

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0141.

Title: Application for Renewal of Private Operational Fixed Microwave Radio Station License.

Form No.: FCC 402R.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals, State or Local Governments, Businesses or other for-profit, non-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes.

Total Annual Burden: 1,320 hours.

Needs and Uses: Private Operational Fixed Microwave licensees are required to apply for renewal of their radio station authorization every five years. Commission personnel will use the data to determine eligibility for a renewal authorization and issue a radio station license. Data is also used by compliance personnel in conjunction with field engineers for enforcement purposes. This form is required by the Communications Act, International Treaties and FCC Rules 47 CFR Parts 1.922 and 101.

The form will be revised to include a space for the applicant to provide an Internet address, as well as a Taxpayer Identification Number. The Commission is required to collect a Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN or SSN) to comply with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and the Internet address will provide another alternative for contacting the applicant. The information collected on FCC Form 402R may be electronically submitted to the Commission using the recently developed FCC Form 900. The number of respondents on FCC Form 402R will be adjusted accordingly after the Commission evaluates the use of the new electronic form and can provide an estimate of the number of renewals being submitted electronically versus FCC Form 402R.

Federal Communications Commission.

Shirley S. Suggs,

Chief, Publications Branch.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, January 14, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, January 16, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. (Ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Advisory Opinion 1996-50: Farm Credit Council, a corporation, Jan Witold Baran.

Advisory Opinion 1996-52: Robert E. Andrews for Congress, by Ronald S. Ladell, counsel

1997 Legislative Recommendations. Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

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Marjorie W. Emmons,

Secretary of the Commission.

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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. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. 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 February 3, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Zane R. Kelley, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Emerald Coast Bancshares, Inc.*, Panama City Beach, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Emerald Coast Bank, Panama City Beach, Florida.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690:

1. *First Financial Bancorporation*, Iowa City, Iowa; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of West Branch Bancorp, Inc., West Branch, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire West Branch State Bank, West Branch, Iowa.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:

1. *FGH Bancorp, Inc.*, Herrin, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Bank of Herrin, Herrin, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Carterville State & Savings Bank, Carterville, Illinois.

2. *NCF Financial Corporation*, Bardstown, Kentucky; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Nelson

County Bank & Trust, Bardstown, Kentucky.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 3, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System Federal Register Citation of Previous Announcement: 62 FR 408, January 3, 1997.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 1997.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: Change in the time of the open meeting to 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 1997.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204.

Dated: January 6, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Public Buildings Service; Record of Decision; Proposed Expansion Pacific Highway Port of Entry, Blaine, Whatcom County, Washington

I. Introduction

The United States General Services Administration (GSA) announces its decision, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality, to expand to existing Pacific Highway Port of Entry (POE) in Blaine, Whatcom County, Washington. This Record of Decision (ROD) documents my decision regarding this proposal.

The existing facility is located on the west side of State Route 543 in Blaine, and serves as a major Port of Entry between the United States and the province of British Columbia, Canada. This ROD describes the alternatives considered and the rationale for selecting the environmentally preferred alternative.

The principal function of the proposed facility will be to accommodate the expansion requirements of the U.S. Customs Service, the Immigration and

Naturalization Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Food and Drug Administration, Food and Safety Inspection Service, U.S. General Services Administration/Public Buildings Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The proposed expansion would replace the present facility, which is overcrowded and functionally obsolete.

II. Decision

Based upon review of the written materials associated with the environmental process, including the transcripts of the Scoping and Public Hearings and the comments received from those who reviewed the Draft, Final, and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements, I have decided to proceed with the expansion of the POE. The site will expand from approximately 7 acres to 16 acres, part of which is already owned by the U.S. Government (approximately 9 acres would be acquired prior to construction). This ROD is in keeping with the statutory mission of General Services Administration to design, build, or lease, appraise, repair, operate, protect, and maintain federal properties. My decision is based upon the following factors:

The Pacific Highway POE is the largest commercial truck crossing port in Washington state, and is the U.S. Customs headquarters for Western Whatcom County, Washington and ports. Serving a major arterial highway, the POE also processes a significant amount of auto traffic as well as a majority of the state's bus traffic. Inspection agencies at the POE are responsible for monitoring vehicular and pedestrian traffic entering the U.S. This entails the use of surveillance equipment, inspection and detention facilities for vehicles and cargo, and detention facilities for people.

The present facility in Blaine can no longer efficiently nor effectively accommodate the volume of traffic encountered at this location, which has increased steadily in recent years. From 1978 to 1992, auto crossings have increased approximately 172 percent and truck crossings have increased approximately 252 percent. Between 1986 and 1991, the POE processed more than 6.7 million cars, trucks and buses. The flow of all traffic north and south bound has been severely affected. Furthermore, it is anticipated the growth in border traffic volume would continue, resulting from the 1989 Free Trade Agreement and the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), between the U.S. and Canada.

Because of the POE's location on a major north-south trucking route, traffic volumes that are processed directly reflect the level of trade between the two countries. Therefore, the continued increase in trade is anticipated to result in a concomitant increase in border traffic especially truck traffic, in the near future. In FY 1994, truck traffic increased 10.4 percent according to U.S. Customs. The inability of the POE to process current traffic volumes is not only related to the lack of capacity of individual processing units, but also because of an outdated site layout and inadequate site size, both of which are inadequate to ensure a safe and expedient flow of traffic.

In addition to the increase in traffic volume, the nature of transportation has changed a substantial degree during the past 20 years since the facility was constructed. New transportation technology that requires specific dimensions and handling systems, as well as automated cargo processing systems have rendered the existing facilities obsolete. The present 20-year facility is inadequately equipped to handle increasingly large loads of cargo and livestock at one time both in terms of space and processing equipment. Finally, structural and utility constraints of existing buildings do not allow for full utilization of modern office technology.

III. Alternatives Considered

The GSA has examined a range of alternatives that could feasibly attain the objectives of the proposed project. These alternatives are described in the Final EIS and Final Supplemental EIS and are summarized as follows:

A. Site Configuration

As reflected in the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements and the Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements, the GSA has conducted an intensive effort over a two-year period to study the best way to expand the POE facility. Because of the unique requirements of POE's, alternative sites on State route 543 have not been considered. POE's must, by law, be located at treaty designated locations set by the International Boundary Commission. Federal inspection facilities are by policy, situated at these points in order to perform their legal mission requirements. Therefore, expansion of the existing site was considered the only feasible alternative. A number of potential site configurations were investigated, two of which were deemed more desirable for expansion of the POE: Alternative 3B and Alternative 5.