

bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

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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 February 27, 2004.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Provident Bankshares*, Baltimore, Maryland; to merge with Southern Financial Bancorp, Inc., Warrenton, Virginia, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Southern Financial Bank, Warrenton, Virginia.

In connection with this application, applicant also has applied to acquire Essex Savings Bank, F.S.B., Norfolk, Virginia, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y; Southern Webtech.com, Warrenton, Virginia, and thereby engage in developing web based banking systems for cash management for the small and medium size business market, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(14)(i) of Regulation Y; and LoanCare Servicing Center, Inc., Norfolk, Virginia, and thereby engage in servicing loans and collection agency services, pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(1) and (b)(2)(iv) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 28, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy 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.

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A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *E J Financial Corp.*, Dallas, Texas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Franklin National Bankshares, Inc., Mount Vernon, Texas, and its subsidiary Franklin National Delaware Bankshares, Inc., Dover, Delaware, and Franklin National Bank, Mount Vernon, Texas.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Time and Date: 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 9, 2004.

Place: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets NW., Washington, DC 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 A. Smith, Director, Office of Board Members; (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, January 30, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed