

will respond to these exceptions immediately rather than after the fact as it is under the Federal Reserve's current method. Although BHCs will still have to provide explanations to support data that trigger quality edit exceptions, this change should reduce subsequent questions from the Federal Reserve about these edits. The Federal Reserve will continue to treat BHCs explanatory comments that address any quality exceptions as confidential. Overall the proposed requirements are expected to improve the timeliness and quality of BHC data, enhance market discipline through faster access by the public, and utilize technological advances in an efficient manner.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 9, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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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 #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
Transactions Granted Early Termination—11/03/2003			
20040009	Barry Diller	Hotwire, Inc	Barry Diller. Hotwire, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—11/04/2003			
20040050	Triad Hospitals, Inc	Tenet Healthcare Corporation	Central Arkansas Hospital, Inc. Central Care, Inc. Dedicated Health PHO, Inc. Garland Managed Care Organization, Inc. Jonesboro Health Services, L.L.C. National Park Medical Center, Inc. NPMC Healthcenter—Physician Services, Inc. StarCare of Jonesboro, Inc. St. Mary's Medical Group, Inc. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Inc. Tenet Healthcare Corporation. Tenet HealthSystem medical, Inc. Triad Hospitals, Inc. Advanced Technology and Equipment, Inc.
20040054	American Industrial Partners Capital Fund III, L.P.	Alcoa, Inc	Alcoa, Inc. American Industrial Partners Capital Fund III, L.P.
20040055	Littlejohn Fund III, LP	General Electric Company	Stolle Machiner, Inc. General Electric Canada, Inc. General Electric Company. General Electric Plastics France (SNC). General Electric South Africa (Proprietary) Ltd. GEP Italia SRL. GE Plastics Hong Kong Ltd. GE Plastics Ltd. GE Polymerland Korea Ltd. GEP South America LTDA. GE Superabrasives Europe GmbH. GE Superabrasives, Inc. GE Surperabrasives US, Inc. Littlejohn Fund II, LP. Good Guys, Inc.
20040060	U.S. Commercial Corp., S.A. de C.V.	Good Guys, Inc	Good Guys, Inc.
20040064	Peter M. Brant	Enron Corp. (Debtor-in-Possession).	U.S. Commercial Corp., S.A. de C.V. Enron Corp. (Debtor-in-Possession).
20040066	Gryphon Partners II, L.P	The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc.	Papiers Stadacona Ltee. Peter M. Brant. St. Aurelie Timberlands, Co., Ltd. Gryphon Partners II, L.P.
20040069	CCG Investments (BVI), L.P	Concertro Software, Inc.	The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. CCG Investments (BVI), L.P.