

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2315-002, South Carolina; Project Nos. 2332-003 and 2331-002, North Carolina and South Carolina]

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company and Duke Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 2, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the applications for new licenses for the following three existing hydroelectric Projects, all of which are located on the Broad River in South Carolina: (1) The Neal Shoals Project (No. 2315-002), located in Chester and Union Counties, near Carlisle, SC; (2) the Ninety-Nine Islands Project (No. 2331-002), located in Cherokee County near Gaffney, SC; and (3) the Gaston Shoals Project (No. 2332-003), located in Cherokee County, South Carolina and Cleveland County, North Carolina near Gaffney, SC. The Commission has prepared a final Multiple Project Environmental Assessment (EA) covering all three projects. The final EA contains the Commission staff's analysis of the existing and potential future environmental impacts of the projects and has concluded that licensing the projects, with appropriate environmental protective or enhancement measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 459-073 Missouri]

Union Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 2, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission's Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) reviewed an application for dredging on the Lake of the Ozarks at the Osage Project. The applicant proposes to excavate approximately 1,900 cubic yards of material for a boat ramp, a boat turn-around area, and a boat access channel. The applicant also proposes to construct a small protective berm around the lakeward edge of the excavation sites. The excavation will occur on project lands and waters in Morgan County, Missouri. The primary purpose of the excavation activity is to provide boat access to project waters for private recreational use. The staff prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the action. In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the non-project use of project lands would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER96-72-000]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Filing

January 2, 1996.

Take notice that on November 30, 1995, PacifiCorp tendered for filing an amendment to its filing in this docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 10, 1996. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

First Financial Bancorp, et al.; Formations of; Acquisitions by; and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied for the Board's approval under section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1842) and § 225.14 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.14) to become a bank holding company or to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in section 3(c) of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)).

Each application is 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 to the Reserve Bank or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Any comment on an application that requests a hearing must include a statement of why a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute and summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received not later than February 1, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (John J. Wixted, Jr., Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101:

1. *First Financial Bancorp*, Hamilton, Ohio; to merge with F&M Bancorp, Rochester, Indiana, and thereby indirectly acquire Farmers & Merchants Bank, Rochester, Indiana.

2. *FirstMerit Corporation*, Akron, Ohio; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of FirstMerit Trust Company, N.A., Naples, Florida.

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

1. *LJT, Inc.*, Holdrege, Nebraska; to acquire .20 percent of the voting shares of First Holdrege Bancshares, Inc., Holdrege, Nebraska, and thereby indirectly acquire shares of First National Bank of Holdrege, Holdrege, Nebraska.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth R. Binning, Director, Bank Holding Company) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105:

1. *California Community Bancshares Corporation*, Vacaville, California; to

become a bank holding company by acquiring Continental Pacific Bank, Vacaville, California. Comments on this application must be received by January 22, 1996.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 2, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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First Union Corporation, et al.; Acquisitions of Companies Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The organizations listed in this notice have applied under § 225.23(a)(2) or (f) of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.23(a)(2) or (f)) for the Board's approval under section 4(c)(8) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843(c)(8)) and § 225.21(a) of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.21(a)) to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company engaged in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y as closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, such activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each application is 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 question 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." 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 each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated for the application or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 22, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior

Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261:

1. *First Union Corporation*, Charlotte, North Carolina; to acquire Society First Federal Savings Bank, Fort Myers, Florida, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(9) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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

1. *Pinellas Bancshares Corporation*, St. Petersburg, Florida; to acquire Eickhoff, Pieper & Willoughby, Inc., Tampa, Florida, and thereby engage in providing investment or financial advice, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(4)(iii) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 2, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Public Buildings Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building in Las Vegas, NV

Pursuant to the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508) implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the General Services Administration (GSA) hereby gives notice that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) shall be prepared for the construction of a new 415,000-gross-square foot Federal Building-U.S. Courthouse (FB-CT) to be located within the Central Business Area (CBA) of the city of Las Vegas, Nevada. The proposed site encompasses about 6 acres and is owned by the city of Las Vegas. The proposed site is bounded by Bridger Avenue on the north, Clark Avenue on the south, Las Vegas Boulevard on the west, and 6th Street on the east. The EIS shall examine three project alternatives. Specific alternatives to be evaluated shall include: (1) construction of the FB-CT on the 3.5-acre Fifth Street School site, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places located at 400 Las Vegas Boulevard; (2) construction of the FB-CT on an 8.3-acre portion of the county-owned railroad yard at the end of Bonneville Street between Main Street, Interstate 15, U.S. Highway 95 and

Charleston Boulevard; and (3) no action or continued use of the existing Federal buildings and U.S. Courthouse.

GSA invites interested individuals, organizations, and Federal, State and local agencies to participate in defining the reasonable alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS and in identifying any significant social, economic, or environmental issues related to the alternatives. Scoping will be accomplished by correspondence and through a public meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 1996, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Clark County Regional Center, 505 South Grand Central Parkway, Pueblo Room (1st Floor), Las Vegas, Nevada. Comments received during the meeting will be made a part of the administrative record for the EIS and will be evaluated as part of the scoping process.

Written comments on the scope of alternatives and potential impacts may be addressed to Mr. John Garvey, GSA Portfolio Management (9PT), Public Buildings Service, 525 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105. Comments should be sent to GSA by January 22, 1996.

A Draft EIS will be prepared based upon the scoping efforts. After its publication, the Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. A final EIS will be prepared that addresses the comments on the Draft EIS.

If a sign language interpreter, assistive listening device, or aids for a visual impairment are required please telephone Mr. John Garvey at (415) 744-8113 within five days of the meeting.

Dated: December 27, 1995.

Aki K. Nakao,

Deputy Regional Administrator (9A).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Program Announcement Number FDA-CFSAN-96.1 Cooperative Agreement for Shellfish and Seafood Safety Assistance Project; Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1996

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), Office of Seafood (OS), is announcing its intention to award, noncompetitively, a