

must be received not later than December 20, 2004.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Sue Costello, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Rogers Investments, LP*, Russellville, Alabama, with Dianne Rogers Barnes, Marietta, Georgia, and Robert Isaac Rogers, Jr., Russellville, Alabama, as general partners; Rogers Family Holdings, LLC, Russellville, Alabama, with Dianne Rogers Barnes and Robert Isaac Rogers, Jr., as managers, and whose members include the two managers and Anne C. Rogers, Russellville, Alabama, the R.I. Rogers, Sr. Marital Trust GST Non—Exempt, the Robert I. Rogers, Sr. GST Exempt Family Trust, and the Robert I. Rogers, Sr. Marital Trust GST Exempt, with Robert Isaac Rogers, Jr., and Dianne Rogers Barnes serving as trustees of the trusts; and Robert Isaac Rogers, Jr., and Dianne Rogers Barnes; to collectively retain voting shares of Valley Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of Valley State Bank, both of Russellville, Alabama.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 30, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

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 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 December 30, 2004.

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

1. *Great Western Bancorp, Inc.*, Phoenix, Arizona; to become a bank holding company by acquiring at least 45 percent of the voting shares of Western National Bank, Phoenix, Arizona (in organization).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 30, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Draft Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Health-care Settings, 2005

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice for public comment.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public comment on draft Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Health-care Settings, 2005 (Guidelines). These Guidelines are available at the CDC Web site at http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/tb/Federal_Register/default.htm as a pdf file. The Guidelines will be used by infection control staff, healthcare epidemiologists, healthcare administrators, facility managers, and other persons responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating infection-control programs for healthcare settings across the continuum of patient care. These Guidelines update the CDC Guidelines

for Preventing the Transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Health-care Facilities and were last published in 1994.

The 2005 draft Guidelines reflect shifts in the epidemiology of tuberculosis, advances in scientific understanding, and changes in health-care practice that have occurred in the United States in the last decade.

DATES: Comments on the draft Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Health-care Settings, 2005, must be received in writing on or before February 4, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the draft Guidelines should be labeled “Public comment on Draft Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Health-care Settings, 2005,” and submitted by e-mail to TBinfectioncontrol@cdc.gov. Please include the specific section, paragraph, and page number for each comment. If unable to submit electronically, comments may be mailed to Public Comment on Draft Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Health-care Settings 2005, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E10, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Comments may also be faxed to 404–929–2676.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lauren Lambert, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E10, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Telephone: (404) 639–8120. Email: TBinfectioncontrol@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As stated above, the 2005 draft Guidelines reflect shifts in the epidemiology of tuberculosis, advances in scientific understanding, and changes in health-care practice that have occurred in the United States in the last decade. In the context of diminished risk of health-care-associated transmission of *M. tuberculosis*, the 2005 Draft Guidelines places emphasis on actions needed to maintain momentum and expertise needed to avert another resurgence of tuberculosis and to eliminate the lingering threat to healthcare workers, which is mainly from patients or others with unsuspected and undiagnosed infectious tuberculosis disease. Whereas previous Guidelines were aimed primarily at hospital-based facilities, the 2005 CDC Guidelines have been expanded to address a broader concept: health-care-associated settings go beyond the previously defined facilities.