

800 Acquisition of Interests in Banking Institutions; Bank Holding Companies

802 Application by an Out-of-state Savings Institution, Out-of-State Savings and Loan Holding Company or Out-of-State Bank Holding Company to Acquire a Delaware Savings Bank or Delaware Savings and Loan Holding Company

5 Del.C. §833

Formerly Regulation No.: 5.833.0004

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1.0 Instructions

- 1.1 This Application is to be filed by an "out-of-state savings institution", "out-of-state savings and loan holding company" or an "out-of-state bank holding company" (as defined in Section 831 of Title 5 of the **Delaware Code**), or subsidiary thereof, for the purpose of acquiring a Delaware savings bank or Delaware savings and loan holding company pursuant to the Savings Bank Acquisition Act (5 **Del.C.** §831 et seq.).
- 1.2 This Application is to be completed, executed and acknowledged by a lawfully empowered officer of the out-of-state savings institution, savings and loan holding company or bank holding company. The completed Application and required exhibits should be filed with the Office of the State Bank Commissioner, Dover, Delaware, in duplicate, accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee made payable to the State of Delaware in the amount of five thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$5,750.00), together with a non-refundable processing fee in the amount of one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,150.00) made payable to the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. THE COMMISSIONER WILL NOT DEEM ANY APPLICATION AS FILED UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER HAS DETERMINED THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED; THAT THE CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED AND ACKNOWLEDGED; THAT ALL REQUIRED EXHIBITS ARE ATTACHED; AND THAT ALL FEES HAVE BEEN PAID.

2.0 Application Process

Upon notification by the Commissioner that this Application is deemed as filed, the applicant shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the State of Delaware, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, a notice of its intention to acquire a Delaware savings bank or Delaware savings and loan holding company, and, if applicable, to form an interim savings bank in connection therewith. Such notice shall include the date, time and location of the public hearing on the application as established by the Commissioner. Such notice shall expressly invite members of the public to examine the Application on file with the Office of the State Bank Commissioner and to submit comments regarding the Application to the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. A public hearing will be conducted by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee in accordance with Chapter 101 of Title 29, **Delaware Code**, to review the Application and to take such testimony and to gather such evidence as the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee deems necessary to determine whether the proposed acquisition (and, where applicable, the formation of the proposed interim savings bank) will serve the public convenience and advantage pursuant to the criteria set forth in 5 **Del.C.** §833(b). When applicable, the Commissioner or his designee will also consider whether a proposed acquisition should be approved even though the acquiring out-of-state savings institution, out-of-state savings and loan holding company or out-of-state bank holding company, or any subsidiary thereof, would control, together with any affiliated insured depository institution, 30 percent or more of the total amount of deposits of insured depository institutions in this State, as provided in 5 **Del.C.** §832(b). A record from which a verbatim transcript can be prepared shall be made of all hearings. The expense of any transcription of the proceedings requested by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee shall be borne by the applicant; in all other instances, the expense of such

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transcription shall be borne by the person requesting it. The Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee will issue preliminary findings of fact and law and make the same available for comment to the applicant and all parties shall have thereafter twenty (20) days to submit in writing to the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee exceptions, comments and arguments respecting the preliminary findings. If the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee presides at a hearing conducted pursuant to this regulation and if the decision on the applicant is not adverse to the applicant, the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee has the right to waive the preliminary findings of fact and law and proceed directly to the entry of a final order.

3.0 Confidential Information

An applicant may request that specific information included in this Application be treated as confidential. Any information or exhibits for which the applicant claims the designation of confidential shall be segregated at the end of the Application as a separate exhibit which the applicant shall designate as "confidential". The Commissioner, in his sole discretion, will determine whether any or all of the information for which the "confidential" designation is requested by the applicant meets the criteria for confidentiality set forth in 29 **Del.C.** §10112(b)(4). All portions of this Application which the Commissioner does not designate as "confidential" will be made available for public inspection and copying.

2 DE Reg. 1025 (12/01/98)

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