

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 13, 1996.  
William W. Wiles,  
*Secretary of the Board.*  
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### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have 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 notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they 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 December 3, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690:

1. *Greg J. Currell*, Estherville, Iowa; to acquire an additional 9.92 percent through a redemption of shares, for a total of 26.80 percent, of the voting shares of MWA Bancorporation, Estherville, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire Emmet County State Bank, Estherville, Iowa; and First Bank and Trust Company, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

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### 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 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.

Each 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 applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than December 3, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261, and Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Barnett Bank, Inc.*, Jacksonville, Florida, Crestar Financial Corporation, Richmond, Virginia, First Union Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina, NationsBank Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina, Southern National Corporation, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Wachovia Corporation, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (collectively, Applicants), have given notice to acquire or retain control of 5 percent or more of the voting shares of Southeast Switch, Inc. (SES), after its merger with Alabama Network, Inc. (Alabama Network). SES currently operates the HONOR electronic funds transfer (EFT) network, and Alabama Network currently operates the ALERT EFT network. The merged company (Company) proposes to provide data

processing services, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y, and management consulting services to depository institutions for EFT-related activities, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(11) of the Board's Regulation Y. Applicants state that Company's data processing activities will consist of automated teller machine (ATM), point of sale (POS), point of banking, scrip and gateway services, group purchasing for participants, ATM and POS terminal driving, card authorization services, card production and issuance and related functions, electronic benefit transfer services, automated clearinghouse services processing, electronic bill payment, check verification, proprietary ATM services for non-financial entities, private financial network services, and card fraud detection services.

Applicants seek approval to conduct the proposed activities throughout the United States, Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. HHS Acquisition Regulations—HHSAR Part 352 Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses—0990-0130—Extension—The Key Personnel clause in HHSAR 352.27-5 requires contractors to obtain approval before substituting key personnel which are specified in the contract. *Respondents:* State or local governments, Businesses or other for-profit, non-profit institutions, Small businesses; *Total Number of Respondents:* 1921; *Frequency of Response:* One time; *Average Burden per Response:* 2 hours; *Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,842 hours.

2. HHS Acquisition Regulations HHSAR Part 370 Special Programs Affecting Acquisition—0990-0129—Extension—HHSAR Part 370 establishes requirements for the accessibility of meetings, conferences, and seminars to persons with disabilities; establishes requirements for Indian preference in employment, training and subcontracting opportunities.

*Respondents:* State or local governments, Businesses or other for-profit, non-profit institutions, Small businesses; *Burden Information about Accessibility of Meetings—Annual Number of Respondents:* 335; *Annual Frequency of Response:* one time; *Average Burden per Response:* 10 hours; *Total Annual Burden:* 3,350 hours—*Burden Information about Indian Preference—Annual Number of Respondents:* 932; *Annual Frequency of Response:* One time; *Average Burden per Response:* 8 hours; *Total Annual Burden:* 7,456 hours—*Total Burden:* 10,806 hours.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Allison Eydt.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: November 5, 1996.

Dennis P. Williams,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

### Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, with authority to redelegate, all the authorities vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Saint Elizabeths Hospital and District of Columbia Mental Health Services Act, PL 98-621, 98 Stat. 3369, as amended, concerning

the mental health services delivery system of the District of Columbia, excluding the authority under Section 4(d)(2) to establish a Labor Management Advisory Committee.

This delegation supersedes the May 13, 1985 delegation of authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Health, entitled "Delegation of Authority Under the Saint Elizabeths Hospital and District of Columbia Mental Health Service Act, Public Law 98-621."

This delegation is effective upon date of signature.

Dated: November 5, 1996.

Donna E. Shalala,

*Secretary.*

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### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

*Eric Whitters, Ph.D., University of Oregon:* Based upon an investigation conducted by the University of Oregon as well as Dr. Whitters' own admission, ORI found that Eric Whitters, Ph.D., former postdoctoral fellow, Institute of Molecular Biology at the University of Oregon, engaged in scientific misconduct by fabricating experimental results that involved the selective growth of yeast strains that he represented as having temperature-sensitive phenotypes. The research was supported in part by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Dr. Whitters has accepted the ORI finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in which he has voluntarily agreed, for the three (3) year period beginning November 6, 1996, to exclude himself from:

(1) any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 CFR Part 76 (Debarment Regulations), and

(2) serving in any advisory capacity to the Public Health Service (PHS), including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board,

and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant.

The research at issue did not affect any published research and was not included in any grant application.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330.

Chris B. Pascal,

*Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity.*

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### Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

#### Notice of 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 November 1996:

*Name:* Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel

*Date and Time:* November 21, 1996, 2:00 p.m.

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

Open November 21, 1996, 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

*Purpose:* This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications proposing medical effectiveness research. The three main areas of emphasis are: (1) determining what clinical interventions are most effective, cost effective, and appropriate; (2) methods and data to advance effectiveness research; and (3) dissemination and evaluation of the impact of research findings on clinical practice and outcomes.

*Agenda:* The open session of the meeting on November 21, 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 committee will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. 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, AHCPR, 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 of other relevant information should contact Carmen Johnson, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1449