Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 8, 2007.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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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 https://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 28, 2007.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Andre Anderson, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

- 1. Appalachian Bancshares, Inc., Ellijay, Georgia; to acquire Appalachian Community Bank, F.S.B., McCaysville, Georgia, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y. Comments regarding this application must be received by March
- 2. Coastal Community Investments, Inc., Panama City Beach, Florida; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Bayside Financial Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire Bayside

Savings Bank, both of Port St. Joe, Florida, and engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y. Comments regarding this application must be received by March 9, 2007.

- B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:
- 1. State Bankshares Inc., Fargo, North Dakota; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Passport Benefit Solutions, L.L.C., Minnetonka, Minnesota, and thereby engage in employee benefits consulting services and related data processing, pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(9)(ii) and 225.28(b)(14)(i) of Regulation Y.

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 $Secretary\ of\ the\ Board.$

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- 1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
- 2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle Smith, Director, or Dave Skidmore, Assistant to the Board, Office of Board Members at 202–452–2955.

supplementary information: You may call 202–452–3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at http://www.federalreserve.gov for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 9, 2007.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board. [FR Doc. 07–689 Filed 2–9–07; 3:15 pm] BILLING CODE 6210–01–S

FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (EST). February 20, 2007.

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

- Approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2007 Board member meeting
- 2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director
- 3. Dept. of Labor Reports
 - a. Clintwood Call Center
- b. Pittsburgh Backup/Recovery Site
- 4. Dept. of Labor/KPMG Annual Audit Report
- 5. Annual Participant Statements
- 6. Communications and Operations Report

Parts Closed to the Public

7. Personnel

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942–1640.

Dated: February 9, 2007.

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. 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 7 A(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.

Trans. No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities		
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—01/23/2007					
20070377 20070522 20070574 20070594	Northrop Grumman Corporation	Essex Corporation Oak Hill Capital Partners, L.P Oxford Global Resources, Inc HDI Haftpflichtverband der Deutschen	Essex Corporation. Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation. Oxford Global Resources, Inc. Praetorian Financial Group, Inc.		
20070600 20070602 20070604 20070616	Cisco Systems, Inc American Securities Partners IV, L.P Elder Health, Inc Ripplewood Partners II, L.P D.E. Shaw Composite International Fund.	Industrie VaG. IronPort Systems, Inc	ironPort Systems, Inc. NEP, Inc. Health Partners of Philadelphia, Inc. WRC Media, Inc. Foamex International, Inc.		
20070621	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc	Foamex International, Inc	Foamex International, Inc.		
	TRANSACTIONS GR	ANTED EARLY TERMINATION—01/24/20	007		
20070539 20070561	American Capital Strategies, LtdSeminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc	Explorer Pipeline Company, IncThe Rank Group Plc	CITGO Pipeline Holding I, LLC. Rank America, Inc. Rank Group Holdings Limited. Rank Holding Espana SA. Rank Holdings (France) SA. Rank Holdings (Germany) GmbH. Rank Holdings (Netherlands) BV. Rank Leisure Holdings Limited. Rank Overseas Holdings Limited. Rank (UK) Holdings Limited.		
20070571 20070591	KAR Holdings II, LLC Macquarie Infrastructure Company Trust	ADESA, Inc	ADESA, Inc. Aviation Contract Services, Inc. Superman of Stewart, LLC. Supermarine Aviation, Limited. Supermarine Investors, Inc. Supermarine of Santa Monica, a California Limited Partnership. Supermarine of Stewart, LLC.		
2070592 20070603 20080605	Macquarie Infrastructure Company Trust BG Group plc	Dallas Price-Van Breda Lake Road Holding Company, LLC Michael W. Major	Aviation Contract Services, Inc. Supermarine Aviation, Limited. Supermarine Investors, Inc. Supermarine of Santa Monica, a California Ltd. Partnership. Supermarine of Stewart, LLC. Lake Road Generating Company, LP. Cambridge Major Laboratories, Inc.		
20070613	Airlington Capital Partners II, L.P	Qantas Airways Limited	Qantas Airways Limited.		
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—01/25/2007					
20070390 20070578	Knight Holdco LLC	Kinder Morgan, Inc	Kinder Morgan, Inc. KGen Partners LLC.		
20070584	Mittal Steel Company N.V	Julio Cesar Villarreal Guajardo	BSRM Holdings, Inc. Servicios Operativos del Centro, S.A. de C.V. Siderurgica Lazaro Cardenas las Truchas, S.A. de C.V.		
20070589	MPBP Holdings Inc.	Three Cities Offshore II, C.V	V.I. Holding, Inc. Cohr Holdings, Inc.		
	TRANSACTIONS GR	ANTED EARLY TERMINATION—01/26/20	007		
20070555	Kennametal Inc	Federal Signal Corporation	Clapp Dico Corporation. Manchester Tool Company. On Time Machining Company.		
20070562 20070565 20070590	Schering-Plough Corporation	ALK-Abello A/S	ALK-Abello A/S. Bandag, Incorporated. Hilton Hotels Corporation.		

