

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA will review and evaluate additional comments received on this Interim Final Directive prior to its release as "Final" guidance.

Dated: November 17, 1997.

Anna Hopkins Virbick,

Director, Office of Underground Storage Tanks.

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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. The notices also will 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 22, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *John Ryburn Stipe*, Forrest City, Arkansas; to acquire additional voting shares of Forrest City Financial Corporation, Forrest City, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly acquire Forrest City Bank, N.A., Forrest City, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 2, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

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. 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 31, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Jeffery Hirsch, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *Mellon Bank Corporation*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; to merge with United Bankshares, Inc., Miami, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire United National Bank, Miami, Florida.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 2, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

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. 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 January 2, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *First Empire State Corporation, and Olympia Financial Corp.*, both of Buffalo, New York; to acquire up to 19.9 percent of the voting shares of OnBancorp, Inc., Syracuse, New York, and thereby indirectly acquire OnBank & Trust Co., Syracuse, New York. Olympia Financial Corp., also has applied to become a bank holding company and to acquire Manufactures and Traders Trust Company, Buffalo, New York.

In connection with these applications, Applicants also have applied to acquire Franklyn First Savings Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Firstrust Corporation*, New Orleans, Louisiana; to acquire 86.39 percent of the voting shares of Peoples Bank of Louisiana, Amite, Louisiana.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Gifford Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Gifford, Illinois; to acquire 48.8 percent of the voting shares of Gifford Bancorp, Inc., Gifford, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Gifford State Bank, Gifford, Illinois.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Pat Marshall, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer

Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *First Security Corporation*, Salt Lake City, Utah; to merge with Rio Grande Bancshares, Inc., Las Cruces, New Mexico, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank of Dona Ana County, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and First National Bank of Chaves County, Roswell, New Mexico.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 3, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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 § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) 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. The notice also will 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.

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 31, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Bank of the Ozarks*, Little Rock, Arkansas; to acquire Heritage Banc Holding, Inc., Little Rock, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly acquire HEARTLAND Community Bank, F.S.B., Little Rock, Arkansas, and thereby engage in the operation of a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 2, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 971-0105]

The Dow Chemical Company; Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Baer, Federal Trade Commission, 6th & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., H-374, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-2932, or Howard Morse, Federal Trade Commission, 6th & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., S-3627, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-2949.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46, and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the accompanying complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the Commission Actions section of the FTC Home Page (for November 28, 1997), on the World Wide Web, at "http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions97.htm." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-

130, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627. Public comment is invited. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order to Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") has accepted, subject to final approval, an Agreement Containing Consent Order ("Agreement") from The Dow Chemical Company.

The proposed Order has been placed on the public record for sixty (60) days for reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After sixty (60) days, the Commission will again review the Agreement and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the Agreement or make final the Agreement's proposed Order.

The Dow Chemical Company, a Midland, Michigan based company and producer of chemicals, plastics, and agricultural and consumer products, announced on August 5, 1997, a cash tender offer to acquire all of the share of Sentrachem Limited, a South African chemical company that operates in the U.S. through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Hampshire Chemical Company, Hampshire and Dow, through its Chemical Division, produce aminopolycarboxylic chelating agents, also known as chelants. Hampshire produces chelants in Nashua, New Hampshire and Deer Park, Texas, and chelant intermediates in Lima, Ohio. Dow produces chelants in Freeport, Texas.

The proposed administrative complaint alleges that the proposed acquisition may substantially lessen competition in the research, development, manufacture, and sale of chelants, which are chemicals used in cleaners, pulp and paper, water treatment, photography, agriculture, and food and pharmaceutical applications to neutralize and inactivate metal ions. The proposed complaint alleges that the United States is the relevant geographic market for evaluating the acquisition's effect on chelants because the shipping costs of chelants, which are sold mostly in a liquid solution, are high and there are too many uncertainties and delays inherent in long distance shipping.

The proposed complaint alleges that Hampshire and Dow are the two leading