

(NTIS) in Springfield, VA (1-800-553-NTIS[6847] or 703-605-6000; facsimile 703-321-8547). Please provide the following PB numbers when ordering from NTIS: The QTRACER Program for Tracer-Breakthrough Curve Analysis for Karst and Fractured-Rock Aquifers (PB99-151904), and A Lexicon of Cave and Karst Terminology with Special Reference to Environmental Karst Hydrology (PB2000-101071).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Field, NCEA-W (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460; phone: 202-564-3279; facsimile: 202-565-0079; e-mail: field.malcolm@epa.gov.

Dated: January 19, 2000.

George W. Alapas,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6532-8]

Lakewood Battery Superfund Site Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of settlement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement for recovery of past response costs concerning the Lakewood Battery Site in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia with the following Settling Parties: the 162 Milton Avenue Trust and Doris V. Henderson. The settlement requires the Settling Parties to pay a total of \$25,000 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the Settling Parties pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, 404/562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: January 20, 2000.

Franklin E. Hill,

Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 29, 2000 at 2:00 P.M. (Eastern Time). (This Meeting was rescheduled from Tuesday, January 25, 2000)

PLACE: Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20507.

STATUS: The meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Closed Session

Review of Pending Litigation.

Note: Any matter not discussed or concluded may be carried over to a later meeting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission sessions). Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTD) at any time for information on these meetings.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer on (202) 663-4070.

Dated: February 2, 2000.

Frances M. Hart,

Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 the Export-Import Bank of the United States is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a

request to review and approve a revised exporter and banker survey which expired on February 28, 1999. The purpose of the survey is to fulfill a statutory mandate (the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 635) which directs Ex-Im Bank to report annually to the U.S. Congress any action taken toward providing export credit programs that are competitive with those offered by official foreign export credit agencies. The Act further stipulates that the annual report on competitiveness should include the results of a survey of lending institutions to determine whether their export financing is competitive with that of their foreign counterparts.

Accordingly, Ex-Im Bank is requesting that the proposed survey (EIB No. 00-02) be sent to approximately 50 respondents, split equally between bankers and exporters. The new survey is the same as in previous years as it asks bankers and exporters to evaluate the competitiveness of Ex-Im Bank's programs vis-a-vis foreign export credit agencies. However, it has been modified in order to account for newer policies and to capture enough information to provide a better analysis of our competitiveness.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments or requests for additional information to David Rostker, Office of Management and Budget, Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 395-3897.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carlista Robinson (202) 565-3351

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: Revision.

Annual Number of Respondents: 50.

Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Frequency of Reporting or Use:

Annual survey.

Dated: January 31, 2000.

Carlista Robinson,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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. The application also will 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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). 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 February 28, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. Old Kent Financial Corporation, Grand Rapids, Michigan; to merge with Grand Premier Financial, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Grand National Bank, Wauconda, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2000.

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 February 18, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-2171:

1. Dakota Bancshares, Inc., Mendota Heights, Minnesota; and its subsidiary, Olivia Bancorporation, Inc., Olivia, Minnesota; to engage de novo through their subsidiary, American State Insurance Agency, Inc., Olivia, Minnesota, in general insurance agency activities in a place where the bank holding company has a lending office and that has a population not exceeding 5,000, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(11)(iii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

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

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2000.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C 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 matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: February 2, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m. (EST), February 14, 2000.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room 4506, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2000, Board member meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
3. Labor Department audit briefing.
4. Investment policy review.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

Elizabeth S. Woodruff,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00D-0087]

Draft Guidance for Industry on IND Meetings for Human Drugs and Biologics; Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls Information; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for