

SUMMARY: On January 31, 1996, EPA provided notice of the proposed modified general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit No. AKG-37-0000 for Placer Mining in Alaska. 61 FR 3403. The public comment period schedule, proposed permit and fact sheet were published in the notice. At the request of interested parties, EPA is today providing notice that the public comment period has been reopened.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Comments must be submitted by April 18, 1996.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft general NPDES permit to: Environmental Protection Agency, Attn: Robert Robichaud (WD-137), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of comment and the relevant facts upon which it is based. Comments of either support or concern which are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Comments must be submitted to EPA on or before the extended expiration date of the public notice.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD: Copies of the proposed general NPDES permit and fact sheet are available for public review at the EPA Seattle address listed above; at the U.S. EPA, Anchorage Operations Office, Room 537, Federal Building, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #19, Anchorage, Alaska 99513 and are available upon request from the Region 10 Public Information Center at 1-800-424-4EPA (4372).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Hamlin, EPA Region 10, at the EPA Seattle address listed above or telephone (206) 553-8311.

Dated: March 28, 1996.

David H. Teeter,
Acting Director, Office of Water.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee was established by P.L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank to the United States Congress.

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held at EX-IM Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20571.

AGENDA: The meeting agenda will include a discussion of the following topics: Advisory Committee Statutory Requirements, Export-Import Bank's Charter Renewal and other topics.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation; and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. In order to permit the Export-Import Bank to arrange suitable accommodations, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting should notify Joyce Herron, Room 1220, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20571, (202) 565-3503, not later than April 15, 1996. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to April 15, 1996, Joyce Herron, Room 1220, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3955 or TDD: (202) 565-3377.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For further information, contact Joyce Herron, Room 1220, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20571, (202) 565-3503.

Kenneth Hansen,
General Counsel.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

ANNOUNCING AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, 1996.

PLACE: Board Room, Second Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

STATUS: The entire meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED DURING PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Interim Final Rule on Federal Home Loan Bank System's Directors Fees
- Discussion of Federal Home Loan Bank System Legislation.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elaine L. Baker, Secretary to the Board, (202) 408-2837.

Rita I. Fair,
Managing Director.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Security for the Protection of the Public Indemnification of Passengers for Nonperformance of Transportation; Notice of Issuance of Certificate (Performance)

Notice is hereby given that the following have been issued a Certificate of Financial Responsibility for Indemnification of Passengers for Nonperformance of Transportation pursuant to the provisions of Section 3, Public Law 89-777 (46 U.S.C. § 817(e)) and the Federal Maritime Commission's implementing regulations at 46 CFR Part 540, as amended:

Norwegian Cruise Line Limited (d/b/a Norwegian Cruise Line), 95 Merrick Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Vessels: DREAMWARD, LEEWARD, NORWAY, NORWEGIAN CROWN, SEAWARD and WINDWARD

Royal Seas Cruise Line, Inc., Odessa America Cruise Company, Firm Globus, Maddock Trading 5, Inc. and Black Sea Shipping Company, 170 Old Country Road, Suite 608, Mineola, New York 11501

Vessel: UKRAINA.

Dated: April 1, 1996.

Joseph C. Polking,
Secretary.

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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 company listed in this notice has 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 that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) 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.

The notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the application must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 19, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Robert M. Brady, Vice President) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106:

1. *The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc*, Edinburgh, Scotland; *The Royal Bank of Scotland plc*, Edinburgh, Scotland; and *Citizens Financial Group, Inc.*, Providence, Rhode Island; to acquire First NH Mortgage Corporation, Hooksett, New Hampshire, and thereby engage in making, acquiring and servicing mortgage loans pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 1, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificant listed below has applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and §

225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notice is available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than April 25, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Leo A. Greenblatt, III*, Chicago, Illinois; *Andrew Alvin Jahelka*, Hinsdale, Illinois; and *Richard Owen Nichols*, Oakbrook, Illinois; to collectively retain 24.65 percent of the voting shares of *St. James Bancorporation, Inc.*, Litcher, Louisiana, and thereby indirectly acquire *The St. James Bank & Trust Company*, Litcher, Louisiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 1, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

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 April 29, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (James M. Lyon, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Kanabec Credit Company*, Mora, Minnesota; to acquire 5.5 percent of the voting shares of *First Citizens Financial Corp.*, Mason City, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire *First Citizens National Bank*, Mason City, Iowa.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (John E. Yorke, Senior Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198:

1. *Community Bancshares of Marysville, Inc.*, Marysville, Kansas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of *Community State Bank*, Hanover, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 1, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. (edt), April 15, 1996.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Open.