

1. *FC Holdings, Inc.*, Houston, Texas, and First Community Holdings of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First Community Bank San Antonio, National Association, San Antonio, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 10, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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 10, 2005.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *GSB, MHC*, Greenfield, Massachusetts; to become a bank

holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Greenfield Savings Bank, Greenfield, Massachusetts.

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

1. *The South Financial Group, Inc.*, Greenville, South Carolina; to merge with Pointe Financial Corporation, Boca Raton, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire Pointe Bank, Boca Raton, Florida.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 13, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Appointments to the Citizens' Health Care Working Group

ACTION: Notice of application period.

SUMMARY: The Comptroller General of the United States will appoint 14 individuals, including a Chairperson, to serve as members of the Citizens' Health Care Working Group as required by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108-173). The Secretary of Health and Human Services also serves as a member of the Working Group and is required by the MMA to establish the Working Group. This group will help lead a nationwide public discussion and debate on ways to improve the health care system and provide every American with the ability to obtain quality and affordable health care coverage. The Working Group will make recommendations to the President and the Congress.

Individuals interested in serving for the two-year term may apply online by visiting

<http://citizenshealthcarewg.gao.gov>.

Individuals unable to apply online may call 866-324-9219 (toll-free) to request an application form. The closing date for accepting applications will be January 14, 2005. The Comptroller General will announce his appointments by late February 2005.

Closing Date: Applications must be postmarked by January 14, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GAO 866-324-9219 (toll-free).

(Sec. 1014, Pub. L. 108-173, 117 Stat. 2066, 2441)

David M. Walker,

Comptroller General of the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given that the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP) will hold its fifth meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, January 31, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, February 1, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Radisson Hotel Old Town Alexandria, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Schwetz, D.V.M., Ph.D., Director, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), or Catherine Slatinshek, Executive Director, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852; (301) 496-7005; fax: (301) 496-0527; email address: sachrp@osophs.dhhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, SACHRP was established to provide expert advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Assistant Secretary for Health on issues and topics pertaining to or associated with the protection of human research subjects.

On January 31, 2005, SACHRP will receive and discuss reports from its three subcommittees, the Subpart C subcommittee (HHS regulations and policies for research involving prisoners); the Subcommittee on Research Involving Children; and the newly formed Subpart A Subcommittee. The first two subcommittees were established by SACHRP at its meeting held on July 22, 2003, and the Subpart