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Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation must contact Mr. Flaak in writing (by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Monday, September 24, 2001 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be limited to approximately three to five minutes per speaker or organization, with a total time of fifteen minutes overall for all speakers. Written comments must be received no later than the day prior to the meeting, preferably in electronic format (see below for details).

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total, unless otherwise stated. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting.

Written Comments: Although the SAB accepts written comments until two days following the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated above), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file formats:

WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

General Information—Additional information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on our Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY2000 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256.

Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Mr. Flaak or Ms. Fortson at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: September 4, 2001.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, EPA Science Advisory 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 October 5, 2001.

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

1. *Piedmont BankCorp*, Statesville, North Carolina; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Piedmont Bank, Statesville, North Carolina.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Cynthia C. Goodwin, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4470:

1. *Georgia Banking Company, Inc.*, Atlanta, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Georgia Banking Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire GBC Funding, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, and thereby engage in mortgage lending activities pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

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

1. *Prairieland Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Bushnell, Illinois; to acquire an additional 12.4 percent for a total of 45.85 percent of the voting shares of Prairieland Bancorp, Inc., Bushnell, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Bushnell, Bushnell, Illinois.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Susan Zubradt, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Leawood Bancshares, Inc.*, Leawood, Kansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Town & Country Bank (in organization), Leawood, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 4, 2001.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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