

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to coordinate and direct other Federal agencies and fund activities not authorized under other Federal statutes and allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal emergency assistance and administrative expenses.

Pursuant to this emergency declaration, you are authorized to provide emergency assistance as you deem appropriate under Title V of the Stafford Act at 75 percent Federal funding.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Kevin M. Merli of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Rhode Island to have been affected adversely by this declared emergency:

The counties of Kent and Providence.

FEMA has been authorized to provide for the emergency provision and/or restoration of water service as authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, subsection 502(a), to alleviate the impacts to the public health and safety as a result of the water main break.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

James L. Witt,

Director.

[FR Doc. 96-31674 Filed 12-12-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6718-02-P

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register.

Agreement No.: 224-201009

Title: Port of Houston/Mediterranean Shipping Co., S.A. Terminal

Agreement

Parties:

Port of Houston Authority ("Port")
Mediterranean Shipping Co., S.A.
("MSC")

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement authorizes the Port to allocate space to MSC at its Barbours Cut Terminal and to provide services, on an incentive basis, in connection with MSC's movement of cargo containers. The Agreement will continue through November 30, 1998.

Dated: December 9, 1996.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 96-31594 Filed 12-12-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6730-01-M

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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 27, 1996.

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

1. *William R. Hagman, Jr.*, Pittsburg, Kansas; to retain a total of 54.2 percent, and Subtrust E of the William R.

Hagman Trust, Pittsburg, Kansas, to retain a total of 32.9 percent, of the voting shares of First State Bancorp, Inc., Pittsburg, Kansas, and thereby indirectly retain First State Bank and Trust Company, Pittsburg, Kansas.

2. *Gertrude Myers, Alva*, Oklahoma; to acquire an additional .93 percent, for a total of 25.90 percent of the voting shares of Hopeton BancShares, Inc., Hopeton, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire Hopeton State Bank, Hopeton, Oklahoma.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200

North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Joe H. Bruns, Trustee* for the Hilmar D. Blumberg Trust, the Edward A. Blumberg Trust, and the Carla A. Blumberg Trust, all of Seguin, Texas; to each acquire an additional 20.4 percent, for a total of 33.3 percent, of the voting shares of Blumberg BancUnits, L.P., Seguin, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire State Bank & Trust of Seguin, Seguin, Texas.

In connection with this application, Joe H. Bruns, Trustee, for the Edward A. Blumberg Trust, the Hilmar D. Blumberg Trust, and the Carla A. Blumberg Trust, all of Seguin, Texas, have applied to each acquire an additional 10.5 percent, for a total of 18.8 percent; Edward A. Blumberg and Irma Blumberg, Trustees, for the Vanessa N. Blumberg Trust, all of Seguin, Texas, to each acquire an additional 3.5 percent, for a total of 6.3 percent; Edward A. Blumberg and Irma Blumberg, Trustees, for the Joseph D. Blumberg Trust, all of Seguin, Texas, to each acquire an additional 3.4 percent, for a total of 6.2 percent; Hilmar D. Blumberg, Seguin, Texas, to acquire an additional 2.4 percent, for a total of 4.2 percent; Hilmar D. & Kaaren Blumberg, Trustees, for the Roland B. Blumberg Trust, and the Jordan T. Blumberg Trust, all of Seguin, Texas, to each acquire an additional 4.1 percent, for a total of 7.3 percent; and Edward A. Blumberg, Seguin, Texas, to acquire an additional 3.5 percent, for a total of 6.3 percent, of the voting shares of Blumberg Family Partnership, L.P., Seguin, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire State Bank & Trust of Seguin, Seguin, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 9, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 96-31642 Filed 12-12-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6210-01-F

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 January 7, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *First Live Oak Bancshares, Inc.*, Three Rivers, Texas, and First Live Oak

Delaware Bancshares, Inc., Dover, Delaware; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First State Bank, Three Rivers, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 9, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 96-31643 Filed 12-12-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6210-01-F

Sunshine Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 18, 1996.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st 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:

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: December 11, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 96-31800 Filed 12-11-96; 10:02 am]

BILLING CODE 6210-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Collection of Child Welfare Data Under the Voluntary Cooperative Information System (VCIS).

OMB No.: 0970-0129.

Description: The objective of VCIS is to provide current data on the characteristics of children in, and the flow of children through, State foster care and adoption systems. These data also are utilized to identify State and national trends for the types of children in care, the settings in which children receive care, and the outcomes of substitute care episodes.

The VCIS data are used to respond to requests for current data on children in foster care as well as those awaiting adoption and recently adopted. These data are also used for preparing Congressional testimony and reports, proposing policy and legislative changes, determining foster care and adoption trends and projections, and making budget forecasts. In addition, the VCIS data are made available to researchers and evaluators as well as the media. These data also appeared in the 1996 Green Book, which contains background material and data on programs within the jurisdiction of the Congressional Committee on Ways and Means.

Respondents: State Governments, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and District of Columbia.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| VCIS survey | 54 | 1 | 3.0 | 162 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 162

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and

comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be

identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the