TO: All member banks, bank holding companies and others concerned in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District

ATTENTION: Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Regulation Y -- Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has extended until December 31, 1984, the deadline for compliance and registration of companies that became bank holding companies as a result of Regulation Y revisions that were adopted in February 1984. This supersedes the original compliance date of August 6, 1984 as announced in our Circular No. 84-31, dated February 29, 1984.

ATTACHMENTS: Board's press release and order

MORE INFORMATION: Robert D. Hankins, Extension 6120; Carla Brooks, Extension 6477; or Gayle Teague, Extension 6481

ADDITIONAL COPIES: Public Affairs Department, Extension 6289
The Federal Reserve Board has extended the deadline for compliance and registration by companies that became bank holding companies as a result of revision of the Board's Regulation Y (Bank Holding Companies). The revision took into the regulation the Board's interpretations of the terms "bank", "demand deposit" and "commercial loan".

Revised Regulation Y was adopted in February. The deadline for compliance and registration, originally set for August 6, has now been extended to December 31, 1984.

The Board extended the deadline in light of legislation pending in Congress that would redefine the definition of bank in the Bank Holding Company Act and that would provide grandfather rights for certain companies covered by the Board's definitions in Regulation Y.

The revised regulation states that any institution that accepts demand deposits and makes commercial loans is a bank for purposes of the Bank Holding Company Act. It defines demand deposits to include NOW accounts and other transaction accounts and commercial loans as the purchase of commercial paper, retail installment credit, certificates of deposit and bankers acceptances, and the sale of federal funds and similar instruments.

The Board's order may be obtained from the Federal Reserve Banks.

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On February 6, 1984, the Board's revision of Regulation Y, defining the terms "demand deposit" and "commercial loan" in the definition of "bank" in the Bank Holding Company Act, became effective. 49 Federal Register 818 (1984). As a result of the Regulation Y revision, institutions that accept demand deposits, which includes for this purpose NOW accounts, and that are engaged in the business of making commercial loans are "banks" and their parent companies are bank holding companies under the Act. Companies that became bank holding companies as a result of the Regulation Y revision were required to register with the Board within 180 days, or by August 6, 1984. The Board is authorized, in its discretion, to extend this period.

Legislation currently under consideration by Congress would redefine the term "bank" in the Bank Holding Company Act and thus would directly affect the requirement for registration and compliance with the Bank Holding Company Act, particularly by those companies that have acquired so-called nonbank banks. In view of the pendency of this proposed legislation, the Board believes it appropriate to extend the deadline for registration by companies that became bank holding companies as a result of the Regulation Y revision. Pending definitive Congressional
legislation, such an extension would avoid registration by companies that may be exempted under the legislation and would temporarily delay the registration of companies that are not exempted. Accordingly, the date for registration by companies that became bank holding companies as a result of the Regulation Y revision is hereby extended to December 31, 1984.

In connection with the Regulation Y revision, the Board had granted a six-month period for compliance with the Bank Holding Company Act upon the request of certain companies that acquired banks prior to December 10, 1982. In view of the pendency of the legislation, the Board is also extending until December 31, 1984, the date for compliance with the Act by those companies that have been granted a six-month compliance period by the Board.

By order of the Board of Governors, effective July 10, 1984.

(signed) James McAfee

James McAfee
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