

switching equipment rather than cable facilities. However, cable operators are beginning to develop and test Internet Protocol ("IP") telephony. Since the 1998 Report, the most significant convergence of service offerings has been the pairing of Internet service with other service offerings. There is evidence that a wide variety of companies throughout the communications industries are attempting to become providers of multiple services, including video, voice, and data services. When compared with other communications industry segments that currently provide, or plan to provide, such combinations of services, we find that the cable television industry holds a relatively small market share. For example, in 1998, the total revenue for these segments of the communications industry (i.e., cable television, MMDS, DBS, television broadcasting, long distance telephone, and local telephone) was \$334 billion. Of this total, cable operators represented 12.3% of the communications industry's revenues.

- *Promotion of Entry and Competition:* Noncable MVPDs continue to report that regulatory and other barriers to entry limit their ability to compete with incumbent cable operators and to thereby provide consumers with additional choices. Noncable MVPDs continue to experience some difficulties in obtaining programming from both vertically integrated cable programmers and unaffiliated programmers who continue to make exclusive agreements with cable operators. In MDUs, potential entry may be discouraged or limited because an incumbent video programming distributor has a long-term and/or exclusive contract. Other issues also remain with respect to how, and under what circumstances, existing inside wiring in MDUs may be made available to alternative video service providers. In addition, consumers have historically reported that the primary disadvantage of DBS service is its lack of local broadcast signals. On November 29, 1999, a revised Satellite Home Viewer Act ("SHVA") was signed into law, permitting satellite providers to distribute local broadcast signals within their local television markets. The Commission hopes that the revised SHVA will have a significant and positive effect on MVPD competition, and we plan to aggressively implement the new SHVA in order to facilitate consumer choice in the MVPD marketplace.

- *Horizontal Concentration:* Consolidations within the cable industry continue as cable operators

acquire and trade systems. The seven largest operators now serve almost 90% of all U.S. cable subscribers. However, in terms of one traditional economic measure, the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index or HHI, national concentration among the top MVPDs has declined since last year. DBS operators DirecTV and EchoStar rank among the ten largest MVPDs in terms of nationwide subscribership along with eight cable multiple system operators ("MSOs"). As a result of acquisitions and trades, cable MSOs have continued to increase the extent to which their systems form regional clusters. Currently, 40.4 million of the nation's cable subscribers are served by systems that are included in regional clusters. By clustering their systems, cable operators may be able to achieve efficiencies that facilitate the provision of cable and other services, such as telephony.

- *Vertical Integration:* The number of satellite-delivered programming networks has increased from 245 in 1998 to 278 in 1999. Vertical integration of national programming services between cable operators and programmers, measured in terms of the total number of services in operation, declined from last year's total of 39% to 36% this year, continuing a five year trend. However, in 1999, one or more of the top six cable MSOs held an ownership interest in each of 101 vertically integrated national programming services. The 1999 Report also identifies 75 regional networks, of which 30 are regional or local news networks and 26 are sports channels, many owned at least in part by MSOs

- *Technological Advances:* Technological advances that will permit MVPDs to increase both quantity of service (i.e., an increased number of channels using the same amount of bandwidth or spectrum space) and types of offerings (e.g., interactive services) continue. In particular, cable operators and other MVPDs continue to develop and deploy advanced technologies, especially digital compression, in order to deliver additional video options and other services (e.g., data access, telephony) to their customers. To access these wide ranging services, consumers use "navigation devices." The cable industry reports that it is making steady progress towards the development of specifications to separate out security and non-security functions for the interoperability of digital set-top boxes by July 1, 2000, as required by the Commission's rules. Interface requirements and a certification process for the high-speed cable modems needed to access data services have also been developed. When these processes

are complete, additional competition in the market for equipment used by subscribers should be possible.

Ordering Clauses

5. This 1999 Report is issued pursuant to authority contained in Sections 4(i), 4(j), 403, and 628(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 403, and 548(g).

6. The Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs shall send copies of the 1999 Report to the appropriate committees and subcommittees of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate.

7. The proceeding in CS Docket No. 99-230 is terminated.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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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 February 10, 2000.

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

1. David William Flemming, Litchfield, Illinois; to retain voting shares of LBT Bancshares, Inc., Litchfield, Illinois, and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of The First National Bank of Mount Auburn, Mount Auburn, Illinois, and Bank and Trust Company, Litchfield, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 21, 2000.

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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). 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 February 22, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervision) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. Ohio Legacy Corp., Wooster, Ohio; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Ohio Legacy Bank, National Association, Wooster, Ohio.

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

1. The Leaders Group, Inc., Oak Brook, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The

Leaders Bank (in organization), Oak Brook, Illinois.

2. Woodland Financial Group L.L.C., Oak Brook, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 40 percent of the voting shares of The Leaders Group, Inc., Oak Brook, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire The Leaders Bank (in organization), Oak Brook, Illinois.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. Scottsdale Bancorp, Woodbury, Minnesota; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Scottsdale Community Bank (in organization), Scottsdale, Arizona.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 21, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting on February 10-11, 2000.

Board Meeting Summary: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 10, and Friday, February 11, from 9:00 to 4:30 P.M. room 7C13, the Elmer Staats Briefing Room, of the General Accounting Office building, 441 G St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:

- The process for developing Technical Bulletins.
- National Defense PP&E.
- Major Acquisition Programs.
- Amendments to Direct Loans and Loan Guarantee Accounting.
- Other topics as needed.

Any interested person may attend the meeting as an observer. Board discussions and reviews are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G St., N.W., Room 6814, Washington, D.C. 20548, or call (202) 512-0730.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, Section 10(a)(2), 86 Stat. 770, 774 (1972) (current version at 5

U.S.C. app. section 10(a)(2) (1988); 41 CFR 101-6.1015 (1990).

Dated: January 24, 2000.

Wendy M. Comes,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency information collection activities; proposed collections; comment request

The Department of Health and Human Services; Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project 1. HHS Acquisition Regulations—HHSAR Subpart 315 Solicitations and Receipt of Proposals and Quotations—0990-0139—Extension with no change—Subpart 315.4 is needed to ensure consistency in all Departmental solicitations and to ensure that all solicitations describe all of the information which an offeror would need to submit an acceptable proposal. Respondents: State and local government, Businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions, small businesses; Total Number of Respondents: 6,645; Frequency of Response: one time; Average Burden per Response: 2 hours; Estimated Annual Burden 13,290 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agnes Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW.,