

OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION

**Notice of Intent by Mutual Holding Company
to Waive Dividend from Subsidiary Savings Association**

Order No. 96-95

Date: September 20, 1996

Liberty Mutual Holding Company, Liberty, Missouri (the "MHC"), has filed with the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS"), pursuant to Section 10(o) of the Home Owners' Loan Act and 12 C.F.R. Section 575.11(d), a notice (the "Notice") of the MHC's intent to waive its right to receive cash dividends declared by its subsidiary savings association, Liberty Savings Bank, F.S.B., Liberty, Missouri (the "Savings Bank"), for the quarters ending September 30, 1996, December 31, 1996, March 31, 1997 and June 30, 1997.

The OTS has considered the written analyses and recommendations of the Midwest Regional Office, the Chief Counsel's Office and Corporate Activities and has determined that the waiver of the dividends by the MHC is not detrimental to the safe and sound operation of the Savings Bank, provided that the conditions set forth below are satisfied. Accordingly, the OTS does not object to the waiver of the dividends by the MHC as proposed in the Notice subject to the following conditions:

1. For as long as the Savings Bank is controlled by the MHC, the dollar amount of dividends waived by the MHC must be considered as a restriction on the retained earnings of the Savings Bank. Such restriction, if material, must be disclosed in the public financial statements of the Savings Bank as a note to the financial statements. The amount of any dividend waived by the MHC shall be available for declaration as a dividend solely to the MHC. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5, where the Savings Bank determines that the payment of such dividends to the MHC is probable, an appropriate dollar amount shall be recorded as a liability; and
2. The amount of any waived dividend must be considered as having been paid by the Savings Bank (and the Savings Bank's capital ratios adjusted accordingly) in evaluating any proposed dividend under 12 C.F.R. §§ 563.134 and 565.6(a)(1), or any successor regulations.

The OTS's non-objection with respect to the MHC's waiver of dividends for the quarters ending September 30, 1996, December 31, 1996, March 31, 1997 and June 30, 1997 may be rescinded prior to such dates by the Midwest Regional Director if, based on subsequent developments, the proposed waivers are determined to be detrimental to the safe and sound operation of the Savings Bank.

By Order of the Director of the Office of Thrift
Supervision, or his designee, effective September 20, 1996.


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Acting Director