

Estate Appraisal Standards for Federally Related Transactions Pursuant to Regulations H and Y

Agency form number: FR H-4

OMB control number: 7100-0250

Frequency: Event-generated

Reporters: SMBs and nonbank subsidiaries of BHCs

SMBs, 24,915; nonbank subsidiaries of BHCs, 20,638

Estimated average hours per response: 0.25

Number of respondents: 1,541

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 3331-3351). Since the Federal Reserve does not collect this information, no issue of confidentiality under FOIA arises.

Abstract: For federally related transactions, Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 requires SMBs and BHCs with credit extending subsidiaries to use appraisals prepared in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice promulgated by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation. Generally, these standards include the methods and techniques used to analyze a property as well as the requirements for reporting such analysis and a value conclusion in the appraisal. There is no formal reporting form.

3. Report title: Request for Proposal (RFP) and Request for Price Quotations (RFPQ)

Agency form number: RFP/RFPQ

OMB control number: 7100-0180

Frequency: On-occasion

Reporters: Vendors and suppliers

Annual reporting hours: 8,400

Estimated average hours per response: RFP, 50 hours; RFPQ, 2 hours.

Number of respondents: RFP, 120; RFPQ, 1,200.

General description of report: This information collection is required to obtain a benefit (12 U.S.C. 243, 244, and 248(l)). This information collection is not given confidential treatment unless a respondent requests that portions of the information be kept confidential and the Board's staff grants the request pursuant to the applicable exemptions provided by FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552).

Abstract: The Federal Reserve uses the RFP and the RFPQ as needed to obtain competitive bids and contracts submitted by vendors (offerors).

Depending upon the goods and services for which the Federal Reserve is seeking bids, the offeror is requested to provide either prices for providing the goods or services (RFPQ) or a document covering not only prices, but the means of performing a particular service and a description of the qualification of the

staff of the offeror who will perform the service (RFP). This information is used to analyze the proposals and select the offer providing the best value.

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

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their 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 April 24, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Andre Anderson, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. J. Autry and Martha Gobbell; Stephen or Jane Ann Gobbell; Stephen Gobbell, as custodian for Stephen Mark Gobbell; PB Bancshares, Inc., ESOP, J. Autry Gobbell, Gailand Grinder; Tommy Martin; Kelvin Runions; Carl Skelton; and Andrew Yarborough, as trustees; Frances Hassell Wade Trust, J. Autry Gobbell, Martha Gobbell, and Stephen Gobbell, as trustees, all of Clifton, Tennessee; to retain voting shares of PB Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of Peoples Bank, both of Clifton, Tennessee.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 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.

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 <http://www.ffcic.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 5, 2006.

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

1. CSAB Holdings, LLC, Dallas, Texas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Parkway National Bancshares, Inc., Plano, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Parkway National Bancshares of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, and Parkway Bank, National Association, Plano, Texas.

2. WCM Holdings, Inc., and WCM-Parkway, LTD, both of Dallas, Texas; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of CSAB Holdings, LLC, Dallas, Texas; and thereby indirectly acquire Parkway National Bancshares, Inc., Plano, Texas; Parkway National Bancshares of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; and Parkway

Bank, National Association, Plano, Texas.

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

1. Belvedere Capital LLC and Belvedere Capital Fund II, L.P., both of San Francisco, California; to become bank holding companies by acquiring up to 50 percent of the voting shares of Presidio Bank, San Francisco, California (in organization).

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

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 website at <http://www.ffcic.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 April 24, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Cindy West, Manager) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. Kentucky Bancshares, Inc., Paris, Kentucky; to acquire Peoples Bancorp of Sandy Hook, Inc., Sandy Hook, Kentucky and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Peoples Secure, LLC, Lexington, Kentucky, and engage in data processing activities, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(14)(i) of Regulation Y.

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

Robert DeV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Notice

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (EDT) April 17, 2006.

PLACE: 4th Floor Conference Room, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Parts will be open to the public and parts closed to the public.

Matters to Be Considered

Parts Open to the Public

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2006, Board member meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
3. Quarterly Reports:
- Investment Policy Report [Board Vote].
- Performance Report.
- Vendor Financial Report.

Parts Closed to the Public

5. Internal personnel matters.
6. Procurement matters.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: April 5, 2006.

Thomas K. Emswiler,
Acting Secretary to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Consumer Benefits and Harms: How Best to Distinguish Aggressive, Pro-Consumer Competition From Business Conduct To Attain or Maintain a Monopoly

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission and U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division.

ACTION: Notice of Public Hearings and Opportunity for Comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will hold a series of public Hearings to explore how best to identify anticompetitive exclusionary conduct for purposes of antitrust enforcement under section 2 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. 2. Among other things, the Hearings will examine whether and when specific types of conduct that potentially implicate section 2 are procompetitive or benign, and when they may harm competition and consumer welfare.

The Agencies expect to focus on legal doctrines and jurisprudence, economic research, and business and consumer experiences. To begin, the Agencies are soliciting public comment from lawyers, economists, the business community, consumer groups, academics (including business historians), and other interested parties on two general subjects: (1) The legal and economic principles relevant to the application of section 2, including the administrability of current or potential antitrust rules for section 2, and (2) the types of business practices that the Agencies should examine in the upcoming Hearings, including examples of real-world conduct that potentially raise issues under section 2. With respect to the Agencies' request for examples of real-world conduct, the Agencies are soliciting discussions of the business reasons for, and the actual or likely competitive effects of, such conduct, including actual or likely efficiencies and the theoretical underpinnings that inform the decision of whether the conduct had or has pro-or anticompetitive effects. The Agencies will solicit additional submissions about the topics to be covered at the individual Hearings at the time that each Hearing is announced.

The Agencies encourage submissions from business persons from a variety of unregulated and regulated markets, recognizing that market participants can offer unique insight into how competition works and that the implications of various business practices may differ depending on the industry context and market structure. The Agencies seek this practical input to provide a real-world foundation of knowledge from which to draw as the Hearings progress. Respondents are encouraged to respond on the basis of their actual experiences.

The goal of these Hearings is to promote dialogue, learning, and consensus building among all interested parties with respect to the appropriate legal analysis of conduct under section 2 of the Sherman Act, both for purposes