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Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by January 15, 1999. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

SUBJECT: Federal-State Joint Board on University Service Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs (CC Docket No. 96-45).

NUMBER OF PETITIONS FILED: 4.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of information collection to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for OMB review and approval of the information collection system described below

Type of review: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Title: Flood Insurance.

OMB Number: 3064-0120.

Annual Burden:

Estimated annual number of respondents—6,000

Estimated time per response—25.9 hours

Total annual burden hours—155,625 hours.

Expiration Date of OMB Clearance: January 31, 1999.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

FDIC Contact: Tamara R. Manly, (202) 898-7453, Office of the Executive Secretary, Room F-4058, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20429.

Comments: Comments on this collection of information are welcome

and should be submitted on or before February 1, 1999 to both the OMB reviewer and the FDIC contact listed above.

ADDRESSES: Information about this submission, including copies of the proposed collection of information, may be obtained by calling or writing the FDIC contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each supervised lending institution is currently required to provide a notice of special flood hazards to a borrower acquiring a loan secured by a building on real property located in an area identified by the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Administration as being subject to special flood hazards. Subtitle B of Title V of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 requires that each institution must also provide a copy of the notice to the servicer of the loan (if different from the originating lender).

Dated: December 21, 1998.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**

Agreement No.: 202-000050-067.

Title: United States/Australia New Zealand Association.

Parties: Australia-New Zealand Direct Line, P&O Nedlloyd Limited, Columbus Line.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement amendment provides that new agreement members, with pre-existing service contracts within the agreement scope in which agreement members are not permitted to participate, will not be permitted to participate in existing agreement contracts at the time of their admission.

Agreement No.: 202-009648-106.

Title: Inter-American Freight Conference.

Parties: Crowley American Transport, Inc., Ivaran Lines Limited, Libra Navegacao SA, Alianca Transportes Maritimos S.A., Columbus Line, Mexican Line Limited, APL Co. Pte Ltd., P&O Nedlloyd B.V.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement amendment restates the agreement; authorizes the use of a trade name, East Coast of South America Agreement; eliminates the port of Manaus from the geographic scope of the conference; eliminates the sections of the conference; eliminates the restriction on chartering space from non-members; authorizes individual or multi-carrier service contracts; reduces the notice period for independent action to 24 hours, and provides for assignment of existing conference contracts to the Agreement. The parties request expedited review.

Agreement No.: 203-011517-004.

Title: APL/Crowley/Ivaran Space Charter and Sailing Agreement.

Parties: American President Lines, Ltd., APL Co. PTE Ltd., Crowley American Transport, Inc., Ivaran Lines, Limited.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement amendment adds Ivaran Lines as a party, revises the number and capacity of vessels and amount of space to be used under the agreement, clarifies the parties' understanding regarding conference membership, extends the term of the agreement, revises the agreement's termination provisions, and makes other changes consistent with the addition of Ivaran.

Agreement No.: 232-011646.

Title: CSAV/NYK Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: Compania Sud Americana de Vapores, Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement authorizes the parties to cross charter space and coordinate sailings in the trade between U.S. West Coast ports and ports in Asia, West Coasts of Central and South America, and Mexico.

Agreement No.: 217-011467.

Title: AMPAC/Lauritzen Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: Mexican Line limited, Transportacion Maritima Grancolombiana, S.A., Columbus Line, Maruba S.C.A., Lauritzen Reefers A/S dba Lauritzen Pacific Line.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement authorizes Mexican Line, TMG, Columbus Line, and Maruba, collectively operating under FMC Agreement No. 232-011637, to charter space on their vessels to Lauritzen in the trade between U.S. Pacific Coast ports and ports on Pacific Coasts of Central and South America, Mexico and Canada.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: December 28, 1998.

Joseph C. Polking,

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. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

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 28, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *First Business Bancshares, Inc.*, Madison, Wisconsin; to acquire 50.05 percent of the voting shares of Fox River Valley Bancorp, Inc., Appleton, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire First Business Bank of Fox River Valley, Appleton, Wisconsin, a *de novo* bank.

2. *First DuPage Bancorp, Inc.*, Westmont, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First DuPage Bank, Westmont, Illinois.

3. *Fox River Valley Bancorp, Inc.*, Appleton, Wisconsin; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares First Business Bank of Fox River Valley, Appleton, Wisconsin, a *de novo* bank.

4. *First Merchants Corporation*, Muncie, Indiana; to merge with Jay Financial Corporation, Portland, Indiana, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank of Portland, Portland, Indiana.

5. *Standard Bancshares, Inc.*, Evergreen Park, Illinois; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Norton Capital Corporation, Morris, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Exchange Bank, Gardner, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 28, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

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.

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 January 19, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer

Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Wells Fargo & Company*, San Francisco, California; Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa; and Norwest Ventures, LLC, Des Moines, Iowa; to engage *de novo* through their subsidiary, MidAmerican Home Services Mortgage, LLC, West Des Moines, Iowa, in residential mortgage lending, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 28, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of a Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of a meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. The Commission will address (1) research involving human embryonic stem cells and (2) the use of human biological materials in research. Some Commission members may participate by telephone conference. The meeting is open to the public and opportunities for statements by the public will be provided on January 19, 1999 from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm.

Dates/Times, and Location

January 19, 1999, 8:30 am-5:00 pm; The New Hampshire Ballroom, Sheraton City Centre Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

January 20, 1999, 8:00 am-5:00 pm; Same Location as Above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) on October 3, 1995 by Executive Order 12975 as amended. The mission of the NBAC is to advise and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council, its Chair, the President, and other entities on bioethical issues arising from the research on human biology and behavior, and from the applications of that research.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited by the