the bid side of the market using a generally recognized source for securities prices. Repurchase agreements normally provide for additional securities or cash to be placed with the depository institution or its custodian bank to maintain the margin within the predetermined level. Margin calculations should also consider accrued interest on underlying securities and the anticipated amount of accrued interest over the term of the repurchase agreement, the date of interest payment, and which party is entitled to receive the payment. In the case of pass-through securities, anticipated principal reductions should also be considered when determining margin adequacy.

E. Maturity and Renewal Procedures

Depository institutions should follow prudent management procedures when administering any repurchase agreement. For longer term repurchase agreements, management should monitor daily the effects of securities substitutions, margin maintenance requirements (including consideration of any coupon interest or principal payments) and possible changes in the financial condition of the counterparty. Engaging in open repurchase agreement transactions without maturity dates may be regarded as an unsafe and unsound practice unless the depository institution has, in its written agreement, retained rights to terminate the transaction quickly to protect itself against changed circumstances. Similarly, automatic renewal of short-term repurchase agreement transactions without reviewing collateral values, adjusting collateral margin, and receiving written confirmation of the new contract terms, may be regarded as an unsafe and unsound practice. If additional margin is not deposited when required, the depository institution's rights to sell securities or otherwise liquidate the repurchase agreement should be exercised without hesitation.

IV. Guidelines for Controlling Collateral for Securities Sold Under Agreement to Repurchase

Depository institutions normally use current market values (bid side), including the amount of any accrued interest, to determine the price of securities that are sold under repurchase agreements. Counterparties should not be provided with excessive margin. Thus, the written repurchase agreement contract normally provides that the counterparty must make additional payment or return securities if the margin exceeds agreed upon levels. When acquiring funds under repurchase agreements it is prudent business practice to keep at a reasonable margin, the difference between the market value of the securities delivered to the counterparty and the amount borrowed. The excess market value of securities sold by a depository institution may be viewed as an unsecured loan to the counterparty subject to the unsecured prudential limitations for the depository institution and should be treated accordingly for credit policy and control purposes.


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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 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, the Board will accept comments regarding each of these applications not later than March 6, 1998.

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

1. Martin L. and Sandra D. Sisneros, Abenico E. and Rosie M. Sisneros, Joaquin A. and Dolores Sisneros, Philip and Attonette Sisneros, all of Belen, New Mexico, and Alex E. and Debbie Sisneros, Los Lunas, New Mexico; to acquire voting shares of The Bank of Belen, Belen, New Mexico.


Jennifer J. Johnson, Deputy 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, the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 6, 1998.

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

1. Eagle Bancorp, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of EagleBank (in organization), Bethesda, Maryland.


Jennifer J. Johnson, Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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