

Board's estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (4) 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.

Dated: December 8, 2003.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Donald Demitros,

Chief Information Officer.

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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 <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 January 5, 2004.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (James Hunter, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *UBT Bancshares, Inc.*, Marysville, Kansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of United Bank & Trust, Marysville, Kansas (currently State Bank of Axtell, Axtell, Kansas).

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *First Commerce Bancorp*, Encino, California; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of First Commerce Bank, Encino, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 8, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy 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 Web site at <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 December 26, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs

Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.*, Boston, Massachusetts; to acquire 80 percent of the voting shares of Dalton, Greiner, Hartman, Maher & Co., LLC and thereby indirectly acquire DGHM Management LLC, both of New York, New York, and thereby engage in investment advisory services pursuant to section 225.28(b)(6)(i) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 8, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Opportunity to "Ride" Printing Order for Volume I of GAO's Principles of Federal Appropriations Law

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Advance notice of publication.

SUMMARY: The third edition of Volume I of GAO's *Principles of Federal Appropriations Law* is being prepared for publication by the Government Printing Office (GPO). Government departments, agencies, and other federal organizations that normally require more than one copy must request them through their agencies' account representatives in order to receive the pre-publication rate.

DATES: Rider orders must be received by GPO no later than January 7, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lydia Koeller, (202) 512-4498.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Accounting Office (GAO) will shortly publish Volume I of *Principles of Federal Appropriations Law*, third edition—also known as "The Red Book." This publication is part of a multi-volume set intended to present a basic reference work covering those areas of law in which the Comptroller General renders decisions. Our approach is to lay a foundation with text discussion, using specific legal authorities to illustrate the principles discussed, their application, and exceptions. These authorities include GAO decisions and opinions, judicial decisions, statutory provisions, and other relevant sources.

GAO will provide copies of this volume to the heads of federal agencies. Agencies may place advance (rider) orders for additional copies of this volume with their account representatives at the Government Printing Office (GPO).