FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the purpose of this notice is to announce that a Federal Advisory Committee, known as the “Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks” (hereinafter the “Independent Panel”) is being established.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission has determined that the establishment of the Panel is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) by law. The Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration concurs with the establishment of the Independent Panel. The purpose of the Independent Panel is to review the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the telecommunications and media infrastructure in the areas affected by the hurricane. Specifically, the Independent Panel will study the impact of Hurricane Katrina on all sectors of the telecommunications and media industries, including public safety communications. The Independent Panel will also review the sufficiency and effectiveness of the recovery effort with respect to this infrastructure. The Independent Panel will then make recommendations to the FCC by June 15, 2006 regarding ways to improve disaster preparedness, network reliability, and communications among first responders such as police, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel.

Federal Communications Commission.

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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 Web site at http://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 February 2, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

(Glenda Wilson, Community Affairs Officer) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101-2034:

1. M&P Community Bancshares, Inc.

401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Newport, Arkansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring an additional 1.63 percent, for a total of 26.58 percent, of the voting shares of M&P Community Bancshares, Inc., Newport, Arkansas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

(Cindy West, Manager) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. National City Corporation, Columbus, Ohio; to merge with Forbes First Financial Corp., St. Louis, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Pioneer Bank and Trust Company, Maplewood, Missouri.