Trans. No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—01/30/2007						
20070587	Berkshire Hathaway, Inc	Paul E. Andrews, Jr.	CJE, Inc. Mouser Electronics, Inc.			
20070628 20070629 20070633	Stifel Financial Corp	BFC Financial Corporation	TTI, Inc. Ryan Beck Holdings, Inc. Stifel Financial Corp. KAUT-TV, LLC. New York Times Management Services. NYT Broadcast Holdings, LLC.			
20070644 20070646 20070647 20070648	Quadrangle Capital Partners LP	Integrated Alarm Services Group, Inc RAG Akiengesellschaft	NYT Holdings, Inc. Integrated Alarm Services Group, Inc. DBT GmbH. G.I. Joe's, Inc. United Surgical Partners International, Inc.			
20070649 20070652 20070656	Brockway Moran & Partners Fund II, L.P Basic Energy Services, Inc	Odyssey Investment Partners Fund, L.P JetStar Consolidated Holdings, Inc Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	TSEI Holdings, Inc. JetStar Consolidated Holdings, Inc. Anadarko Gathering Company.			
	TRANSACTIONS GR	RANTED EARLY TERMINATION—01/31/20	007			
20070607	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc	He Xiangjian	GuangDong Midea Electric Appliances Co., Ltd. Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China. Media Industrial City, Shunde, Foshan.			
20070609	FR XI Offshore AIV., L.P	Brand Holdings, LLC	Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services, Inc.			
20070625 20070626 20070640	Nucor Corporation	Harris Steel Group, Inc	Harris Steel Group, Inc. BST US Holdings, Inc. Clay Tiles Holdings Inc. Lafarge Roofing Holdings Inc. MonierLifetile LLC. Tile Service Company LLC.			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—02/02/2007						
20070381	Jefferson Health Systems, Inc	Riddle Health System	Riddle Healthcare Associates. Riddle Health Care Services. Riddle Memorial Hospital. Riddle System Services. RMH Physician Services.			
20070569	Harsco Corpration	William Blair Mezzanine Capital Fund III, L.P.	Excell Materials, Inc.			
20070608	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe X, L.P.	Spectrum Equity Investors IV, L.P	CBD Investor, Inc.			
20070653	Advent OXO (Cayman) Limited	Celanese Corporation	CBD Media, LLC. c/o CBD Investor, Inc. Celanese Chemicals Europe GmbH. Celanese Ltd. European Oxo Chemicals GmbH. Infrasery GmbH & Co.			
20070658	Warburg Pincus Equity IX, L.P	Dominion Resources, Inc	Ticona Polymers, Inc. Armstrong Energy Limited Partnership, LLP. Dominion Armstrong Services Company,			
			Inc. Dominion Pleasants Services Company, Inc. Dominion Troy Services Company, Inc. Pleasants Energy, LLC. Troy Energy, LLC.			
20070659 20070661 20070663 20070667	Time Warner, Inc B.S.A Knology, Inc Macquarie Bank Limited	Sci Entertainment Group Plc	Sci Entertainment Group Plc. Mozzarella Fresca, Incorporated. PrairieWave Holdings, Inc. American Consolidated Media, Inc. Valley Newspaper Holdings, L.P.			
20070668 20070670 20070672	Tinicum Capital Partners II, L.P	Enesco Group, Inc	Enesco Group, Inc. PC Ink Corp. Dialaround Enterprises, Inc. Phonecard Enterprises, Inc. STi Mobile, Inc. STi PCS, LLC.			

Trans. No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities			
20070674	GS Capital Partners VI, L.P	USI Holdings Corporation	STi Phonecard, Inc. Telco Group, Inc. VOIP Enterprises Inc. USI Holdings Corporation.			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—02/05/2007						
20070516	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P.	Genmab A/S	Genmab A/S. Cadmus Communications Corporation. Windstream Regatta Holdings. Windstream Regatta Holdings. Seattle Genetics, Inc. AAMBG Reinsurance, Inc. ABN AMRO Mortgage Corporation. ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. Mortgage Group Reinsurance, Ltd. Telesat Canada.			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—02/06/2007						
20070639 20070689	Intuit, Inc	Electronic Clearing House, Inc	Electronic Clearing House, Inc. COWC Acquisition Corp. Kraft Foods Global, Inc.			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—02/07/2007						
	eBay, Inc		StubHub, Inc. BigBand Networks, Inc. SureWest Directories.			

For Further Information Contact: Sandra M. Peay, Contact Representative or Renee Hallman, Contact Representative, Federal Trade Commission, Premerger Notification Office, Bureau of Competition, Room H– 303, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326– 3100.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Agency Information Collection Activities

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) allow the proposed information collection project: "Pilot

Study of Proposed Nursing Home Survey on Resident Safety." In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104– 13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on December 12th, 2006 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 15, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room #5036, Rockville, MD 20850, or by e-mail at doris.lefkowitz@ahrq.hhs.gov.

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from AHRQ's Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ, Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

"Pilot Study of Proposed Nursing Home Survey on Resident Safety"

The activity is an expansion and refinement of AHRQ's Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture (HSOPSC) which was developed and released to the public for use in November 2004. This proposed new tool is based on the HSOPSC but also contains new and revised items as well as dimensions that more accurately apply to the nursing home setting. The instrument will be pilot tested with staff in 40 nursing homes. The data collected will be analyzed to determine the psychometric properties of the survey's items and dimensions and provide information for the revision and shortening of the final survey based on an assessment of its reliability and construct validity. The final survey will be made publicly available to enable nursing homes to assess their resident safety culture.

Methods of Collection

A purposive sample of 40 nursing homes will be recruited and selected. These nursing homes will represent a distribution of bed size, nature of ownership (non-profit/for-profit), urbanicity (urban/rural), and geographic region of the United States. Recruited nursing homes will be allocated to each category in numbers roughly