

are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

OMB should receive comments concerning the approval of this collection of information under OMB's emergency processing procedures within 30 days of the date of this notice. FEMA will, however, continue to accept comments concerning this collection of information through August 24, 1999.

**ADDRESSEE:** Interested persons should submit written comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, ATTN: Desk Officer for FEMA, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10102, Washington DC 20503, or to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, ATTN: Information Collections Officer, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information contact Timothy P. Johnson, Federal Insurance Administration, at (202) 646-3418. For copies of the proposed collection of information contact Muriel B. Anderson at (202) 646-2625, FAX (202) 646-3524, or e-mail: [muriel.anderson@fema.gov](mailto:muriel.anderson@fema.gov).

Dated: June 11, 1999.

**Muriel B. Anderson,**

*Acting Director, Program Services Division,  
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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### **Public Meeting: Application by Fleet Financial Group, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts, To Merge With BankBoston Corporation, Boston, MA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** On July 7, 1999, a public meeting will be held regarding the notice submitted by the Fleet Financial Group, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts (Fleet Financial), to acquire BankBoston Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts (BankBoston), and its banking and nonbanking subsidiaries pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act (BHC Act) and related statutes. The purpose of the public meeting is to collect information relating to factors the Board is required to consider under the BHC Act.

**DATES:** The Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert M. Brady, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Facsimile: 617/973-3219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 17, 1999, Fleet Financial requested the Board's approval to merge with BankBoston under the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) and related statutes. The factors the Board must consider in evaluating the proposal under the BHC Act are: the effects of the proposal on the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the companies and banks involved in the proposal; competition in the relevant markets; and the convenience and needs of the communities to be served. With respect to competition, the proposal involves the merger of the two largest banking organizations in new England and will involve sizable divestitures throughout the region. Convenience and needs considerations include a review of the records of performance of Fleet Financial and BankBoston under the Community Reinvestment Act, which requires the Board to take into account in its review of a bank acquisition or merger proposal each institution's record of meeting the credit needs of its entire community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with the safe and sound operation of the institution. 12 U.S.C. 2903.

The transaction also involves the proposed acquisition of a number of nonbanking companies engaged in activities permissible for bank holding companies. The Board must determine whether conducting the proposed nonbanking activities can reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest, or unsound banking practices.

#### **Procedures for Hearing**

Testimony at the public meeting will be presented to a panel consisting of a Presiding Officer and other panel members appointed by the Presiding Officer. In conducting the public meeting, the Presiding Officer will have the authority and discretion to ensure that the meeting proceeds in a fair and orderly manner. In contrast to a formal administrative hearing, the rules for taking evidence in an administrative proceeding will not apply to this public

meeting. Panel members may question witnesses, but no cross-examination of witnesses will be permitted. The public meeting will be transcribed and information regarding procedures for obtaining a copy of the transcript will be announced at the public meeting.

On the basis of the requests received, the Presiding Officer will prepare a schedule for persons wishing to testify and establish the order of presentation. To ensure an opportunity for all interested commenters to present their views, the Presiding Officer may limit the time for presentation. Persons not listed on the schedule may be permitted to speak at the public meeting if time permits at the conclusion of the schedule of witnesses at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. Copies of testimony may, but need not, be filed with the Presiding Officer before a person's presentation.

#### **Request To Testify**

All persons wishing to testify at the public meeting must submit a written request to Robert M. Brady, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106 (facsimile: 617/973-3219), not later than 5:00 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, June 30, 1999. The request must include the following information: (i) A brief statement of the nature of the expected testimony and the estimated time required for the presentation; (ii) Address and telephone number (and facsimile number, if available) of the person testifying; and (iii) Identification of any special needs, such as from persons desiring translation services, persons with a physical disability who may need assistance, or persons requiring visual aids for their presentation. To the extent available, translators will be provided to persons wishing to present their views in a language other than English if this information is included in the request to testify. Persons interested only in attending the meeting do not need to submit a written request to attend.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 22, 1999.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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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