1. Clyde Ray White, Clydine
Covington White, and Jarrah Reed
White, all of Monroe, Louisiana; Larry
Nolan White and Virginia Owens White,
both of Colleyville, Texas; and Patrick
Slade White, Huntsville, Alabama,
acting in concert to acquire voting
shares of Ouachita Bancshares
Corporation, and thereby indirectly
acquire voting shares of Ouachita
Independent Bank, both of Monroe,
Louisiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 1, 2008.

#### Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board. [FR Doc. E8–23521 Filed 10–3–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6210–01–S

#### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

## Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely

related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. 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 the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than October 31, 2008.

- A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Steve Foley, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:
- 1. First Trust Corporation, New Orleans, Louisiana, to indirectly acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Globe Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire Globe Homestead Savings Bank, FSA, both of Metairie, Louisiana, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(i) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 1, 2008.

## Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board. [FR Doc.E8–23519 Filed 10–3–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6210–01–8

## **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

## Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/02/2008						
20081619 20081641 20081644	JANA Offshore Partners, Ltd	Convergys Corporation	Convergys Corporation. Triumph HealthCare Holdings, Inc. 1231207 Alberta ULC. 627066 Alberta Ltd. Ardley Coal Limited. Beachpoint Holdings Ltd. Bitmin Resources Inc.			
20081647	Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc	Philadelphia Consolidated Holding Corp.	Fording Amalco Inc. Fording Coal Limited. Philadelphia Consolidated Holding Corp.			
20081649	USA Credit Union	T & C Federal Credit Union	T & C Federal Credit Union.			
20081657	Gores Capital Partners, L.P	Gores LuxCo I, S.a r.I	Gores LuxCo I, S.a r.l.			
20081658	CapCom Credit Union	DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union.	DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union.			
20081660	Comcast Corporation	Pilot Group LP	Daily Candy, Inc.			
20081661	FMG Acquisition Corp	United Insurance Holdings, L.C	United Insurance Holdings L.C.			
20081670	Deutsche Telekom AG	AT&T Inc	AT&T Mobility LLC f/k/a. Cingular Wirelesss LLC. AT&T Mobility LLC F/k/a. Dobson Cellular Systems, LLC. T-Mobile USA, Inc.			

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities				
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/04/2008							
20081611	ABRY Partners V, L.P	Warburg, Pincus Equity Partners, L.P.	ChartOne, Inc.				
20081662 20081667 20081669	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company Janus Capital Group, Inc Li & Fung Limited	PDL BioPharma, Inc	PDL BioPharma, Inc. Perkins, Wolf, McDonnell and Company, LLC. Van Zeeland, Inc.				
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/05/2008							
20081511	ION Geophysical Corporation	Donald G. Chamberlain	ARAM Systems, Ltd. Canadian Seismic Rentals Inc.				
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/08/2008							
20081500	Sisters of Providence—Mother Jo-	HOP, Inc	HCP, Inc.				
20081671	seph Province. AT&T Inc	Deutsche Telekom AG	AT&T Mobility LLC f/k/a. Cingular Wirelesss LLC. AT&T Mobility LLC F/k/a. Dobson Cellular Systems, LLC.				
20081677 20081685			T-Mobile USA, Inc. HRB Financial Corporation. Wapiti Energy, LLC. Wapiti Gathering, LLC. Wapiti Operating, LLC.				
20081686	Share Cap. of Magnetar Cap.	Chaparral Energy, Inc	Chaparral Energy, Inc.				
20081687	Black Canyon Direct Investment Fund, L.P.	Dr. Richard J. Malouf	All Smiles Dental Center, Inc.				
20081690 20081691	, ,	World Triathlon Corporation EnergySouth, Inc	World Triathlon Corporation.  EnergySouth, Inc.				
20081696 20081700		Robert Kaplan Empire Health Services	Da Kine Hawaii Corporation. Empire Health Services.				
20081707	JPMorgan Chase & Co	Johnson & Johnson	Inland Empire Hospital Services Association. Ethicon, Inc.				
	TRANSACTION	S GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—	-09/09/2008				
20081698	Complete Production Services, Inc	Appalachian Well Services, Inc	Appalachian Well Services, Inc. Titan Wireline Services, Inc.				
	TRANSACTIONS	S GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—	-09/10/2008				
20081688	4 Garages LLC	General Electric Company	UGP—Tower, LLC. Urban Growth Wabash. Randolph, LLC.				
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/11/2008							
20081650 20081654	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc Lime Rock Partners IV, L.P	Griffon Corporation	Griffon Corporation. Industrial Rubber Products, Inc.				
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/12/2008							
20081632 20081643	Humana Inc	Covenant Health Tyco Electronics Ltd	PHP Companies, Inc. AMP Products Pacific Limited. Laser Diode, Inc. M/A-COM Eurotec B.V. M/A-COM, Inc. Tyco Electronics AMP GmbH. Tyco Electronics Corporation India Pvt. Limited. Tyco Electronics France SAS. Tyco Electronics Israel Ltd. Tyco Electronics Raychem GmbH. Tyco Electronics Raychem GmbH. Tyco Electronics (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Tyco Electronics (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Tyco Electronics Singapore Pte Ltd. Tyco Electronics Svenska AB. Tyco Electronics UK Ltd. Tyco Holdings (Bermuda).				

