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President  
Advisory Opinion 1995-47:  
Congressman Robert Underwood.  
Legislative Recommendations 1996  
(continued from meeting of March 21,  
1996, if necessary)  
Administrative Matters.

**PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:**

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**FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS  
AUTHORITY**

**Federal Employees; Criteria To Be  
Applied in Determining Whether To  
Transfer Employees From One  
Collective Bargaining Unit to Another  
When Both Affected Labor  
Organizations Agree on the Transfer**

**AGENCY:** Federal Labor Relations  
Authority.

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity to file  
briefs as *amici curiae* in a proceeding  
before the Federal Labor Relations  
Authority in which the Authority is  
determining whether to grant a petition  
seeking to transfer employees from one  
established collective bargaining unit to  
another.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Labor Relations  
Authority provides an opportunity for  
all interested persons to file briefs as  
*amici curiae* on significant issues  
arising in a case pending before the  
Authority. The Authority is considering  
this case pursuant to its responsibilities  
under the Federal Service Labor-  
Management Relations Statute, 5 U.S.C.  
7101-7135 (1988) and its regulations set  
forth at 5 CFR part 2422 (1994). The  
issues concern the criteria to be applied  
to determine whether to grant a petition  
seeking to transfer employees from one  
established, nationwide, consolidated  
collective bargaining unit to another  
such unit when the exclusive  
representatives of both units agree on  
the transfer.

**DATES:** Briefs submitted in response to  
this notice will be considered if filed by  
close of business on April 19, 1996.  
Extensions of time will not be granted.  
The date of filing shall be determined by  
the date of mailing, as indicated by the  
postmark date. If no postmark date is  
evident on the mailing, it shall be  
presumed to have been mailed 5 days  
prior to receipt. If filing is by personal  
delivery, it shall be considered filed on  
the date it is received by the Authority.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver briefs to  
James H. Adams, Acting Director, Case  
Control Office, Federal Labor Relations  
Authority, 607 14th Street, NW., Suite  
415, Washington, DC 20424-0001.

**FORMAT:** All briefs shall be captioned  
“*National Association of Government  
Employees/Service Employees  
International Union, Local 5000 and  
Service Employees International Union  
and U.S. Department of Veterans  
Affairs*, No. WA-AC-50071, Amicus  
Brief” and shall contain separate,  
numbered headings for each issue  
discussed. Parties must submit an  
original and four (4) copies of each  
amicus brief, with any enclosures, on  
8½ × 11 inch paper.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Control Office, Federal Labor Relations  
Authority, 607 14th Street, NW., Suite  
415, Washington, DC 20424-0001,  
Telephone: FTS or Commercial (202)  
482-6540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March  
15, 1996, the Authority granted, in part,  
an application for review of the  
Regional Director's Decision and Order  
in *National Association of Government  
Employees/Service Employees  
International Union, Local 5000 and  
Service Employees International Union  
and U.S. Department of Veterans  
Affairs*, No. WA-AC-50071. A copy of  
the decision may be obtained in the  
Authority's Case Control Office at the  
aforementioned address; a copy will be  
forwarded (by mail or facsimile) to any  
person who so requests by contacting  
James H. Adams at the same address. A  
brief summary of the case follows.

The petition in this case, which was  
filed jointly by the National Association  
of Government Employees/Service  
Employees International Union, Local  
5000 (NAGE/SEIU or NAGE) and the  
Service Employees International Union  
(SEIU), seeks an amendment of  
certification to transfer employees from  
a bargaining unit for which SEIU is the  
exclusive representative to a unit for  
which NAGE is the exclusive  
representative. The Agency maintained  
a “neutral position” regarding the  
petition in proceedings before the RD,  
and filed no submissions with the  
Authority.

In 1978, the National Association of  
Government Employees was certified as  
the exclusive representative of a  
nationwide, consolidated bargaining  
unit composed of certain  
nonprofessional employees of the  
Agency. In 1982, the National  
Association of Government Employees  
affiliated with SEIU and became NAG/  
SEIU. SEIU “has jurisdiction over

NAGE.” Currently, NAGE represents  
approximately 10,200 nonprofessional  
employees in this unit.

Since 1980, SEIU has represented a  
nationwide, consolidated bargaining  
unit of other nonprofessional employees  
of the Agency, including approximately  
900 employees at the Agency's Medical  
Center in San Diego, California, who are  
represented by SEIU Local 102. There  
are approximately 9,800 employees in  
SEIU's consolidated unit. SEIU, Local  
102 and the Agency's Medical Center in  
San Diego are parties to a collective  
bargaining agreement.

The joint petitioners seek to “sever”  
the San Diego Medical Center  
employees from SEIU's consolidated  
unit and include them in NAGE's  
consolidated unit. The petition was  
filed after a “special meeting” was held  
among SEIU Local 102 members, at  
which the sole subject was the transfer  
of affiliation from SEIU to NAGE. All  
SEIU Local 102 members were invited  
to the meeting. Following a discussion  
of the issue of the transfer of affiliation,  
a total of five members voted  
unanimously, by secret ballot, to  
transfer representation from SEIU to  
NAGE.

The RD dismissed the petition on the  
ground that the joint petitioners had  
failed to establish the “unusual  
circumstances” necessary under  
Authority case law to justify severance  
of employees from a bargaining.

The Authority granted review under  
§ 2422.17(c)(1) of the Authority's  
regulations, 5 CFR 2422.17(c)(1), on the  
ground that there is an absence of  
precedent on the following issues:

1. Should the facts that the joint  
petitioners agree that the San Diego  
employees should be severed from the  
SEIU unit and included in the NAGE  
unit, and/or that the agency does not  
oppose such agreement, be considered  
in resolving the petition in this case?

2. If those facts are considered, what  
principles should be used to determine  
whether to grant the petition?

(a) As to severance, for example,  
should SEIU's agreement be accorded  
the same effect as the disclaimer in  
*Treasury*? It is noted, in this regard, that  
there is no suggestion that SEIU would  
disclaim interest in representing the San  
Diego employees if the petition is  
dismissed.

(b) As to accretion, for example,  
should the joint petitioners' agreement  
be considered dispositive in light of the  
Agency's neutral position? Are there  
any circumstances that would override  
the agreement? Are there any  
circumstances in which an election  
should be directed?

The Authority directed the parties to file briefs on the foregoing issues as well as an issue whether, if the petition were to be granted, the resulting units would continue to be appropriate within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 7112. As these matters are likely to be of concern to agencies, labor organizations, and other interested persons, the Authority finds it appropriate to provide for the filing of amicus briefs addressing these issues.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

For the Authority.

James H. Adams,

*Acting Director, Case Control Office.*

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Joseph C. Polking,

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they will also be available

for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than April 4, 1996.

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

1. *Rickie L. Wiggs, and Gary F. Hileman*, both Grand Tower, Illinois; each to acquire an additional 13.3 percent each, for a total of 33.3 percent, of the voting shares of Shawnee Bancshares, Inc., Grand Tower, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 15, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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### 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. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for