Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 28, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate 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 world.

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.

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 17, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Fortis (B)*, Brussels, Belgium, Fortis (NL) N.V., Utrecht, the Netherlands, Fortis SA/NV, Brussels, Belgium and Generale de Banque, Brussels, Belgium; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Generale (USA) Finance LLC and Generale (USA) Financial Markets LLC, both of New York, New York, in extending credit and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y; in leasing personal or real property, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(3) of Regulation Y; in investing and trading activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(8)(ii) of Regulation Y; and in buying and selling bullion, and related activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(8)(iii) of Regulation Y.

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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: 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 8, 1999.

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.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202–452–3204.

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.

Dated: January 29, 1999.

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Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Public Workshop: U.S. Perspectives on Consumer Protection in the Global Electronic Marketplace

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice announcing dates of workshop, extending deadline for public comments, and modifying comment submission procedure.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission has: (1) set June 8–9, 1999 as the dates for its public workshop examining U.S. perspectives on consumer protection in the global electronic marketplace announced in 63 **Federal Register** 69289 (December 16, 1998); (2) extended its deadline for receipt of comments to March 26, 1999; and (3) modified the procedure for comment submission to allow for electronic submissions.

DATES: The deadline for papers and written comments has been extended to March 26, 1999. The workshop will be held June 8 and June 9, 1999.

Comment Submission Procedure:

Written comments should be submitted to: Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, Room H–159, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20580. The Commission requests that commenters submit the original plus five copies, if feasible. To enable prompt review and accessibility to the public, papers and comments also should be submitted, if possible, in electronic form, on either one 5¼ or one 3½ inch computer disk, with a disk label stating the name of the submitter and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. (Programs based on DOS or Windows are preferred. Files from other operating systems should be submitted in ASCII text format.) Alternatively, the Commission will accept comments submitted to the following e-mail address <EMarketplace@ftc.gov>. All submissions should be captioned: "U.S. Perspectives on Consumer Protection in the Global Electronic Marketplace—Comment, P994312."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

A workshop agenda and information about participation will be published closer to the date of the workshop. For questions about the workshop, contact either: *Lisa Rosenthal*, Legal Advisor for International Consumer Protection, Division of Planning and Information, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, telephone 202–326–2249, e-mail <lrosenthal@ftc.gov>; or *Jonathan Smollen*, Attorney, Division of Financial Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, telephone 202–326–3457, e-mail <jsmollen@ftc.gov>.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. section 41 et seq.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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