

application must be received not later than August 21, 1998.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Zions Bancorporation*, Salt Lake City, Utah; to merge with The Commerce Bancorporation, Seattle, Washington, and thereby indirectly acquire the Commerce Bank of Washington, N.A., Seattle, Washington.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 17, 1998.

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 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.

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 August 6, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Arvest Bank Group, Inc.*, Bentonville, Arkansas; and its wholly owned subsidiary First Bancshares, Inc., Bartlesville, Oklahoma to acquire State Bank & Trust, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and

thereby engage in the operation of a thrift through the conversion of an existing national bank, State Bank & Trust, N.A., Tulsa, Oklahoma, to a federally chartered savings bank, to be named State Bank & Trust, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 17, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 971-0110]

South Lake Tahoe Lodging Association; Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. and Pa. Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Baer, FTC/H-374, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-2932.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46 and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for July 20, 1998), on the World Wide Web, at "http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions97.htm." A

paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627. Public comment is invited. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") has accepted, subject to final approval, an Agreement Containing Consent Order ("Order") from South Lake Tahoe Lodging Association ("SLTLA" or "Proposed Respondent"). The proposed Order is designed to prevent the recurrence of anticompetitive practices engaged in by SLTLA and its members in connection with an effort by the Proposed Respondent and its members to eliminate or restrict the use of signs advertising the prices at which its members provided lodging services in the South Lake Tahoe, California, area.

The Agreement Containing Consent Order, if finally accepted by the Commission, would settle charges that Proposed Respondent's conduct violated Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act by eliminating one form of competition between lodging establishments in the South Lake Tahoe area and by making it more difficult for consumers to get accurate information about the prices for lodging in that area. The proposed complaint, described below, relates the basis for this relief.

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for sixty (60) days for reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After sixty (60) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement's proposed order.

The Proposed Complaint

According to the Commission's proposed complaint, SLTLA is a nonprofit corporation whose members are operators of lodging establishments in the South Lake Tahoe, California, area. SLTLA's associate members include operators of lodging establishments and related businesses in the South Lake Tahoe, California, area and the adjacent areas of Nevada. According to the proposed complaint, SLTLA's members and associate

members constitute approximately 70 percent of the available lodging in the South Lake Tahoe area. The Commission's complaint alleges that SLTLA and its members entered into an agreement to suspend the use of signs advertising prices for lodging. The evidence also shows that the primary purpose of the agreement was to increase the room rates charged for lodging in the South Lake Tahoe area of Northern California and Nevada and to end what members saw as a "destructive" price war on motel rooms in the South Lake Tahoe area by eliminating the posting of signs advertising the prices at which its individual members offer such lodging.

According to the proposed complaint, the effects of the agreement are that price competition among providers of lodging in the South Lake Tahoe area has been reduced, and consumers have been deprived of the benefits of readily available information about the price for lodging.

The Proposed Order

The proposed Order contains provisions designed to remedy the violations charged and to prevent the respondent from engaging in similar acts and practices in the future. Part II of the proposed order would prohibit SLTLA from carrying out, participating in, inducing, suggesting, urging, encouraging, or assisting any agreement, combination or conspiracy with its members, or agreement, combination or conspiracy with some of its members, to restrict the posting of signs advertising the prices at which its individual members offer lodging. Part II would not bar SLTLA from exercising rights protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution to petition any federal, state or local government executive agency or legislative body concerning legislation, rules, programs, or procedures, or to participate in any federal, state or local administrative or judicial proceeding.

The proposed order also requires the respondent to amend its corporate by-laws to incorporate by reference Paragraph II of this Order; to distribute a copy of the amended by-laws to each of its members; to provide a copy of the consent agreement and complaint to all of its current members and to any new members for a period of five (5) years; and to file one or more reports detailing compliance with the order.

The purpose of this analysis is to invite public comment on the proposed order. This analysis is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order or to modify their terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Special Emphasis Panel Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of August 1998:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date and Time: August 3-4, 1998, 8:00 a.m.

Place: Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Room TBA, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Open August 3, 1998, 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications requesting dissertation support for health care research undertaken as part of an academic program to qualify for a doctorate. Also individual post-doctoral fellowship applications will be reviewed.

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on August 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the panel will be reviewing and discussing grant applications. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, AHCP, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should contact Jenny Griffith, Committee Management Officer, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1455 x 1036.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Special Emphasis Panel Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of August 1998:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date and Time: August 6, 1998, 2:00 p.m.

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open August 6, 1998, 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on August 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the panel will be reviewing and discussing grant applications. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, AHCP, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Any wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should contact Jenny Griffith, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research Review, Education, and Policy, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1455, x1036.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 98101]

Expanded Use of Rapid HIV Testing, and Barriers to HIV Testing; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal Year (FY) 1998