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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 www.ffiec.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 July 27, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045–0001:
1. Avant Financial LLC, Syracuse, New York, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 67.5 percent of the voting shares of Reliance Bank, White Plains, New York.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261–4528:


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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 www.ffiec.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 July 17, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106–2204:
1. Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; to acquire Sand Hill Advisors, Inc., Menlo Park, California, and thereby engage in investment advisory services, pursuant to §225.28(b)(6) if Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261–4528:
1. Southern Financial Bancorp, Inc., Warrenton, Virginia; to acquire First Savings Bank of Virginia, Springfield, Virginia, and thereby engage in operating a savings and loan association, pursuant to §§225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y, and immediately merging this institution into Southern Financial Bank, Warrenton, Virginia, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern Financial Bancorp, Inc. Comments on this application must be received not later than July 27, 2000.


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

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

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. Evaluation of the BodyWise Eating Disorder Initiative—NEW—The Office on Women’s Health plans to conduct an evaluation of the initial demonstration phase of the BodyWise Eating Disorder initiative to look for changes in school practices and awareness regarding eating disorder issues. The study design features a pre-test/post-test model with questionnaires to be completed by a sample of middle school staff. Burden Information for Pre-test—Number of Respondents: 426; Burden Per Response: 20 minutes; Burden for Pre-test: 142 hours—Burden Information for Post-test—Number of Respondents: 396; Burden Per Response: 20 minutes; Burden for Post-test: 132 hours—Total Burden: 274 hours.

OMB Desk Officer: Allison Eydt. Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690–6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Secretary
Human Subject Protection and Financial Conflict of Interest: Conference

AGENCIES: OASPE, OPHS, NIH, FDA, and CDC, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of conference; request for comments.

SUMMARY: A Conference on Human Subject Protection and Financial Conflict of Interest will be held at Natcher Auditorium, NIH Campus on August 15–16, 2000. The issue of financial conflict of interest is one of the 5 main issues identified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in her announcement of steps being taken to strengthen human subject protection during clinical trials. In that announcement, the Secretary stated that there would be a public process to review this issue. She said that HHS would undertake an extensive public consultation to identify new or improved means to manage financial conflicts of interest that could threaten the safety of research subjects or the objectivity of the research itself. Emphasis will be placed on the informed consent process and how it might be clarified and enhanced in dealing with issues related to financial conflict of interest.

The Conference will review the current regulatory requirements and guidance, serve as a forum for presentations of current approaches being taken for dealing with real and potential financial conflict of interest at the institution, IRB, and clinical investigator levels. This conference will help the government refine its current guidance and may lead to other changes. NIH has developed a set of issues to consider related to its regulations which is now available as background for the conference. Further guidance will be issued based on the responses to questions posed in this Notice and the conference deliberations.

To facilitate review of current policies, regulations, and guidance documents, these documents are cited as references at the end of this Notice. The references cited are also available electronically at the OASPE Website (http://aspe.hhs.gov/sp/coi/index.htm).

To maximize the efficiency of this process, six questions (see below) have been developed. Please address these in writing by August 1, 2000. This will help in organizing the plenary and concurrent work group sessions. There will be a public session where brief comments on these topics can be addressed during the conference.

DATES: Conference on Human Subject Protection and Financial Conflict of Interest: The Conference will be held on Tuesday August 15, 2000 from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Wednesday August 16, 2000 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Although the entire conference is open to the public and there will be no registration fee, it is requested that all those who wish to participate in the conference register by August 1, 2000. This will allow us to prepare an adequate number of conference background materials and to make appropriate assignments for the breakout sessions.

Request for Comments: Written responses to the six questions are requested by all parties, whether or not they will be attending the conference, by August 1, 2000 as described below.

Opportunity for Public Comment during the Conference on August 15, 2000, 2:15–3:30 PM. There will be an opportunity to make brief presentations during this session set aside for public comments. The comments should be responses to any or all of the six questions listed below. Anyone wishing to make comments should file a written Notice of Participation as described below by August 1, 2000. You will be contacted after all the requests are reviewed and given information about the time of your presentation and other details.

ADDRESSES: The Conference will be held at Natcher Auditorium, Building 45, NIH Campus, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.


Comments and Notices of Participation in Public Session: Written or electronic responses to the six questions as well as submissions of written or electronic Notices of Participation to speak during the Public Session of the Conference should both be addressed to: Stuart L. Nightingale, M.D., Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20101, Fax: 202–205–8835 email: COI@aspe.dhhs.gov

Notices of Participation to present during the Public Session should include name, affiliation, (whether person is from an IRB, an institution,