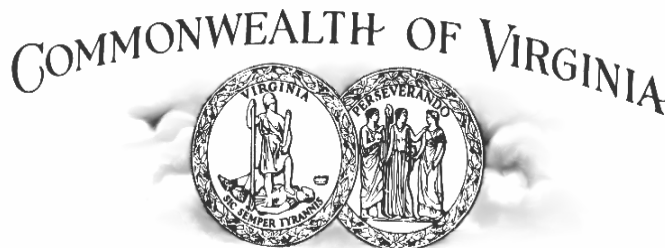


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WEEKLY INFORMATION BULLETIN

December 12, 2003

SECTION I

Section I of the bulletin is a record, for the preceding week, of the receipt of, and actions on all applications by state chartered banks, bank holding companies, savings institutions, credit unions, industrial loan associations and other entities or persons for: (1) certificates of authority to begin business, (2) acquisitions, (3) branches, (4) trust powers, (5) charter conversions, (6) name changes, (7) changes of location, (8) EFT facilities, and (9) mergers or consolidations. In addition, it lists structural changes of state chartered banks and savings institutions, such as opening and closing of offices and the effective date of mergers, acquisitions and relocations.

This bulletin constitutes **the only notice of such activities that you will receive** from the Bureau of Financial Institutions. If you desire a public hearing on an application, a written request for such a hearing must be **received within 15 days from the date of this bulletin**. The request should be addressed to:

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Post Office Box 640
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Communications other than requests for hearings related to an application will be welcomed and will receive careful consideration. All written communications will be made a part of the application file.

SECTION II

Section II of the bulletin is a record, for your information, of notices received in this office during the preceding week pertaining to various applications by national banks and federal savings institutions to the federal agencies shown below:

Comptroller of the Currency
Southeastern District Office
Marquis One Tower
245 Peachtree Center Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Office of Thrift Supervision
1475 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Post Office Box 105217
Atlanta, Georgia 30348-5217

Any comments you may wish to make regarding these applications should be addressed directly to the respective federal agency. A copy of your letter will be appreciated.

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SECTION I

APPLICATIONS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.1-383.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTIONS</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
12-09-03	Southern Financial Bancorp, Inc., Warrenton, VA to acquire 100 percent of the voting stock of Essex Bancorp, Inc., Norfolk, VA	Filed

BRANCHES OF VIRGINIA BANKS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INSTITUTIONS</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
12-08-03	The Marathon Bank Stephens City, VA	1729 N. Shenandoah Avenue Front Royal, Warren County, VA	Opened
12-08-03	The Fauquier Bank Warrenton, VA	6207 Station Drive Bealeton, Fauquier County, VA	Filed
12-08-03	Valley Bank Roanoke, VA	3850 Keagy Road City of Roanoke, VA	Opened
12-11-03	Monarch Bank Chesapeake, VA	539 W. 21st Street (amended address) City of Norfolk, VA	Filed

SECTION II

APPLICATIONS OF NATIONAL BANKS

NONE REPORTED

NO OTHER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED