

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 98-146; FCC 01-223]

Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps To Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission begins its third inquiry into whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion.

DATES: Comments are due September 24, 2001. Reply comments are due October 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St., SW., Room TW B-204, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Blackler, Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-0491, TTY: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Third Notice of Inquiry (Notice) in CC Docket No. 98-146 released on August 10, 2001. The full text of the Notice is available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

Synopsis of the Inquiry

1. This Notice begins our third inquiry under section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 into "whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion." To help inform this inquiry, we are simultaneously releasing our most recent data on subscribership to high-speed services. Our first and second inquiries concluded that the deployment of advanced telecommunications capability was reasonable and timely on a general, nationwide basis. Our Second Report cautioned, however, that certain groups of consumers might be particularly vulnerable to not receiving timely deployment of advanced telecommunications capability by market forces alone. Notwithstanding

our conclusion that deployment is occurring in a reasonable and timely basis, we continue to take steps to remove any barriers to deployment; to remove any barriers to investment in technologies that can deliver advanced services; and to vigorously promote a competitive marketplace. In this inquiry, we re-examine the marketplace in order to determine whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely manner. This inquiry will build on the information we have collected through our previous inquiries, our continuing dialogue with the Joint Federal-State Conference on Advanced Services (Joint Conference), the Joint Conference's database of community deployment efforts, and the records developed in our proceedings designed to increase competition and promote deployment.

2. Specifically, the Notice seeks comment on four areas: (1) Whether the Commission's definition of advanced telecommunications capability remains appropriate; (2) whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans; (3) whether the deployment of advanced telecommunications capability is reasonable and timely; and (4) if deployment of advanced telecommunications capability is not reasonable and timely, the actions that will accelerate deployment. Once the Commission has gathered this information, it will release a Report within 180 days detailing its findings.

Ordering Clause

3. Accordingly, it is ordered that, pursuant to section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, this Notice of Inquiry is adopted.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's enforcement, corporate, resolution and supervisory activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision) seconded by Leann Britton, acting in the place and stead of Director John D. Hawke, Jr. (Comptroller of the Currency), and concurred in by Acting Chairman John M. Reich, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no notice of the meeting earlier than August 17, 2001 was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550—17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James D. LaPierre,

Deputy Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank 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. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office 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 September 7, 2001.

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

1. **Paul B. Landry, Jr. Charitable Remainder Trust**, Port Allen, Louisiana; Herman Joseph Lowe, Port Allen, Louisiana; and Sylvia Rodriguez

Landry, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; to collectively retain 16.60 percent of the outstanding voting shares of West Baton Rouge Bancshares, Inc., and its subsidiary, Bank of West Baton Rouge, both of Port Allen, Louisiana.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Robert L. Frei*, Wagner, South Dakota; to acquire voting shares of Commercial Holding Company, Wagner, South Dakota, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Commercial State Bank of Wagner, Wagner, South Dakota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 20, 2001.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the 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 September 18, 2001.

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

1. *FNB Corporation*, Christiansburg, Virginia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of FNB Southwest, National Association, Roanoke, Virginia (successor by charter conversion to Southwest Virginia Savings Bank, FSB, Roanoke, Virginia).

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

1. *International Bancshares Corporation*, Laredo, Texas, and IBC Subsidiary Corporation, Wilmington, Delaware; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of National Bancshares Corporation of Texas, San Antonio, Texas; and thereby indirectly acquire NBT of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; and NBC Bank, National Association, Eagle Pass, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 20, 2001.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Program Announcement (PA) #01187, Counseling & Testing in Emergency Room & Ambulatory Care; PA #01188, Social & Environmental Interventions To Prevent HIV, and PA #01191, Efficacy of Condom Skills Building Demonstrations

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): PA #01187, Counseling & Testing in Emergency Room & Ambulatory Care; PA #01188, Social & Environmental Interventions To Prevent HIV; and PA #01191, Efficacy of Condom Skills Building Demonstrations, meeting.

Times and Date: 8 a.m.–9 a.m., September 11, 2001 (Open); 9 a.m.–5 p.m., September

11, 2001 (Closed); 8 a.m.–5 p.m., September 12, 2001 (Closed).

Place: The Double Tree Hotel Atlanta Buckhead, 3342 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

Status: Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Deputy Director for Program Management, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Program Announcements 01187, 01188, and 01191.

For Further Information Contact: Beth Wolfe, Prevention Support Office, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC, Corporate Square Office Park, 8 Corporate Square Boulevard, M/S E07, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, telephone 404/639-8025.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: August 20, 2001.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Blood Products Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Blood Products Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee:

To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on September 20, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on September 21, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Hilton DC North—Gaithersburg, 620 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact: Linda A. Smallwood, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research