

III. ECOS Report

The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) is the national non-profit, non-partisan association of state and territorial environmental agency commissioners (for additional information on ECOS, visit <http://www.ecos.org>). At the request of former EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt, ECOS prepared a report dated January 13, 2005 describing the level of support among states for Performance Track and state performance-based environmental leadership programs and recommended a number of actions states believe EPA should take to improve these programs' value and effectiveness. ECOS' recommendations are based on interviews with environmental commissioners and senior managers from 40 state environmental protection agencies, as well as with representatives of the Performance Track Participants Association (PTPA). The PTPA is a non-profit organization of Performance Track members (for additional information on PTPA, visit <http://www.ptpaonline.org>). The ECOS report is available in the docket for today's notice (OA-2005-0003) and at the Performance Track Web site at http://www.epa.gov/performance-track/downloads/ECOS_Report_Final_01-13-05.pdf.

In its report, ECOS recommended several actions that can be undertaken to strengthen both Performance Track and state performance-based environmental leadership programs and make them core elements of the environmental protection system in the U.S. These recommendations fall into the following four main areas:

- Support state programs and state efforts to work with Performance Track;
- Assure program support from all EPA program offices;
- Provide better incentives to participants faster; and
- Conduct more strategic marketing and education of the program.

IV. EPA/ECOS Collaboration

EPA and ECOS are committed to actively implementing the recommendations in the January 2005 report. State environmental commissioners and EPA senior leaders will collaborate to focus on three specific areas: state support and EPA strategic planning (a combination of the first two recommendations); incentives; and recruitment and marketing. During spring 2005, EPA and ECOS convened workgroups related to the first two areas. EPA is working informally with states to coordinate recruitment and marketing efforts. The EPA/ECOS workgroups are planning to work

through the fall of 2005 to accomplish the tasks outlined below.

Workgroup 1: Support State Performance-Based Environmental Leadership Programs and State Efforts to Work with Performance Track.

Workgroup 1 (or the Integration Workgroup) seeks to find ways to integrate Performance Track and state performance-based environmental leadership programs into current federal and state approaches for achieving environmental protection. The Integration Workgroup is investigating ways to obtain support from State and EPA Program and Regional offices to ensure these programs are recognized among the Agencies' planning priorities. The workgroup's tasks are as follows:

- Assess how to recognize and provide credit for environmental and compliance outcomes achieved through Performance Track and state performance-based environmental leadership programs.
- Develop guidance for including State performance-based environmental leadership programs in State/EPA environmental agreements (e.g., performance partnership agreements and grants).
- Develop language for FY '07 National Program Managers Guidance (and other appropriate Agency guidance) on how performance-based environmental leadership programs should be recognized and credited for their contributions to national program goals.

The Integration Workgroup's members represent four state environmental protection agencies; four EPA regional offices; four EPA media program offices; and several EPA headquarters offices (including the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

Workgroup 2: Provide Better Incentives to Participants Faster

Workgroup 2 (or the Incentives Workgroup) seeks to revitalize the system for identifying, developing, and implementing effective incentives while minimizing transaction costs. This work is intended modify and to build on existing processes the agency and states use currently. The workgroup's tasks are as follows:

- Develop and implement a revitalized system for identifying, developing, and implementing incentives for Performance Track and state performance-based programs.
- Evaluate several specific ideas for incentives that may be of significant value to current and potential program members.
- Work with ECOS to evaluate potential regulatory and statutory

options for improving and streamlining the incentives implementation process.

The Incentives Workgroup's members represent six state environmental protection agencies; three EPA regional offices; four EPA media program offices; and EPA's enforcement and general counsel offices.

V. Notice of Public Meeting

In order to provide an opportunity for stakeholder input on the EPA/ECOS workgroups, EPA will convene a public meeting on October 19, 2005 in Chicago, IL. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, 720 South Michigan Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit feedback on the workgroups' preliminary recommendations. The meeting will include brief presentations on Performance Track and representative state programs, a discussion of the workgroups' recommendations, and ample time for questions, answers, and comments. EPA welcomes comments now from interested parties regarding the charge and tasks of each workgroup.

Draft documents from workgroups 1 and 2 will be available in the E-Docket in September 2005, and on EPA's Performance Track website. EPA encourages the public to respond to the Docket to indicate interest in these issues, and intent to participate or attend the public meeting in Chicago in October. If possible, EPA encourages potential attendees to respond to EPA by October 4, 2005 through the Docket to indicate interest in attending the public meeting. EPA also seeks comment from interested parties about the draft documents that workgroups 1 and 2 will produce prior to the meeting. Comments may be sent to EPA as indicated in Unit 1.B. EPA will accept comments until October 31, 2005.

Dated: July 28, 2005.

Charles Kent,

Director, Office of Business and Community Innovation.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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DATE & TIME: Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C. Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration. Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Darlene Harris,

Deputy 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. 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 August 29, 2005.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Glenda Wilson, Community Affairs Officer) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *United Citizens Bancorp, Inc.*, Columbia, Kentucky; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of United Citizens Bank of Southern Kentucky, Inc., Columbia, Kentucky.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 29, 2005.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy 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 www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Patrick M. Wilder, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Marshall and Ilsley Corporation*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; to acquire through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Metavante Corporation, 100 percent of the capital stock of GHR Systems, Inc., Wayne, Pennsylvania, and thereby engage in data processing and management consulting, pursuant to

section 225.28(b)(9)(14)(i) of Regulation Y.

2. *Marshall and Ilsley Corporation*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; to acquire through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Metavante Corporation, all of the limited liability company interests of TREEV LLC, Herndon, Virginia, and thereby engage in management consulting, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(9) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 11, 2005.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Carlson Bankshares, Inc.*, Comfrey, Minnesota; to operate a savings association through the conversion of