue Costello, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4470:

1. Anita Marie Fontenot (Melancon), and Dames Fontenot, both of Lafayette, Louisiana; Rachel Fontenot Wyble, Carencro, Louisiana; and Carl Winn Fontenot, Chad David Fontenot, Craig Dwaine Fontenot, David Joseph Fontenot, and Vickie Lynn Fontenot (Bergeron), all of Ville Platte, Louisiana; to acquire voting shares of Citizens Bancshares, Inc., Ville Platte, Louisiana, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Citizens Bank, Ville Platte, Louisiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 5, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

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 <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 September 4, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Sue Costello, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4470:

1. *The Colonial BancGroup, Inc.*, Montgomery, Alabama; to merge with Sarasota Bancorporation, Inc., Sarasota, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Sarasota Bank, Sarasota, Florida.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Richard M. Todd, Vice President and Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Quality Bankshares, Inc.*, Fingal, North Dakota; to merge with Page Bank Holding Company, Page, North Dakota, and thereby indirectly acquire Page State Bank, Page, North Dakota.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Rainier Pacific Financial Group, Inc.*, Fife, Washington; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Rainier Pacific Savings Bank, Fife, Washington.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 5, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (EDT), August 18, 2003.

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

STATUS: Parts will be open to the public and parts closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Parts Open to the Public

1. Approval of minutes of July 24, 2003, Board member meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
3. New system report.
4. Review of investment policy.
5. Review of Ernst & Young semiannual financial report.

Parts Closed to the Public

6. Discussion of personnel matters.

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

Elizabeth S. Woodruff,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FTC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) information collection requirements in proposed consumer surveys designed to help the FTC examine: How consumers search for and choose mortgages; how consumers use and understand information about mortgages, including required disclosures; and whether more effective disclosures are feasible. To conduct the research, the FTC first seeks OMB clearance and additional public comment regarding this notice, which is the second of two notices required by the PRA for information collection requests of this nature.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, Room H-159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, or by e-mail to MortgageDS@ftc.gov as prescribed below, and to Records Management Center, ATTN: Desk Officer for the FTC, OMB, Room 10102 NEOB, fax: (202) 395-6566. The submissions should include the submitter's name, address, telephone number and, if available, FAX number and e-mail address. All submissions should be captioned "Mortgage Disclosure Study—FTC File No. P025505."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be addressed to Janis K. Pappalardo, Economist, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Room NJ-4136, Washington, DC 20580. Telephone: (202) 326-3380; e-mail jpappalardo@ftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Recent deceptive lending cases at the FTC and elsewhere suggest that consumers who do not understand the terms of their mortgages can be subject to deception, that deception can occur even when consumers receive the disclosures required by the Truth-in-Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.* (TILA), and that deception about mortgage terms can result in substantial consumer injury.

Despite a long history of mortgage disclosure requirements and many new legislative and regulatory proposals regarding disclosures, little empirical evidence exists to document the effect of current disclosures on consumer understanding of mortgage terms, consumer mortgage shopping behavior, or consumer mortgage choice.

The FTC proposes a research program designed to learn more about how consumers search for mortgages, what consumers understand or misunderstand about mortgage agreements, and how changes in the disclosure process might improve consumer understanding, consumer mortgage shopping, and consumers' ability to avoid deception. The research also may assist the targeting of the FTC's enforcement actions by identifying areas most prone to consumer misunderstanding and lender deception and may help refine disclosure remedies imposed on deceptive lenders.

On April 22, 2003, the FTC sought public comments on the information collection aspects of the proposed surveys. See 68 FR 19,825. The FTC received seven comments on the proposed information collection request.¹ None of the commenters opposed the proposed information collection, and most of them

¹ American Land Title Association (ALTA) (described as the national trade association of the title insurance industry); East Side Organizing Project (ESOP) (a community-based grassroots organization in Cleveland, Ohio); Mortgage Bankers Association of America (MBA) (a trade association representing all aspects of real estate finance); The National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) (a non-profit Massachusetts Corporation specializing in issues faced by low-income consumers); Organization for a New Eastside (O.N.E.) (a community group in Indianapolis, Indiana); Syracuse United Neighbors (SUN) (a grassroots community organization in Syracuse, New York); the Texas Association of Mortgage Brokers (TAMB) (a trade association of mortgage brokers in Texas).