

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Sunshine Act Meeting Notice**

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: Approximately 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, 1998, following a recess at the conclusion of the open meeting.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Proposals regarding the final design, budget, and construction activities for a Federal Reserve Bank's building project.
2. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
3. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD**Sunshine Act Meeting**

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m. (EST) November 9, 1998.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the October 13, 1998, Board member meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
3. Review of KPMG Peat Marwick audit reports:

“Pension and Welfare Benefits

Administration Review of the Policies and Procedures of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board Staff”

“Pension and Welfare Benefits

Administration Review of the Thrift Savings Plan Abandonment Policies of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board”

“Pension and Welfare Benefits

Administration Data Security Vulnerability Study at the United States Department of Agriculture, National Finance Center”

“Pension and Welfare Benefits

Administration Year 2000 Program Analysis of the Thrift Savings Plan at the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Finance Center”

“Pension and Welfare Benefits

Administration Detailed Analysis of Thrift Savings Plan Accounts for Valid Social Security Numbers”

4. Review of status of audit

recommendations.

5. Labor Department audit briefing.

6. Quarterly investment policy

review.

7. Approval of criteria for selection of S and I Fund managers.

8. Annual ethics briefing.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

DATE: October 27, 1998.

John J. O'Meara,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules**

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

TRANSACTION GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION

ET date	Transaction No.	ET req status	Party name
28-SEP-98	19984720	G	Shorewood Packaging Corporation.
		G	Queens Group, Inc.
		G	Queens Group, Inc.
	19984726	G	Meridian Diagnostics, Inc.
		G	Fresenius A.G.
		G	Gull Laboratories, Inc.
	19984729	G	Windward Capital Associates, L.P.
		G	Fleming Companies, Inc.
		G	Fleming Companies, Inc.
	19984733	G	Mead Corporation (The).
		G	Louisiana-Pacific Corporation.
		G	Creative Point, Inc.
	19984735	G	Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A.
		G	Amerada Hess Corporation.