

Properties Trust Dated July 30, 1998; to retain control of Dickinson Financial Corporation II, Kansas City, Missouri, and its subsidiaries including: Dickinson Financial Corporation and Bank Midwest, National Association, both in Kansas City, Missouri; Armed Forces Bank, National Association, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Armed Forces Bank of California National Association, San Diego, California; Academy Bank, National Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Southern Commerce Bank, National Association, Tampa, Florida; and SunBank, National Association, Phoenix, Arizona, (in organization). Jane and Burton Dickinson also are filing to become members of the Dickinson Family Group, a group acting in concert, to control the above listed organizations.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 6, 2007.

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 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 May 7, 2007.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Anne MacEwen, Bank Applications Officer) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *The Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto, Canada*; to acquire 10 percent of voting shares of First Bancorp, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and thereby acquire FirstBank Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico. In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire Ponce General Corporation, San Juan, Puerto Rico and thereby acquire First Bank Florida, Miami, Florida, and thereby operate a savings association pursuant to section 225.25 (b)(4) of Regulation Y.

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

1. *LeRoy C. Darby, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Monona, Iowa*; to acquire 91.33 percent of the voting shares of Leroy C. Darby, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquiring Freedombank both of Elkader, Iowa.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 6, 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 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 May 7, 2007.

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

1. *Franklin Resources Inc., San Mateo, California*, to retain 5.03 percent of Hudson City Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly retain shares of its subsidiary, Hudson City Savings Bank, FSB, both of Paramus, New Jersey, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to section 225.28 (b)(4) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 6, 2007.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (Eastern Time) April 16, 2007.

PLACE: 4th Floor Conference Room, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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 the minutes of the March 19, 2007 Board member meeting
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director
 - a. Monthly Participant Activity Report
 - b. Legislative Report
3. Quarterly Reports
 - a. Investment Policy Review
 - b. Vendor Financial Reports
4. Financial Audit Report

Parts Closed to the Public

5. Personnel

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

Dated: April 9, 2007.

Thomas K. Emswiler,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The information collection requirements described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) is seeking public comments on its proposal to extend through May 31, 2010 the current PRA clearance for information collection requirements contained in its Antitrust Improvements Act Rules (“HSR Rules”) and corresponding Notification and Report Form for Certain Mergers and Acquisitions (“Notification and Report Form”), 16 CFR Parts 801–803. That clearance expires on May 31, 2007.

DATES: Comments must be filed by May 11, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments. Comments should refer to “HSR Rules: FTC File No. P989316” to facilitate the organization of comments. A comment filed in paper form should include this reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered, with two complete copies to the following address: Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Room H 135 (Annex J), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Because paper mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay, please consider submitting your comments in electronic form, as prescribed below. However, if the comment contains any material for which confidential treatment is requested, it must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled “Confidential.”¹ The FTC is requesting

that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible.

Comments filed in electronic form should be submitted by using the following weblink: <https://secure.commentworks.com/ftc-hsrpra> (and following the instructions on the Web-based form). To ensure that the Commission considers an electronic comment, you must file it on the Web-based form at the weblink <https://secure.commentworks.com/ftc-hsrpra>. If this notice appears at www.regulations.gov, you may also file an electronic comment through that Web site. The Commission will consider all comments that www.regulations.gov forwards to it.

Comments should also be submitted to: Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Trade Commission. Comments should be submitted via facsimile to (202) 395-6974 because U.S. Postal Mail is subject to lengthy delays due to heightened security precautions.

The FTC Act and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. All timely and responsive public comments, whether filed in paper or electronic form, will be considered by the Commission, and will be available to the public on the FTC Web site, to the extent practicable, at <http://www.ftc.gov>. As a matter of discretion, the FTC makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC Web site. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC’s privacy policy, at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information requirements should be addressed to B. Michael Verne, Compliance Specialist, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 301, Washington, DC 20580. Telephone: (202) 326-3100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”), 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. On January 12, 2007, the FTC sought comment on the information collection requirements associated with the HSR Rules and the corresponding Notification and Report Form (OMB Control Number: 3085–

0005). No comments were received. Pursuant to the OMB regulations that implement the PRA (5 CFR Part 1320), the FTC is providing this second opportunity for public comment while seeking OMB approval to extend the existing paperwork clearance for the HSR Rules and the corresponding Notification and Report Form. All comments should be filed as prescribed in the **ADDRESSES** section above, and must be received on or before May 11, 2007.

Background Information

Section 7A of the Clayton Act (“Act”), 15 U.S.C. 18a, as amended by the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, Public Law 94-435, 90 Stat. 1390, requires all persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to file notification with the Commission and the Assistant Attorney General and to wait a designated period of time before consummating such transactions. Congress empowered the Commission, with the concurrence of the Assistant Attorney General, to require “that the notification * * * be in such form and contain such documentary material and information * * * as is necessary and appropriate” to enable the agencies “to determine whether such acquisitions may, if consummated, violate the antitrust laws.” 15 U.S.C. 18a(d). Congress similarly granted rulemaking authority to, *inter alia*, “prescribe such other rules as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.” *Id.*

Pursuant to that section, the Commission, with the concurrence of the Assistant Attorney General, developed the HSR Rules and the corresponding Notification and Report Form. As discussed below, several changes have been made to the HSR Rules and the Notification and Report Form since FTC staff last sought OMB approval for the clearance.

Burden Statement

Estimated total annual hours burden: 156,000 hours (rounded to the nearest thousand).

The following burden estimates are primarily based on FTC data concerning the number of HSR filings and staff’s informal consultations with leading HSR counsel.

In its 2004 PRA submission to OMB regarding the HSR Rules and the Notification and Report Form, FTC staff estimated that there were 21 “index filings” under Clayton Act Sections 7A(c)(6) and 7A(c)(8) that required 2 hours per filing, and 2,192 non-index filings that required an average of 39

¹ Commission Rule 4.2(d), 16 CFR 4.2(d). The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission’s General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the

public interest. See Commission Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).