

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 <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 25, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Anne McEwen, Financial Specialist) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.*, Bilbao, Spain; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Texas Regional Bancshares, Inc., McAllen, Texas; Texas Regional Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Texas State Bank, McAllen, Texas.

2. *Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.*, Bilbao, Spain; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of State National Bancshares, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; State National Bancshares of Delaware, Inc., Dover, Delaware; and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of State National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Sterling Bancshares, Inc.*, Houston, Texas, and Sterling Bancorporation, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; to merge with, and thereby acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of BOTH, Inc., Kerrville, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire BOTH of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, and Bank of the Hills, National Association, Kerrville, Texas.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Community Bancorp.*, Las Vegas, Nevada; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Cactus Commerce Bank, an Arizona Banking Corporation, Glendale, Arizona.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 27, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

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

TIME AND DATE: 12 p.m., Monday, August 7, 2006.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Smith, Director, or Dave Skidmore, Assistant to the Board, Office of Board Members at 202-452-2955.

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.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 28, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Maximum Per Diem Rates for the Continental United States (CONUS)

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of Per Diem Bulletin 07-1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 continental United States (CONUS) per diem rates.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration's (GSA's) annual per diem review has resulted in lodging and meal allowance changes for locations within the continental United States (CONUS) to provide for the reimbursement of Federal employees' expenses covered by per diem. Per Diem Bulletin 07-1 updates the maximum per diem amounts in existing per diem localities. The standard CONUS lodging rate of \$60 is unchanged. The CONUS per diem rates prescribed in Bulletin 07-1 may be found at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>. GSA based the lodging per diem rates on the average daily rate that the lodging industry reports. The use of such data in the per diem rate setting process enhances the Government's ability to obtain policy compliant lodging where it is needed. In addition to the annual lodging study, GSA identified 26 new or redefined non-standard areas (NSA's). In order to base its per diem recommendations for those areas on accurate meal cost data, GSA commissioned an out of cycle meal survey in each of the 26 areas. For a complete listing of pertinent information that must be submitted through a Federal executive agency for GSA to restudy a location if a CONUS or standard CONUS per diem rate is insufficient to meet necessary expenses, please review numbers 4 and 5 of our per diem Frequently Asked Questions at (www.gsa.gov/perdiemfaqs).

DATES: This notice is effective October 1, 2006, and applies for travel performed on or after October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Lois Mandell, Office of Governmentwide