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities			
20081682 20081703 20081711 20081718	GeNx36O Capital Partners, L.P AEP Industries Inc Ecopetrol S.A Fortune Brands, Inc	GSC Recovery IIA, L.P	No. 7 Ltd., Taiwan Branch. Precision Partners, Inc. Atlantis Plastic Films, Inc. Linear Films, Inc. Union Oil Company of California. Cruzan Viril, Ltd. The Absolut Spirits Company, Inc. V&S Vin Spirit AB.			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/15/2008						
20080831 20080832 20080987 20081648 20081666	Reed Elsevier PLC  Reed Elsevier NV  Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA.  Kulicke and Sofia Industries  JDA Software Group, Inc	ChoicePoint Inc	ChoicePoint Inc. ChoicePoint Inc. Luitpold Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Orthodyne Electronics Corporation. i2 Technologies, Inc.			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/16/2008						
20081683 20081684 20081695 20081706 20081729 20081735 20081737 20081738	The Middleby Corporation Johnson & Johnson Eli Lilly and Company Orkla ASA Assurant, Inc Alberto-Culver Company Arbor Investments II, L.P J.P. Morgan Chase & Co The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc Covanta Holding Corporation	TurboChef Technologies, Inc SurgRx, Inc Monsanto Company Benson Holdings, Inc General Electric Company The Procter & Gamble Company Bradshaw International, Inc X-Rite, Incorporated AIX Holdings, Inc Ridgewood Electric Power Trust IV	TurboChef Technologies, Inc. SurgRx, Inc. Monsanto Company. Benson Industries LLC. General Electric Company. Noxell Corporation. Bradshaw International, Inc. X-Rite, Incorporated. AIX Holdings, Inc. Indeck Maine Energy, LLC.			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/18/2008						
20081783	Barclays PLC	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., a debtor-in-possession.	LB 745 LLC. Lehman Brothers Inc.			
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—09/19/2008						
20081665 20081719 20081743 V20081746	Owens & Minor, Inc	Mr. George Burrows Cinco County Barnet Shale, LLC Ridgewood Electric Power Trust V Commercial Markets Holdco, Inc	The Burrows Company. DDJET Limited LLP. Indeck Maine Energy, LLC. JohnsonDiversey Canada, Inc. JohnsonDiversey, Inc.			

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra M. Peay, Contact Representative or Renee Hallman, Contact Representative, Federal Trade Commission, Premerger Notification Office, Bureau of Competition, Room H– 303, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326– 3100

By direction of the Commission.

## Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Office of the Secretary

# Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act

October 1, 2008.

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Declaration pursuant to section 319F–3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6d) to provide targeted liability protections for anthrax countermeasures based on a credible risk that the threat of exposure to *Bacillus anthracis* and the resulting disease constitutes a public health emergency.

**DATES:** This notice and the attached declaration are effective as of the date of signature of the declaration.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

RADM W.C. Vanderwagen, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Telephone (202) 205–2882 (this is not a toll-free number).

## HHS Secretary's Declaration for Utilization of Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Anthrax Countermeasures

Whereas significant changes in the nature, regularity and degree of threats to health posed by the use of infectious agents as weapons of biological warfare have generated increased concern for the safety of the general American population particularly following the deliberate exposure of citizens in the