

Governors not later than February 28, 2000.

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

1. First Charter Corporation, Concord, North Carolina; to merge with Carolina First BancShares, Inc., Lincolnton, North Carolina, and thereby indirectly acquire Community Bank and Trust Company, Rutherfordton, North Carolina; Cabarrus Bank of North Carolina, Concord, North Carolina; Lincoln Bank of North Carolina, Lincolnton, North Carolina. Applicant also will acquire shares of First Gaston Bank of North Carolina, Gastonia, North Carolina.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. Branson Bancshares, Inc., Branson, Missouri; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Branson Bank, Branson, Missouri (in organization).

2. Maries County Bancorp, Inc., Vienna, Missouri; to acquire 9.3 percent of the voting shares of Branson Bancshares, Inc., Branson, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Branson Bank, Branson, Missouri a de novo bank).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 28, 2000.

**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.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated.

The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than February 18, 2000.

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

1. Exchange Bankshares, Inc., Milledgeville, Georgia; to acquire Exchange Insurance Agency, Inc., Gray, Georgia, and thereby engage in insurance agency activities in a town of less than 5,000, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(11)(iii) of Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. National Commerce Bancorporation, Memphis, Tennessee; to acquire through its subsidiary, TransPlatinum Service Corp., Nashville, Tennessee, Fleet One, L.L.C., Nashville, Tennessee, and thereby engage in data processing and data transmission activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of Regulation Y.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Request and Extension of Deadline for Nominations for the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Minority Health

**AGENCY:** Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Minority Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice—Extension of Deadline.

**Authority:** Section 1707(c) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300u-6(c)); Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. appendix 2).

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, signed the charter establishing the Committee on

Minority Health on September 17, 1999. Unless renewed prior to its expiration, the Committee will terminate on September 22, 2001. It is the function of the Committee to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary on improving the health of racial and ethnic minority groups and development of goals and specific program activities. This notice requests and extends the deadline for submission of nominations for membership on the Committee.

**DATES:** Nominations for members must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on March 6, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or deliver nominations to the following address: Monica Farrar, Division of Management Operations, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, MD 20852. Nominations will not be accepted by e-mail nor by facsimile.

A request for a copy of the Secretary's charter for the Advisory Committee should be submitted to: Joan Jacobs, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, MD 20852. The charter can also be downloaded from the Office of Minority Health Resource Center web site at <http://www.omhrc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joan Jacobs, (301) 443-9923.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background and Legislative Authority

Section 1707(c) of the Public Health Service Act directs the Secretary to establish the Advisory Committee on Minority Health. The Committee is also governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formulation and use of advisory committees.

The Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary on improving the health of racial and ethnic minorities and developing goals and specific program activities. These activities include, but are not limited, to the following:

(1) Establishing short-range and long-range goals and objectives and coordinate all other activities within the Public Health Service that relate to disease prevention, health promotion, service delivery, and research concerning such individuals.

(2) Entering into interagency agreements with other agencies of the Public Health Service.

(3) Supporting research, demonstrations, and evaluations to test new and innovative models.