

Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554.

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Copies of any subsequently filed documents in this matter will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text of this *Public Notice* may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, BCPI, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at <http://www.bcpweb.com>.

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*Synopsis:* As background, TRS, as mandated by Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, makes the

telephone system accessible to individuals with hearing or speech disabilities. See 47 U.S.C. 225. This is accomplished through TRS facilities that are staffed by specially trained CAs using special technology. The CA relays conversations between persons using various types of assistive communication devices and persons who do not require such assistive devices. VRS—Video Relay Service—is "a telecommunications relay service that allows people with hearing or speech disabilities who use sign language to communicate with voice telephone users with video equipment. The video link allows the [communications assistant] to view and interpret the party's signed conversation and relay the conversation back and forth with a voice caller." 47 CFR 64.601(17). According to HOVRS, Video VRS Mail is a means by which hearing persons can have a VRS communications assistant send a message in video format (American Sign Language) to a deaf or hard of hearing VRS user who is not available to answer the call, so that the VRS user can retrieve the video message at a later time.

Federal Communications Commission.

**P. June Taylor,**

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that, at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Thomas J. Curry, seconded by Vice Chairman John M. Reich, concurred in by Director James E. Gilleran (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), and Chairman Donald E. Powell, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no notice of the meeting earlier than July 13, 2004, was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and

that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsection (c)(2) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: July 20, 2004.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Notice of Agreement Filed

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

Interested parties can review or obtain copy of the agreement at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 940. 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.:* 201159.

*Title:* Memorandum of Settlement of Local Conditions in the Port of New York and New Jersey.

*Parties:* New York Shipping Association, Inc. and the International Longshoremen's Association.

*Filing Parties:* Andre Mazzola; Gleason & Mathews, P.C.; 26 Broadway, 17 Floor; New York, New York 10004; and William M. Spelman; Lambos & Junge; 29 Broadway, 9th Floor; New York, New York 10006.

*Synopsis:* The agreement establishes local conditions for the Port of New York-New Jersey under the ILA Master Contract.

Dated: July 20, 2004.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**

*Secretary.*

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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 of 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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at <http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/>.

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 August 20, 2004.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis**  
(Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. Maries County Bancorp, Inc., Vienna, Missouri; to acquire additional voting shares, for a total of 9.02 percent, of Branson Bancshares, Inc., Branson, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Branson Bank, Branson, Missouri.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 21, 2004.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of this request, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 498-1210 or send an e-mail to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

#### Proposed Project

Understanding Family-based Detection as a Strategy for Early Diagnosis of Hemochromatosis—New—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Hemochromatosis is a disease that occurs as a result of excess iron accumulation in the tissues and organs. The majority of Hemochromatosis cases are due to HFE gene mutations. Early Hemochromatosis symptoms are nonspecific and are often overlooked by physicians or mistaken for other conditions. Fortunately, Hemochromatosis can be detected with simple blood tests. When treatment by therapeutic phlebotomy is instituted early in the course of the disease, the many severe complications associated with Hemochromatosis (e.g. cirrhosis of the liver, liver cancer, cardiomyopathy, and heart failure) can be effectively prevented.

Hemochromatosis is a genetic disease, and blood relatives of Hemochromatosis patients are at increased risk. The public health strategy for early detection of hereditary Hemochromatosis is making patient family members aware of their increased risk and encouraging them to seek voluntary diagnostic testing ("family-based detection"). CDC wants to evaluate family-based detection as a strategy to identify people with Hemochromatosis. The proposed research project will examine the effectiveness of and barriers to the use of family-based detection as a public

health strategy to reduce morbidity and mortality from genetic diseases, and in particular, Hemochromatosis.

To understand the effectiveness of family-based detection for Hemochromatosis the following will be evaluated:

- Barriers and motivators to family-based detection as a strategy for early diagnosis of Hemochromatosis. (Early detection facilitates early treatment to slow the course of disease.)
- How physicians communicate with patients about the importance of family-based detection and the need for patients to encourage biological siblings to seek testing.
- Factors that foster good communication among biological siblings about the importance of seeking medical testing by those at increased risk of Hemochromatosis.
- Factors that affect the willingness of biological siblings to take action to seek out and receive testing for Hemochromatosis.
- Information and key messages that motivate patients to advise their biological siblings about their increased risk for Hemochromatosis and need for diagnostic testing.
- How physicians use medical histories to identify people who should be tested because they have a relative with Hemochromatosis.

The proposed research to be undertaken by CDC will incorporate several types of qualitative data collection: structured one-on-one interviews, triads (small focus groups) and traditional focus groups. Subjects will include Hemochromatosis patients, biological siblings of patients, and physicians. Topics to be explored with each of the three subject groups include the knowledge, attitudes, perceptions, and behaviors related to family-based detection.

Patients will be recruited in Boston and Chicago from the following places (where Hemochromatosis patients often undergo treatment by therapeutic phlebotomy):

- Blood banks;
- Hospital laboratories;
- Other health care provider facilities.

Siblings will be recruited either through the patients or by self-referral. Health care providers will be recruited through publicly available lists of physicians, or recommendations from project staff, patients, biological siblings, blood banks, hospital laboratories, Hemochromatosis organizations, and health care providers knowledgeable about Hemochromatosis. Information about the study will be available on the CDC Web site. Hemochromatosis