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2. *FCB Financial Services, Inc.*,  
Marion, Arkansas; to become a bank  
holding company by acquiring 100  
percent of the voting shares of First  
Community Bank of Eastern Arkansas,  
Marion, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve  
System, October 18, 2004.

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Public Workshop: Peer-to-Peer File-Sharing Technology: Consumer Protection and Competition Issues

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission  
(FTC or Commission).

**ACTION:** Notice announcing public  
workshop and requesting public  
comment and participation.

**SUMMARY:** The FTC is planning to host  
a public workshop, "Peer-to-Peer File-  
Sharing Technology: Consumer  
Protection and Competition Issues," to  
explore consumer protection and  
competition issues associated with the  
distribution and use of peer-to-peer file-  
sharing technology.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on  
December 15 and 16, 2004, at the  
Federal Trade Commission's Satellite  
Building located at 601 New Jersey  
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The  
event is open to the public and there is  
no fee for attendance. Pre-registration is  
not required. Additional information  
about the workshop will be posted on  
the FTC's Web site at [http://  
www.ftc.gov/bcp/workshops/filesharing/  
index.htm](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/workshops/filesharing/index.htm).

#### *Requests to Participate as a Panelist:*

As discussed below, written requests to  
participate as a panelist in the workshop  
must be received on or before Monday,  
November 15, 2004. Persons filing  
requests to participate as a panelist will  
be notified on or before Monday,  
November 29, 2004, if they have been  
selected. For further instructions, please  
see the "Requests to Participate as a  
Panelist in the Workshop" section  
below.

#### *Written an Electronic Comments:*

Regardless of whether they are selected  
to participate, persons may submit  
written or electronic comments on the  
topics to be discussed by the panelists.  
Such comments must be received on or  
before Monday, November 15, 2004. For  
further instructions on submitting

comments, please see the **ADDRESSES**  
and the "Form and Availability of  
Comments" sections below. To read our  
policy on how we handle the  
information you submit, please visit  
<http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm>.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests to  
participate as a panelist in the workshop  
filed in paper form should be mailed or  
delivered, as prescribed in the "Form  
and Availability of Comments" sections  
below, to the following address: Federal  
Trade Commission/Office of the  
Secretary, Room 159-H (Annex B), 600  
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,  
Washington, DC 20580. Because paper  
mail in the Washington area and at the  
Agency is subject to delay, please  
consider submitting your comments via  
electronic mail. Comments and requests  
to participate filed in electronic form  
(except comments and requests  
containing any confidential material)  
should be sent, as prescribed in the  
"Form and Availability of Comments"  
section below.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Elizabeth Delaney, (202) 326-2903,  
Bureau of Consumer Protection;  
Theodore Gebhard, (202) 326-3699,  
Bureau of Competition; or Hajime  
Hadeishi, (202) 326-2320, Bureau of  
Economics. The above staff can be  
reached by mail at: Federal Trade  
Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
NW., Washington, DC 20580. A detailed  
agenda and additional information on  
the workshop will be posted on the  
FTC's Web site at [http://www.ftc.gov/  
bcp/workshops/filesharing/index.htm](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/workshops/filesharing/index.htm)

Information Security, University of Tulsa, Sept.  
2002, at 2.

<sup>2</sup> The FTC has developed an online brochure to  
provide consumers with information about the risks  
associated with P2P file-sharing software. See  
Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Alert: "File-  
Sharing: A Fair Share? Maybe Not," July 2003,  
available at: [http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/  
alerts/sharealt.htm](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/alerts/sharealt.htm).

<sup>3</sup> See "File Sharing Programs and Peer-to-Peer  
Networks Privacy and Security Risks," Staff Report  
Prepared for Rep. Tom Davis and Rep. Henry A.  
Waxman, United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Government Reform, May 2003, at 9-  
10; and "P2P Fear and Loathing: Operational  
Hazards of File Trading Networks," *supra* note 1,  
at 2.

<sup>4</sup> See "File Sharing Programs and Peer-to-Peer  
Networks Privacy and Security Risks," *supra* note  
3, at 5-9; and "Usability and Privacy: A Study of  
Kazaa P2P File-Sharing," by Nathaniel S. Good (HP  
Laboratories) and Aaron Krekelberg (University of  
Minnesota), June 2002.

<sup>5</sup> See "File Sharing Programs and Peer-to-Peer  
Networks Privacy and Security Risks," *supra* note  
3, at 11-12; and "P2P Fear and Loathing:  
Operational Hazards of File Trading Networks,"  
*supra* note 1, at 2.

<sup>1</sup> See "File-Sharing Programs: Peer-to-Peer  
Networks Provide Ready Access to Child  
Pornography," General Accounting Office Report to  
the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member,  
Committee on Government Reform, U.S. House of  
Representatives, Feb. 2003, at 21-24; and "P2P Fear  
and Loathing: Operational Hazards of File Trading  
Networks," John Hale, Nicholas Davis, James  
Arrowood, and Gavin Manes, Center for



risks associated with P2P file-sharing software programs?

4. What changes to the architecture of P2P file-sharing software programs (e.g., the configuration of shared folders or the addition of anti-virus software) might reduce the risks associated with P2P file-sharing software programs for users?

#### *F. P2P File-Sharing and Music Distribution*

1. What are the economic models of music distribution that use P2P file-sharing technology? How is music likely to be distributed in the future using P2P file-sharing technology?

2. How is P2P file-sharing technology different from single server downloading sources such as Walmart.com?

3. To what extent do P2P file-sharing software programs currently compete with pay-per-download services such as iTunes? Would existing or future technology enable copyright holders to be compensated when users of P2P file-sharing software programs transfer copyrighted files? If so, what would be the effect on competition?

4. Does P2P file-sharing technology lower the cost of music dissemination? If so, how much? What do the data show?

5. Are record labels willing to distribute music through P2P file-sharing? Why or why not?

6. Is there empirical support for P2P file-sharing technology increasing music sales through sampling or greater awareness of artists? What do the data show?

7. Are music files on P2P file-sharing networks being intentionally “polluted” or “corrupted”? What effect does the intentional pollution or corruption of files have on P2P file-sharing software as an evolving technology?

#### *G. P2P File-Sharing and Its Impact on Copyright Holders*

1. What is the impact of P2P file-sharing on copyright holders?

2. Is it possible to measure downloading of copyrighted materials by users of P2P file-sharing programs? If so, how would such a study be designed?

3. Can P2P file-sharing program providers effectively protect against copying in violation of copyright laws? Can P2P file-sharing program providers protect against content degradation? What effect would such protective measures have on consumers and competition?

4. Is there technological capability for the P2P file-sharing technology industry to implement a system that either

prevents the unauthorized sharing of content or only permits the sharing of content when there is compensation to the copyright holder?

5. Will technological changes allow content providers to protect their copyrighted materials from infringement by P2P file-sharing software program users? If so, what effects would these changes have on competition and consumers?

6. Would consumers and competition benefit from or be harmed by industry-wide standards for the protection of copyrighted materials, e.g., encryption or other digital rights management? What, if any, information should

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<sup>7</sup> Commission Rule 4.2(d) 16 CFR 4.2(d). The comment must also be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission's General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See Commission Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(C).

individuals from the public comments it receives, before placing those comments on the FTC Web site. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC's privacy policy, at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm>.

By direction of the Commission,  
Commissioner Leibowitz not participating.

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Emergency Clearance

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of

other forms of information, technology to  
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