

**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Renewal of an Information Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed renewal of an information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled "Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form."

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Thomas Nixon, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. All comments should refer to "Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form." Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Mark Menchik, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Nixon, (202) 898-8766, or at the address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:*

*Title:* Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form.

*OMB Number:* 3064-0026.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* State chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve system and their direct subsidiaries.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6 initial registrations; 12 amendments.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1.25 hours per initial registration; .75 hours per amendment.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 16.5 hours.

*General Description of Collection:* Under section 17A(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, it is

unlawful for any transfer agent to perform any transfer agent function with respect to any qualifying security unless that transfer agent is registered with its appropriate regulatory agency. Pursuant to section 17A(c)(2), before an insured nonmember bank and its direct subsidiaries may perform any transfer agent function for a qualifying security, it must register on Form TA-1 with the FDIC and its registration must become effective.

**Request for Comment**

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

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated in Washington, DC, this 13th day of April, 2004.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive 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/](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 May 10, 2004.

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

1. *Mountain Home Bancshares, Inc.*, Mountain Home, Arkansas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Pocahontas Bankstock, Inc., Pocahontas, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Bank of Pocahontas, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 12, 2004.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Office of the Secretary**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden