

Other Considerations

Consistency With Federal Law

As Western proceeds with negotiations with the ISO and SMUD, it will evaluate how Federal law will affect the implementation of each potential contract. Western will evaluate each approach to ensure that Western can continue to meet and fulfill its statutory and contractual obligations. For example, Federal Reclamation law requires Federal power be sold to Preference customers. Western implements such sales through a Federal marketing plan developed under the Administrative Procedure Act. The final CVP marketing plan was published on June 25, 1999 (64 FR 34417). The sale of Federal power must not impair the CVP's primary purposes. The marketing plans have the full force and effect of law. Implementation of Western's operational decision must be consistent with Western's obligations under Federal law including Western's Marketing Plan. Consequently, any agreement that Western may execute with either the ISO or SMUD cannot impair Western's ability to deliver Federal power to Project Use loads and Federal Preference Power to Preference Power customers.

Regulatory Procedure Requirements

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) requires Federal agencies to perform a regulatory flexibility analysis if a final rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and there is a legal requirement to issue a general notice of proposed rulemaking. Western has determined this action does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis since it is a rulemaking involving services applicable to public property.

Environmental Compliance

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), and DOE NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR 1021), Western completed an environmental impact statement (EIS) on its Energy Planning and Management Program. The Record of Decision was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 53181, October 12, 1995).

Western also completed the 2004 Power Marketing Program EIS (2004 EIS). The Record of Decision was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 22934, April 28, 1997). The

Marketing Plan falls within the range of alternatives considered in the 2004 EIS. This NEPA review identified and analyzed environmental effects related to the Marketing Plan. Available reservoir storage and water releases controlled by Reclamation influences marketable CVP and Washoe project electrical capacity and energy. Reclamation completed a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) under the CVP Improvement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–575, Title 34) in October 1999. Actions based on the PEIS may result in modifications to CVP facilities and operations that would affect the timing and quantity of electric power generated by the CVP. Such changes may affect electric power products and services marketed by SNR. The Marketing Plan has the flexibility to accommodate these changes. Western was a cooperating agency in Reclamation's PEIS process. The proposed action was also evaluated under a categorical exclusion analysis finalized by Western on January 21, 2004.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866. No clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

Western has determined this rule is exempt from congressional notification requirements under 5 U.S.C. 801 because the action is a rulemaking relating to services and involves matters of procedure.

Dated: February 13, 2004.

Michael S. Hacsakaylo,
Administrator.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or

continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled "Application for Student Educational Employment Program."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Leneta G. Gregorie, Counsel, (202) 898–3719, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. All comments should refer to "Application for Student Educational Employment Program." Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Fax number: (202) 898–3838; email: comments@fdic.gov.)

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10236, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leneta G. Gregorie, Counsel, Legal Division, at (202) 898–3719.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposal to establish the following new collection of information:

Title: Application for Student Educational Employment Program.

OMB Number: New collection.

Frequency of Response: Occasional.

Affected Public: Students seeking employment with the FDIC under the Student Educational Employment Program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.33 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 500 hours.

General Description of Collection: The collection will provide the FDIC with a means of gathering information from program applicants to determine whether they meet the government-wide criteria established by OPM for participation in the program, as well as the additional criteria established by the FDIC in its implementation of the program.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b)

the accuracy of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's request to OMB for approval of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated in Washington, DC this 17th day of February, 2004.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that, at 10:20 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's resolution, enforcement, and corporate activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director James E. Gilleran (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), seconded by Vice Chairman John M. Reich, concurred in by Director Thomas J. Curry, Ms. Julie Williams, acting in the place and stead of Director John D. Hawke, Jr. (Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Donald E. Powell, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5

U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: February 18, 2004.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Special Executive Session

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 2 p.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting was closed to the public pursuant to 11 CFR 2.4(b)(7).

DATE & TIME: Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Correction and approval of minutes.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2004-02: National Committee for an Effective Congress by counsel, Judith L. Corley.

Future meeting dates.

Routine administrative matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Robert W. Biersack, Acting Press Officer. Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

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 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 office 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 March 9, 2004.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. Nicholas, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Martha A. Soter*, Tucson, Arizona; Fred J. Christenson, Fairfield, Connecticut; Molly A. Hershede, Phoenix, Arizona; John W. Thomson, Sioux Falls, individually and as trustee of the Nane A. Thomson Trust; Nane A. Thomson, Sioux Falls; the Nane A. Thomson Trust, Sioux Falls; James R. Thomson, Centerville, individually and as trustee of the Sarah A. Thomson Trust, the Christopher Thomson Trust, the Alex B. Cole Trust, and the Erin T. Cole Trust; the Sarah A. Thomson Trust, Centerville; the Christopher Thomson Trust, Centerville, all in South Dakota; John E. Lindahl, Wayzata, as trustee of the Sarah A. Thomson Trust, the Christopher Thomson Trust, the Alex B. Cole Trust, and the Erin T. Cole Trust; John L. Thomson, Minneapolis, individually and as trustee of the John Lubar Thomson Trust, the Maddie C. Thomson Trust and the Joseph N. Thomson Trust; Kristine L. Thomson, Minneapolis, all of Minnesota; as trustee of the John Lubar Thomson Trust, the Maddie C. Thomson Trust and the Joseph N. Thomson Trust; David J. Lubar, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as trustee of the John Lubar Thomson Trust, the Maddie C. Thomson Trust and the Joseph N. Thomson Trust; the John Lubar Thomson Trust, Minneapolis; the Maddie C. Thomson Trust, Minneapolis; the Joseph N. Thomson Trust, Minneapolis, all in Minnesota; Ann L. Cole, Sioux Falls; the Alex B. Cole Trust, Centerville; and the Erin T. Cole Trust, Centerville, all in South Dakota; to acquire additional voting shares of Thomson Holdings, Inc., Centerville, South Dakota, and thereby to indirectly acquire additional voting shares of First Midwest Bank, Centerville, South Dakota.

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

1. *Ms. Dianne Jaggars Stone*, Hico, Texas; to acquire additional voting shares of First National Bancshares of Hico, Inc., Hico, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire additional voting shares of The First National Bank of Hico, Hico, Texas.