

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 20, 1996.

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

1. *Associated Banc-Corp.*, Green Bay, Wisconsin; to merge with Centra Financial, Inc., West Allis, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire Central Bank, West Allis, Wisconsin.

2. *AmeriMark Financial Corporation*, Oak Brook, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Duco Bancshares, Inc., Villa Park, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank of Illinois in DuPage, Villa Park, Illinois.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire Banill Corporation, Villa Park, Illinois, and thereby engage in making and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 20, 1996.

William W. Wiles,

*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.

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Governors not later than December 20, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Robert M. Brady, Vice President) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106:

1. *BostonFed Bancorp, Inc.*, Burlington, Massachusetts; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Broadway Capital Corp., Chelsea, Massachusetts, and thereby indirectly acquire The Broadway National Bank of Chelsea, Chelsea, Massachusetts, a *de novo* bank.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire Boston Federal Savings Bank, Burlington, Massachusetts, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(9) of the Board's Regulation Y. This activity will be conducted in the Boston, Massachusetts metropolitan area.

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

1. *Old Kent Financial Corporation*, Grand Rapids, Michigan; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Old Kent Bank, National Association, Jonesville, Michigan.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (John E. Yorke, Senior Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198:

1. *Front Range Bancshares, Inc.*, Lakewood, Colorado; to become a bank holding company by acquiring at least 80 percent of the voting shares of Front Range Bank, Lakewood, Colorado, a *de novo* bank.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Central Texas Bankshare Holdings, Inc.*, Columbus, Texas, and Colorado County Investment Holdings, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; both to acquire 30 percent of the voting shares of Hill Bancshares Holdings, Inc., Weimar, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Hill Bancshares, Wilmington, Delaware, and Hill Bank & Trust Company, Weimar, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 21, 1996.

William W. Wiles,

*Secretary of the Board.*

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