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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Availability of FY 97 Great Lakes Priorities and Funding Guidance**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) announces the availability of its FY 97 Great Lakes Priorities and Funding Guidance (PFG). The PFG identifies Great Lakes priorities, solicits preproposals for assistance projects, and describes other Federal Great Lakes funding opportunities.

DATES: The deadline for submission of preproposals is January 15, 1997.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the PFG are available by calling Larry Brail at (312) 886-7474. The PFG will also be available through the Great Lakes National Program Office Internet home page (<http://www.epa.gov/glnpo>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EPA Great Lakes National Program Office, 77 West Jackson Blvd., G-9J, Chicago, IL 60604 Attention: Michael Russ (phone: (312) 886-4013; E-mail: russ.michael@epamail.epa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PFG, Preproposals are requested for a total of up to \$3.7 million in funding targeted to: Contaminated Sediments, Pollution Prevention, Assessment/Indicators, Habitat Protection and Restoration, Exotic Species, and Information Management. The PFG's "roadmap" describes some of the other Federal funding available for Great Lakes environmental priorities through U.S. EPA, the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Dated: November 1, 1996.

Gary Gulezian,

Acting Director, Great Lakes National Program Office.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**Notice of Agreement(s) Filed**

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register.

Agreement No.: 203-011117-016*Title:* U.S./Australasia Interconference & Carrier Discussion Agreement*Parties:*

Pacific Coast/Australia-New Zealand Tariff Bureau

U.S. Atlantic & Gulf/Australia—New Zealand Conference

Blue Star (North America) Limited
Australia-New Zealand Direct Line
Columbus Line

Wilhelmsen Lines A/S

Synopsis: The proposed modification deletes Fiji from the geographic scope of the Agreement.

Dated: November 13, 1996.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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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. 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 a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

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 December 13, 1996.

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

1. *Bedford Loan and Deposit Bancorp, Inc.*, Bedford, Kentucky; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bedford Loan and Deposit Bank, Bedford, Kentucky.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *The Oskey Limited Partnership*, Mesa, Arizona; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 90 percent of the voting shares of Glenwood Bancshares, Inc., Glenwood, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank of Glenwood, Glenwood, Wisconsin, and 84.5 percent of the voting shares of Hiawatha Bancshares, Inc., Hager City, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire Hiawatha National Bank, Hager City, Wisconsin.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 13, 1996.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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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 December 3, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690:

1. *Greg J. Currell*, Estherville, Iowa; to acquire an additional 9.92 percent through a redemption of shares, for a total of 26.80 percent, of the voting shares of MWA Bancorporation, Estherville, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire Emmet County State Bank, Estherville, Iowa; and First Bank and Trust Company, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

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William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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Notice of Proposals To Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or To Acquire Companies That are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity

that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice 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 question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether consummation of the proposal 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 a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than December 3, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Lloyd W. Bostian, Jr., Senior Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261, and Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Barnett Bank, Inc.*, Jacksonville, Florida, Crestar Financial Corporation, Richmond, Virginia, First Union Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina, NationsBank Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina, Southern National Corporation, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Wachovia Corporation, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (collectively, Applicants), have given notice to acquire or retain control of 5 percent or more of the voting shares of Southeast Switch, Inc. (SES), after its merger with Alabama Network, Inc. (Alabama Network). SES currently operates the HONOR electronic funds transfer (EFT) network, and Alabama Network currently operates the ALERT EFT network. The merged company (Company) proposes to provide data

processing services, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(7) of the Board's Regulation Y, and management consulting services to depository institutions for EFT-related activities, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(11) of the Board's Regulation Y. Applicants state that Company's data processing activities will consist of automated teller machine (ATM), point of sale (POS), point of banking, scrip and gateway services, group purchasing for participants, ATM and POS terminal driving, card authorization services, card production and issuance and related functions, electronic benefit transfer services, automated clearinghouse services processing, electronic bill payment, check verification, proprietary ATM services for non-financial entities, private financial network services, and card fraud detection services.

Applicants seek approval to conduct the proposed activities throughout the United States, Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

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William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. HHS Acquisition Regulations—HHSAR Part 352 Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses—0990-0130—Extension—The Key Personnel clause in HHSAR 352.27-5 requires contractors to obtain approval before substituting key personnel which are specified in the contract. *Respondents:* State or local governments, Businesses or other for-profit, non-profit institutions, Small businesses; *Total Number of Respondents:* 1921; *Frequency of Response:* One time; *Average Burden per Response:* 2 hours; *Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,842 hours.