

relevant to the merits of the proceeding to any person. In its rulemaking functions, the Board Members and staff also adhere to the ex parte restrictions set forth in Board Policy 37, which governs substantive oral communications with the public during the rulemaking process.

Open Government. The Agency is committed to conducting its business in the sunshine and on the public record as required by law. We also adopt the following core values of an open and accountable FCA as outlined in the President's Open Government memorandum issued in January 2009:

- *Transparency:* FCA should provide citizens with information about what it is doing to promote knowledge, accessibility and accountability.

- *Participation:* FCA should actively solicit expertise from the public and from outside Washington so that it makes policies with the benefit of the best information.

- *Collaboration:* FCA officials should work together with other Government officials and with citizens as part of doing its job of solving national problems.

Dated This 7th Day Of November, 2011.

By Order of the Board.

Dated: November 10, 2011.

Dale L. Aultman,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

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 shares of 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

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 December 2, 2011.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (William Lang, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105-1521:

1. *Arthur J. Kania*, St. Davids, Pennsylvania; to acquire voting shares of Franklin Security Bancorp, Inc., Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Franklin Security Bank, Plains Township, Pennsylvania.

2. *W. Kirk Wycoff*, *Ira M. Lubert*, and *James J. Lynch*, all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; collectively to acquire voting shares of Continental Bank Holdings, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Continental Bank, both in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Chapelle Davis, Assistant Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Richard D. Ross*, Leesville, Louisiana; to retain control of Merchants & Farmers Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly retain control of Merchants & Farmers Bank & Trust Company, both in Leesville, Louisiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 14, 2011.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals To Engage in or To Acquire Companies 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 December 2, 2011.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President), 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Lindoe, Inc.*, Ordway, Colorado; to engage *de novo* in lending activities, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 14, 2011.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 1 p.m. (Eastern Time) November 30, 2011.

PLACE: 4th Floor Conference Room, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Parts Open to the Public

1. Approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2011 Board Member Meeting.
2. Recognition of Outstanding Service by Board Member Sanchez.
3. Thrift Savings Plan Activity Report by the Executive Director:
 - a. Monthly Participant Activity Report.
 - b. Monthly Investment Performance Review.
 - c. Legislative Report.
4. 2012 Board Meeting Calendar.

Parts Closed to the Public

5. Procurement.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: November 15, 2011.

Thomas K. Emswiler,

Secretary, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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