

views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than January 27, 2006.

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Citizens Bankshares of Springhill, Inc., ESOP*, Springhill, Louisiana, and Argent Trust, a division of National Independent Trust Co., Trustee, West Monroe, Louisiana; to retain ownership and control shares of Citizens Bankshares of Springhill, Inc., Springhill, Louisiana, and indirectly retain voting shares of Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Springhill, Louisiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 9, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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

1. *Castle Creek Capital Partners III, L.P., Castle Creek Capital III LLC; Eggemeyer Capital LLC; and Ruh Capital LLC*, all of Rancho Santa Fe, California; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 89 percent of the voting shares of LDF, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Labe Bank, both of Chicago, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 5, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Watford City Bancshares, Inc.*, Watford City, North Dakota; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Elgin Bancshares, Inc., Elgin, North Dakota, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Farmers State Bank, Elgin, North Dakota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 4, 2006.

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.

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