

indirectly acquire control of Lowry State Bank, Lowry, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 12, 2002.

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*Deputy 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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://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 August 12, 2002.

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

1. *KBC Bank NV*, Brussels, Belgium; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 34 percent of the voting shares of Nova Ljubljanska Banka d.d., Ljubljana, Slovenia, and thereby indirectly acquiring voting shares of LBS Bank, New York, New York.

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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 Web site at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://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 August 12, 2002.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Salin Bancshares, Inc.*, Indianapolis, Indiana; to acquire Blue River Federal Savings Bank, Edinburgh, Indiana, and thereby engage in owning and operating a savings and loans association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Public Workshop

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshop and opportunity for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") announces a workshop on September 9th and 10, 2002, on "Health Care and Competition Law and Policy." The workshop will focus on the implications of competition law and policy for health care financing and delivery. The workshop will include consideration of the impact of competition law and policy on the cost, quality, and availability of health care, and the incentives for innovation in the field. The workshop will be held at and administered by the FTC.

**DATES:** A two-day workshop will be held on September 9th and 10th, 2002. Any interested person may submit written comments responsive to any of the topics to be addressed; such comments should be submitted no later than September 30, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** When in session, the workshop will be held in Room 432 at the FTC headquarters, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Written comments should be submitted in both hard copy and electronic form. Six hard copies of each submission should be addressed to Donald S. Clark, Office of the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Submissions should be captioned "Comments Regarding Competition Law and Policy & Health Care." Electronic submissions may be sent by electronic mail to [hcclp@ftc.gov](mailto:hcclp@ftc.gov). Alternatively, electronic submissions may be filed on 3½ inch computer disk with a label on the disk stating the name of the submitter and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Hyman, Special Counsel, Office of General Counsel, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 568, Washington, DC 20580; telephone (202) 326-2622; e-mail:

[dhyman@ftc.gov](mailto:dhyman@ftc.gov). Detailed agendas for the workshop will be available on the FTC Home Page (<http://www.ftc.gov/ogc/healthcare/index.htm>) and through Angela Wilson, Staff Assistant, at (202) 326-3190 shortly before the workshop is held.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Health care spending in the United States totals