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 November 17, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106–2204:

1. *Northwest Mutual Holding Company,* Winsted, Connecticut; to become a bank holding company by acquiring Northwest Community Bank, Winsted, Connecticut.

2. *Litchfield Mutual Holding Company,* Litchfield, Connecticut; to become a bank holding company by acquiring Litchfield Bancorp, Litchfield, Connecticut.

3. *Northwest Mutual Holding Company,* Winsted, Connecticut; to merge with Litchfield Mutual Holding Company, and thereby acquire Litchfield Bancorp, Litchfield, Connecticut. The successor bank holding company will be called Connecticut Mutual Holding Company.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Cynthia C. Goodwin, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303–2713:

1. *Compass Bancshares, Inc.,* Birmingham, Alabama; to merge with FirstTier Corporation, Northglenn, Colorado, and thereby indirectly acquire FirstTier Bank, Northglenn, Colorado; and Firstate Bank, Kimball, Nebraska.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *SSB Management LLC,* Wilber, Nebraska, and First National Johnson Bancshares, Inc, Johnson, Nebraska; to acquire Wilber Co., Wilber, Nebraska, and thereby indirectly acquire Saline State Bank, Wilber, Nebraska. In connection with these applications, SSB Management has applied to become a bank holding company and acquire Saline State Insurance Agency, LLC, Wilber, Nebraska, and thereby engage in general insurance activities pursuant to § 225.28(b)(11)(iii)(A) of Regulation Y. Wilber Co. also has applied to acquire Saline State Insurance Agency.

2. *Wilber Co.,* Wilber, Nebraska; to acquire 23.34 percent of the voting shares of NebraskaLand Financial Services, Inc., North Platte, Nebraska, and thereby indirectly acquire NebraskaLand National Bank, North Platte, Nebraska.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 19, 2000.

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. 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 thanNovember 20, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Cynthia C. Goodwin, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303–2713:

1. Southern Community Bancorp, Orlando, Florida; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Southern Community Bank of Southwest Florida, Bonita Springs, Florida (in organization).

2. PAB Bankshares, Inc., Valdosta, Georgia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Friendship Community Bank, Ocala, Florida.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 20, 2000.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports; Notice of November 15 Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of November 15 meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces the fifth meeting of the Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports (the Panel). This meeting is open to the public.

Pursuant to Public Law 92–463 (the Federal Advisory Committee Act), the Panel was established on August 12, 1999, by the Secretary of HHS to review the methods and assumptions underlying the annual reports of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds.

DATES: The fifth meeting will be held on November 15, 2000 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) Headquarters, Conference Center, Room C–112, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ariel Winter, Executive Director, Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 442E, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20201, (202) 690–6860, medpanel@osaspe.dhhs.gov. Additional information is also available on the Panel's web site: http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/medpanel.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board of Trustees of the Medicare Trust Funds (the Hospital Insurance (HI) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) Trust Funds) report annually on the funds' financial condition. The reports describe the trust funds' current and projected financial condition, within the next 10 years (the short term) and over the subsequent 65 years (the long term). The Medicare Board of Trustees has directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services (who is one of the Trustees) to establish a panel of technical experts to review the assumptions and methods underlying the HI and SMI annual reports.

The panel's review includes the following four topics:

1. Medicare assumptions (*e.g.,* utilization rates, medical price increases).
2. Projection methodology (how assumptions are used to make cost projections).
3. Long-range growth assumptions for HI and SMI.
4. Use of stochastic forecasting techniques.

The Panel will issue its findings in a report to the Secretary and the other Trustees.

The Panel consists of six members who are experts in the fields of economics and actuarial science: Dale Yamamoto, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., F.C.C.A, E.A., B.S.—Chair; Len Nichols, Ph.D.; David Cutler, Ph.D.; Michael Chernew, Ph.D.; James Robinson, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., Ph.D.; and Alice Rosenblatt, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., M.A. The members' terms will end August 12, 2001. Sam Gutterman, F.S.A., F.C.A.S., M.A.A.A., M.A., is a consultant to the Panel.

The Panel's next meeting will be held on November 15, 2000 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). At this meeting, the Panel will edit and approve its final report to the Trustees. The meeting will be held at the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) Headquarters, Conference Center, Room C–112, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the issues covered by the Panel should contact the Executive Director by 5 p.m. on November 1, 2000. The number of oral presentations may be limited to the time available. A written copy of the presenters' oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 5 p.m. on November 7, 2000, for distribution to the Panel members.

Any interested member of the public may submit written comments to the Executive Director and Panel members for review. Comments should be received by the Executive Director by 5 p.m. on November 7, 2000, for distribution to the Panel members.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired and/or other special accommodation, should contact Ariel Winter at (202) 690–6860 by November 1, 2000.

Dated: October 18, 2000.

Margaret A. Hamburg,

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Solicitation of Volunteers To Serve as Special Consultants on the Community and Tribal Subcommittee of the ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces ATSDR's need for special consultants to provide citizens' input on the Community and Tribal Subcommittee (CTS) of ATSDR's Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC).

DATES: Applications should be completed and returned by Friday, November 17, 2000.

BACKGROUND: The CTS provides the BSC with input, recommendations, and advice on ATSDR's community/tribal community involvement practices, programs, and policies from community/tribal members who live near hazardous waste sites or are otherwise affected by hazardous substances in the community environment. The subcommittee was established, at the request of the Assistant Administrator, ATSDR, to provide the agency, through its Board of Scientific Counselors, with a formal vehicle for citizen input.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To express interest in serving as a special consultant and obtain additional information, contact: Sandee Coulberson, Designated Federal Official, CTS, ATSDR (E–56), 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30033 (404) 639–6002 (Direct Line) Toll-free 1–888–422–8737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ATSDR conducts public health-related activities at hazardous waste sites and releases, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*). ATSDR established a BSC which is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.). In 1994, the chair of the BSC, ATSDR, appointed three community/tribal representatives as consultants to ensure that its deliberations included the views of community and tribal members who live around Superfund and other hazardous waste sites and are representatives of groups that work at local, regional, or national locations with these affected communities. To supplement the work of these consultants, nine additional community and tribal representatives were added. Four members of the BSC serve on this Subcommittee, one of which was appointed as chair.

The Community Tribal Subcommittee's objective is to provide the BSC, ATSDR, with the views and recommendations of community and tribal representatives on ATSDR's community involvement programs, practices, policies, and other relevant issues impacting communities and tribes who live near Superfund and hazardous waste sites. The Subcommittee will review ATSDR's community involvement programs, and policies; provide advice, findings, and recommendations to the Board on these issues; and bring broad-based community and tribal involvement issues to the attention of the Board of Scientific Counselors.

The Subcommittee will present findings, advice, and recommendations to the full Board. The BSC will discuss and review reports of the Subcommittee and may forward recommendations to ATSDR for action. The Community/Tribal Subcommittee will periodically meet and/or hold conference calls.

A group consisting of special consultants, CTS Chair and the DFO will review the applications and develop a short list to be recommended for consideration. The Agency, in consultation with the BSC chair, will then select the four community representatives to serve as special