

Comptroller of the Currency Administrator of National Banks

Midwestern District Office 2345 Grand Boulevard, Suite 700 Kansas City, MO 64108

May 22, 2002

Conditional Approval #525 June 2002

Mr. George J. Danis Director & Chief Lending Officer Talbots Classics National Bank 1 Talbots Drive Hingham, MA 02043-2865

RE: Talbots Classics National Bank

CAIS Control No. 2002-MW-07-011 Head Office Relocation

Dear Mr. Danis:

This is to inform you that the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) approved your proposal to change the location of the bank's head office from 6 Blackstone Valley Place, Lincoln, Rhode Island, to 4 Blackstone Valley Place, Lincoln, Rhode Island. This approval is granted based on a thorough review of all information available, including the representations and commitments made in the application and by the bank's representatives. This approval is subject to the condition that the Bank: (i) shall give the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for Credit Card Banks-East, as located in the OCC's Midwestern District Office, at least sixty (60) days prior notice of the Bank's intent to significantly deviate from its business plan or operations and (ii) shall obtain the OCC's written determination of no objection before the Bank engages in any significant deviation or change from its business plan or operations. This condition is enforceable under 12 U.S.C. § 1818. The Bank must also provide a copy of such notice to the FDIC's Boston Regional Office during the first three years of operation.

If the change in location is not completed within 18 months from this approval date, the approval automatically terminates unless the OCC grants an extension. Within 10 days of relocating, the bank must advise this office in writing of the change in location date, so the OCC may issue the necessary authorization letter. Please reference the OCC CAIS Control No. in your letter.

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^{*} If such deviation or change is the subject of an application filed with the OCC, no notice to the supervisory office is required.

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A separate letter is enclosed requesting your feedback on how we handled your application. We would appreciate your response so we may improve our service.

Please address any questions regarding this preliminary approval to me at (816) 556-1860.

Sincerely,

-signed-

Ellen Tanner Shepherd Licensing Manager