

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 September 19, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston** (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Mutual Bancorp of the Berkshires, and United Financial Group, Inc.*, both of Pittsfield, Massachusetts; to acquire Lenox Financial Services Corp., Lenox, Massachusetts, and thereby indirectly acquire Lenox Savings Bank, Lenox, Massachusetts, and City Savings Bank, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. United Financial Group, Inc., also has applied to become bank holding companies.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia** (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105-1521:

1. *Republic First Bancorp, Inc.*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Republic First Bank Delaware, Brandywine, Delaware.

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

1. *Ohio Valley Banc Corp.*, Gallipolis, Ohio; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Jackson Savings Bank, Jackson, Ohio.

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

1. *Bonifay Holdings, L.L.C.*, Bonifay, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 1 percent general partnership interest in The George Family Partnership, Bonifay, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire Bonifay Holding Company, Inc., Bonifay, Florida, and The Bank of Bonifay, Bonifay, Florida.

**E. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Morrill Bancshares, Inc.*, Sabetha, Kansas; to acquire 12.86 percent, for a pro forma total of 47.69 percent, of the voting shares of Morrill and Janes Bancshares, Inc., Hiawatha, Kansas, and thereby indirectly acquire Morrill and Janes Bank and Trust Company, Hiawatha, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 20, 1998.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate 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 September 21, 1998.

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

1. *The Banc Corporation*, Panama City Beach, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Emerald Coast Bancorp, Panama City Beach, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire Emerald Coast Bank, Panama City Beach, Florida.

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

1. *Baylake Corp.*, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Evergreen Bank, National Association, Poy Sippi, Wisconsin. Comments regarding this application must be received not later than September 10, 1998.

**C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Town & County Bancshares, Inc.*, Guthrie, Oklahoma; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Oklahoma State Bank, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 21, 1998.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate 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, including the companies listed below, 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.