

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 offices 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 December 27, 1999.

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

1. *Fredrick Children's Investments II, LTD.*, Irving, Texas; to retain voting shares of Irving National Bancshares, Inc., Irving, Texas, and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of Independent National Bank, Irving, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 6, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate 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.

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 3, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York** (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Banco Santander Central Hispano S.A.*, Madrid, Spain; to acquire shares and to control more than 5 percent but less than 10 percent of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Citizens Financial Group, Providence, Rhode Island, and their banking and nonbanking subsidiaries including Citizens Bank of Connecticut, New London, Connecticut; Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts; Citizens Bank of New Hampshire, Manchester, New Hampshire; and Citizens Bank of Rhode Island, Providence, Rhode Island. Citizens Financial Group also has received approval to acquire US Trust, Boston, Massachusetts, and its banking and nonbanking subsidiaries, including United States Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia** (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105-1521:

1. *Harleysville Savings Financial Corporation*, Harleysville, Pennsylvania; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Harleysville Savings Bank, Harleysville, Pennsylvania.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 3, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

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### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

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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.

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 3, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Maries County Bancorp, Inc.*, Vienna, Missouri; to acquire 9.33 percent of the voting shares of Branson Bancshares, Inc., Branson, Missouri (in organization), and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Branson Bank, Branson, Missouri, a *de novo* bank.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 6, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-R-143]

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

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), 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

estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Analysis of Malpractice Premium Data;

*Form No.:* HCFA-R-143 (OMB# 0938-0575);

*Use:* This form is used for computing the Medicare physician fee schedule Malpractice Geographic Practice Cost Index (MGPCI) and the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). The data collected will be used to update the MGPCI and the new resource-based malpractice relative value units (MRVUs) component of the physician fee schedule. The malpractice data are critical to the accuracy of the Medicare physician fee schedule;

*Frequency:* Other: every 3 years;

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Gov., Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions;

*Number of Respondents:* 50;

*Total Annual Responses:* 50;

*Total Annual Hours:* 150.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: December 1, 1999.

**John Parmigiani,**

*Manager, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Globenet/Worldcom Parking Lot Expansion in Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** MFS Globenet, Incorporated/Worldcom Network Services, Incorporated (Globenet/Worldcom) has applied for an incidental take permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Globenet/Worldcom requests a 5-year permit to allow the incidental take of the federally endangered Morro shoulderband snail (*Helminthoglypta walkeriana*) associated with construction of an expanded parking lot (0.4 acre) in the community of Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County, CA. The permit application includes a Habitat Conservation Plan and an Implementation Agreement, both of which are available for public review and comment. The Service also announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment for the proposed issuance of the incidental take permit. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 10, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Diane Noda, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003; facsimile (805) 644-3958.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Hill or Heather Hollis, Fish and Wildlife Biologists, at (503) 231-6241.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Document Availability**

Individuals wishing copies of the documents for review should immediately contact the office listed above. Documents also will be available for inspection, by appointment, during

normal business hours at the above address.

#### **Background**

Under section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and its implementing regulations, taking of threatened and endangered wildlife species is prohibited. Under the Act, the term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, capture or collect listed wildlife, or attempt to engage in such conduct. Harm includes habitat modification that kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering. Under limited circumstances, the Service may issue permits to take threatened or endangered wildlife species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are found at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32.

Globenet/Worldcom needs an incidental take permit to expand a parking lot at its telecommunication building located at 10th and Los Olivos Avenue in the city of Los Osos. To obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for the building, Globenet/Worldcom must expand the parking lot for fire truck access. Globenet/Worldcom proposes to expand the parking lot in areas of occupied snail habitat that were previously avoided during siting of the building. Globenet/Worldcom may be able to avoid impacts to the Morro shoulderband snail during future construction and operation of a fiber optic cable originating at the telecommunication facility. If take of the snail can not be avoided during construction and operation of the cable, Globenet/Worldcom will apply for a permit amendment.

The proposed construction of an expanded parking lot would result in the permanent loss of 0.4 acre of habitat that supports the endangered Morro shoulderband snail. The permit application includes a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) and an Implementation Agreement which define the responsibilities of all of the parties under the Plan. The Plan addresses impacts to the Morro shoulderband snail that are associated with the proposed parking lot expansion and the future cable project. The Plan provides for implementation of measures to minimize and mitigate adverse impacts to the Morro shoulderband snail.

To minimize the effects of the parking lot expansion, the boundaries of the work area will be clearly marked and enforced by a Service approved