

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Monday, November 5, 1951.

PRESENT: Mr. Martin, Chairman
Mr. Szymczak
Mr. Vardaman
Mr. Norton
Mr. Powell

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary
Mr. Sherman, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Kenyon, Assistant Secretary

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on November 1, 1951, were approved unanimously.

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on November 2, 1951, were approved and the actions recorded therein were ratified unanimously.

Memorandum dated October 29, 1951, from Mr. Young, Director, Division of Research and Statistics, recommending the appointment of Mrs. Nancy B. Kelly as a Clerk-Stenographer in that Division, on a temporary indefinite basis, with basic salary at the rate of \$3,415 per annum, effective as of the date upon which she enters upon the performance of her duties after having passed the usual physical examination and subject to the completion of a satisfactory employment investigation.

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Frederick C. Fiechter, Jr., Esquire, Freeman, Fox & Fiechter, Twelve South Twelfth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, reading as follows:

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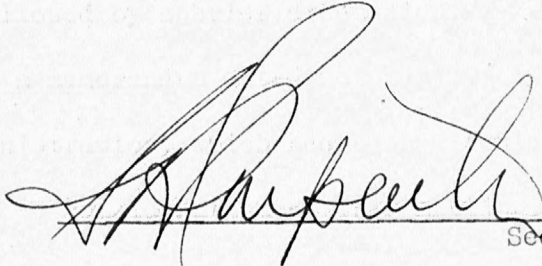
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"This refers to your letter of October 25, 1951 concerning the question of whether or not the Esso Pennsylvania Lease Trust indenture is a firm commitment within the meaning of section 6(b) of Regulation X.

"We have reviewed the trust agreement and copies of correspondence relating to the question obtained from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and, inasmuch as the Registrant is not 'required without option or discretion on his part to extend credit upon demand by the borrower or upon compliance by the borrower with one or more conditions referred to in such agreement', we agree with the conclusion of the Philadelphia Bank that the trust agreement is not a firm commitment within the meaning of section 6(b).

"The Board in the past has considered questions of whether or not similar financing arrangements were firm commitments within the meaning of section 6(b) and in our opinion the interpretation of the Philadelphia Bank is consistent with the positions taken by the Board on such similar questions."

Approved unanimously, with a
copy to the Federal Reserve Bank of
Philadelphia.


Secretary.