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Marjorie W. Emmons,
Secretary of the Commission.

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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.: 203-011393-001.

Title: U.S./Canary Islands and West Africa Carrier Discussion Agreement.

Parties:

Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc.
SafBank Line, Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed modification changes the name of the Agreement to the U.S./West Africa Carrier Discussion Agreement, updates the address of Lykes Bros. and deletes the Canary Islands and inland countries in Africa from the geographic scope of the Agreement.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: November 22, 1996.

Ronald D. Murphy,
Assistant 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 23, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105:

1. *Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc.*, Lititz, Pennsylvania; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Atcorp, Inc., Marlton, New Jersey, and thereby indirectly acquire Equity National Bank, Atco, New Jersey, and Farmers Banc Corp., Mullica Hill, New Jersey, and thereby indirectly acquire Farmers national Bank, Mullica Hill, New Jersey.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *The Bancshares, Inc.* Jennings, Louisiana; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Bank, Jennings, Louisiana (in organization).

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand,

Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Otto Bremer Foundation/Bremer Financial Corporation*, St. Paul, Minnesota; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First American Bank, N.A., Moorhead, Minnesota, a *de novo* bank.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 22, 1996.

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 13, 1996.

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

1. *Heartland Financial USA, Inc.*, Dubuque, Iowa; to acquire Tri-State Community Credit Corporation, Dubuque, Iowa, and thereby engage in operating a consumer finance company, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1)(i) of the Board's Regulation Y; and act as agent in the sale of insurance directly related to extensions of credit by the consumer finance company, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(8)(ii)(A-C) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 22, 1996.

William W. Wiles,
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: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 4, 1996.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: November 26, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Protection and Advocacy System Annual Statement of Objectives and Priorities.

Description: Section 142 (a)(2) of the DD Act requires the State Protection and Advocacy System (P&As) to develop, by January 1st of each year, a Statement of Objectives and Priorities (SOP) and provide an opportunity for the public to comment on it. The final statement must be submitted (along with the prior year's PPR) to the regional office of DHHS. The Statement will provide the public and the Department a better understanding of the operation of the advocacy services and provide more comprehensive reporting to Congress.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Govt.; individuals or households; and not-for-profit institutions.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
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| P&A SOP | 55 | 1 | 40 | 2,200 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,200.

Title: State Developmental Disabilities Council Three Year State Plan.

Description: Part B, Sections 122 and 124 of the DD Act requires that each State must prepare and submit to the Secretary, DHHS, and have in effect, a State Plan providing information on individuals with developmental disabilities within a particular State and a description of the service needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The plan sets forth the goals and specific objectives to be achieved by the State in meeting the service needs of this population. The Plan describes State priorities, strategies, and actions, and the allocation of funds to meet stated goals and objectives.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Govt.; individuals or households; and not-for-profit institutions.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
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| Three Year State Plan | 55 | 1 | 100 | 5,500 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,500.

Title: Developmental Disabilities Annual Protection and Advocacy Program Performance Report.

Description: Section 107(b) of the DD Act requires that by January 1st of each year P&A system established in a State shall prepare and transmit to the Secretary a Report describing activities, accomplishments, and expenditures of

the System during the preceding year. This Report will provide ADD with information needed to ascertain whether a State is fulfilling the requirements of Public Law 104-183.