

determine whether a respondent satisfies the statutory and regulatory requirements to be certified initially and maintain its status as a member eligible to obtain Bank advances. The Finance Board requires and uses the information collection to determine whether to uphold or overrule a Bank's decision to deny member certification to an applicant.

The OMB number for the information collection is 3069-004. The OMB clearance for the information collection expires on April 30, 2001.

The likely respondents are institutions that want to be certified as or are members of a Bank.

B. Burden Estimate

The Finance Board estimates the total annual average number of applicants at 800, with one response per applicant. The estimate for the average hours per application is 21.5 hours. The Finance Board estimates the total annual average number of maintenance respondents, *i.e.*, current Bank members, at 7,800, with one response per member. The estimate for the average hours per maintenance response is 0.6 hours. The estimate for the total annual hour burden is 21,880 hours (7,800 members x 1 response per member x approximately 0.6 hours plus 800 applicants x 1 response per applicant x approximately 21.5 hours).

C. Comment Request

The Finance Board requests written comments on the following: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of Finance Board functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Finance Board's estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Dated: December 15, 2000.

James L. Bothwell,
Managing Director.

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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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at 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 January 16, 2001.

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

1. *Sterling Bancshares, Inc.*, Houston, Texas; and *Sterling Bancorporation, Inc., Inc.*, Wilmington, Delaware, to merge with *CaminoReal Bancshares, Inc.*, San Antonio, Texas; and thereby indirectly acquire *CaminoReal Delaware, Inc.*, Wilmington, Delaware; and *CaminoReal Bank National Association*, San Antonio, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 18, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

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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.

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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 19, 2001.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Chinatrust Commercial Bank, Ltd.*, Taipei, Republic of China; to become a bank holding company by merging with *China Trust Holdings N.V.*, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, and thereby indirectly acquire *Chinatrust Bank (U.S.A.)*, Torrance, California.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Wachovia Corporation*, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of *Republic Security Financial Corporation*, West Palm Beach, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of *Republic Security Bank*, West Palm Beach, Florida.

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

1. *Lea M. McMullan Trust*, Shelbyville, Kentucky, and its subsidiary, *Citizens Union Bancorp of*