

provide ocean transportation service and to advance credit when Respondents had no intent to, or were aware that payment would not be made to Complainant. Complainant further alleges that Respondents misrepresented business arrangements and engaged in a patten of delay in order to enable them to collect shipper freight charges that they would not have been able to obtain if the involved shippers and Complainant had been apprised of the true facts as to their future activities. Complainant further alleges that Respondents filed a petition for bankruptcy in order to obfuscate and obstruct creditors' investigation and recovery of funds. As a result of Respondents' violation, Complainant asserts that it has been unable to fully recover ocean freight charges and has been further required to expend substantial sums of money investigating the Respondents' activities.

Complainant asks that the Respondents be held liable to Complainant for damages in an amount determined by the Commission but no less than \$22,630.76 plus prejudgment interests, costs and reasonable attorney's fees. Complainant also asks that the Commission award it such further and other relief as the Commission deems just and appropriate in the circumstances. Complainant requests that hearing be held either in Washington, DC or Los Angeles, CA.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by February 20, 2002, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by June 20, 2002.

Brian L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 March 30, 2001.

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

1. *Rivoli BanCorp, Inc.*, Macon, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring at least 80 percent of the voting shares of Rivoli Bank & Trust, Macon, Georgia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 28, 2001.

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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/. 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 March 20, 2001.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *The Bank of New York Company, Inc.*, New York, New York; J.P. Morgan Chase & Co, New York, New York; Citizens Banking Corporation, Flint, Michigan; Comerica Incorporated, Detroit, Michigan; FleetBoston Financial Corp., Boston, Massachusetts; HSBC Holdings plc, London, England; HSBC Finance (Netherlands), London, U.K.; HSBC Holdings BV, Amsterdam, Netherlands; HSBC North America Inc., Buffalo, New York; HSBC USA Inc., Buffalo, New York; and Summit Bancorp, Princeton, New Jersey; all to acquire through NYCE Corporation, Woodcliff, New Jersey, voting interests in SecureAccess Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company that will implement a secure Internet payment and authentication system and its related product applications, and distribute such systems and applications worldwide. NYCE proposes

to directly engage in SAC-related activities, including the marketing and sale of the secure Internet payment and authentication system, and its related product applications. Notificant also will engage in data processing and related services to facilitate transactions among consumers or between consumers and commercial entities using various media such as the Internet, hand-held wireless devices, telephone systems and other account access means made available by participating financial institutions, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 28, 2001.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m. (est) March 12, 2001.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room 4506, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the February 12, 2001, Board member meeting.

2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Date: February 27, 2001.

Elizabeth S. Woodruff,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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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 Projects 1. State Children's Health Insurance Program Focus Group Study—NEW—As part of an evaluation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation is proposing the collection of qualitative data by conducting a series of 52 focus groups in nine states. The 52 focus groups comprised of low income families will each consist of 8-10 participants. The purpose of this study is to identify factors which influence enrollment in, and disenrollment from Medicaid and SCHIP.

Activity	Number of respondents	Time per response (minutes)	Frequency	Total burden (hours)
Screen	6,240	6	1	624
Registration Form	468	5	1	39
Focus Group	468	150	1	1,170
Total	1,833

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: February 21, 2001.

Kerry Weems,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition under Federal and Federally-assisted Programs (45 CFR

part 15)—0900-0150—Extension—HHS has adopted standard government-wide regulations on acquisition of real property and relocation of persons thereby displaced. Federal agencies and State and local governments must maintain records of their displacement activities sufficient to demonstrate compliance with these regulations. *Respondents:* State or local governments; *Annual Number of Respondents:* one; *Frequency of Response:* once; *Burden:* one hour.

2. HHS Acquisition Regulations: HHSAR Section 352.270-9 and Section 352.223-70—0990-0128—Revision—This clearance request addresses reporting and recordkeeping requirements for acquisitions involving care of laboratory animals (Section 352.270-9) or safety and health (Section