

In the instant transaction, a national bank will merge into an interim bank established by a national bank holding company. Pursuant to Section 3(a)(3) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, codified in 12 USC 1842, such a merger

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

In view of the need to obtain agency approval, as set forth above, and pursuant to our telephone conversation of April 14, we understand that both the acquiring and acquired parties are exempt from filing a Pre-merger Notification with the Federal Trade Commission. That exemption is found in 15 USC 18a(c)(7), which exempts transactions which require

standing regarding the exemption from filing, please contact me.

Very truly yours,