

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Reserve Board is announcing a series of public meeting in connection with the application of Fleet Financial Group Inc., Providence, Rhode Island, to acquire Shawmut National Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts, and Hartford, Connecticut, pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Diane A. Koonjy, Senior Attorney, Legal Division (202-452-3274), or Patricia A. Robinson, Attorney, Legal Division (202-452-3005), or Kathleen Conley, Review Examiner, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs (202-452-2389), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. For the hearing impaired *only*, Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), Dorthea Thompson (202-452-3344), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Background and Public Meeting Notice*

On July 7, 1995, Fleet Financial Group, Inc., Providence, Rhode Island (Fleet), applied pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 1842, 1843)(BHC Act) to acquire Shawmut National Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts, and Hartford, Connecticut (Shawmut), and thereby acquire the banking and nonbanking subsidiaries of Shawmut. Under authority delegated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) in section 265.6(a)(2) of the Board's Rules, the General Counsel of the Board hereby orders that public meetings on the applications be held in Boston, Massachusetts; Hartford, Connecticut, and Albany, New York, beginning August 26, 1995, to collect information on the convenience and needs of the communities to be served by this proposal, including the records of performance of these institutions under the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA).

The public meetings well be held at the following locations:

Boston-Saturday, August 26, 1995, at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Hartford-Monday, August 28, at the Wild Auditorium, Gray Conference Center, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut 06117. The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon, E.D.T.

Albany-Tuesday, August 29, at the New York State Museum, Museum

Theater, West Gallery, Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Albany, New York 12230. The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon, E.D.T.

To accommodate interested persons, the public meetings in Hartford, Connecticut, and Albany, New York, will include evening hours scheduled for testimony.

*Purpose and Procedures*

The purpose of the public meetings is to receive information regarding the convenience and needs of the communities to be served by this proposal, including the records of performance of Fleet and Shawmut under the CRA. The CRA requires the appropriate federal financial supervisory agency to "assess [an] institution's record of meeting the credit needs of its entire community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with the safe and sound operation of [the] institution." 12 U.S.C. § 2903. The Board, as a federal financial supervisory agency, is required to take this record into account in its evaluation of an application under section 3 of the BHC Act.

The public meetings are convened under the Board's policy statement regarding informal meetings in section 262.25(d) of the Board's Rules (12 C.F.R. 225.25(d)). This policy statement provides that the purpose of a public meeting is to elicit information, to clarify factual issues related to an application, and to provide testimony. In contrast to a formal administrative hearing, the rules for taking evidence in an administrative proceeding will not apply to these public meetings. Testimony at the public meetings will be presented to a panel consisting of a Presiding Officer, Griffith L. Garwood, Director of the Board's Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, or his designee, and other panel members appointed by the Presiding Officer. These panel members may question witnesses, but no cross-examination of witnesses will be permitted.

In conducting each public meeting, the Presiding Officer will have the authority and discretion to ensure that the meeting proceeds in a fair and orderly manner. The public meetings will be transcribed and information regarding procedures for obtaining a copy of the transcripts will be announced at the public meetings.

All persons wishing to testify at the public meetings should submit a written request to William W. Wiles, Secretary of the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, D.C. 20551 (facsimile: 202-452-3819), not later than August 16, 1995, providing the following information:

(i) identification of which meeting they wish to attend,

(ii) a brief statement of the nature of the expected testimony and the estimated time required for the presentation,

(iii) address and telephone number (and facsimile number, if available), and

(iv) identification of any special needs, such as persons desiring translation services, persons with a physical disability who may need assistance, or persons using visual aids for their presentation. To the extent available, translators will be provided to persons wishing to present their views in a language other than English if they include this information in their request to testify.

Persons interested only in attending a meeting do not need to submit a written request to attend.

On the basis of the requests received, the Presiding Officer will prepare a schedule for persons wishing to testify. Persons not listed on the schedule may be permitted to speak at the public meetings at the discretion of the Presiding Officer if time permits at the conclusion of the schedule of witnesses. Copies of testimony may, but need not, be filed with the Presiding Officer before a person's presentation.

By order of the General Counsel of the Board of Governors, acting pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Governors, effective, July 27, 1995.

**William W. Wiles,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION****Administrative Litigation Following the Denial of a Preliminary Injunction: Policy Statement**

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Policy statement, and accompanying Commission statement, with request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission has adopted policies explaining how, after a court had denied preliminary injunctive relief to the Commission, the Commission decides whether administrative litigation should be commenced or, if it has already been commenced, should be continued. While the policies are already in effect, the Commission will receive comment for thirty days, and will thereafter take