



---

**Comptroller of the Currency  
Administrator of National Banks**

---

Southern District Licensing  
500 North Akard, Suite 1600  
Dallas, Texas 75201-3323

August 20, 2010

**Corporate Decision #2010-28  
September 2010**

Steven D. Young  
EVP & CFO  
CenterState Bank of Florida, N.A.  
1101 First St. South  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Re: Application by CenterState Bank of Florida, N.A., Winter Haven, Florida to purchase certain assets and assume certain liabilities of Community National Bank, Bartow, Florida  
Application Control No: 2010- SO-02-0020

Dear Mr. Young:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”) approves the application of CenterState Bank of Florida, National Association, Winter Haven, Florida (“Acquirer”) to purchase certain assets of and assume certain liabilities of Community National Bank at Bartow, Bartow, Florida (“Failed Entity”), for the reasons set below. As discussed below, the transaction may be consummated immediately upon approval. 12 U.S.C. § 1828(c)(6).

“Failed Entity”, a national bank with deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”), was declared insolvent by the Comptroller of the Currency on August 20, 2010, and the FDIC was appointed as receiver. The Comptroller has now been asked to grant his written approval of the proposed agreement negotiated between the FDIC and Acquirer by which the latter would purchase certain assets and assume certain liabilities of Failed Entity.

This approval is granted based upon the information contained in the Acquirer’s application and other information and representations made to the OCC during its processing of the application.

### **The Purchase and Assumption**

Acquirer applied to the OCC for approval to purchase certain assets of and assume certain liabilities of Failed Entity under 12 U.S.C. §§ 24 (Seventh) and 1828(c) (the “Transaction”). The proposed Transaction, in which both banks have their main offices in the same state, is legally permissible under 12 U.S.C. § 24 (Seventh). Thus, the Transaction is legally authorized and the

OCC approves the Transaction. Acquirer also requested OCC approval to retain the main office of Failed Entity as a branch upon consummation of the Transaction.

### **Bank Merger Act**

The OCC reviewed the proposed purchase and assumption Transaction under the criteria of the Bank Merger Act, 12 U.S.C § 1828(c), and applicable OCC regulations and policies. The OCC considered the financial and managerial resources of the banks, their future prospects, and the convenience and needs of the communities to be served. In addition, the Bank Merger Act requires the OCC to consider “the effectiveness of any insured depository institution involved in the proposed merger transaction in combatting money laundering activities, including overseas branches.” 12 U.S.C. § 1828(c)(11). We considered these factors and found them consistent with approval under the statutory provisions.

In addition, the OCC also finds, under the standards set forth in the Bank Merger Act that it must act on the application immediately. 12 U.S.C. § 1828(c)(3), (4)(C)(i), and (6). Consequently, there is no requirement for publication of notice of the Transaction, for a request by the OCC of a competitive factors report from the Attorney General, or for a post-approval waiting period prior to consummation of the Transaction.

### **Community Reinvestment Act**

The Community Reinvestment Act (“CRA”) requires the OCC to take into account the applicants’ record of helping to meet the credit needs of the community, including low-and-moderate-income (“LMI”) neighborhoods, when evaluating certain applications, including transactions that are subject to the Bank Merger Act. 12 U.S.C. § 2903; 12 C.F.R. § 25.29. The OCC considers the CRA performance evaluation of each institution involved in the Transaction. A review of the record of these applicants and other information available to the OCC as a result of its regulatory responsibilities revealed no evidence that the applicants’ record of helping to meet the credit needs of their communities, including LMI neighborhoods, is less than satisfactory.

### **Consummation Guidance**

This approval is granted based on our understanding that other applicable regulatory approvals, non-objections or waivers with respect to the proposed Transaction will have been received prior to the consummation of the Transaction.

Within seven days of consummation of the Transaction, please provide the district office with copies of the following documents:

- A Secretary’s Certificate, as applicable, certifying that a majority of the board of directors approved.
- An executed purchase and assumption agreement.
- Documentation that all other conditions that the OCC imposed have been met.

This approval and the activities and communications by OCC employees in connection with the filing do not constitute a contract, express or implied, or any other obligation binding upon the OCC, the United States, any agency or entity of the United States, or any officer or employee of the United States, and do not affect the ability of the OCC to exercise its supervisory, regulatory and examination authorities under applicable law and regulations. Our approval is based on the bank's representations, submissions, and information available to the OCC as of this date. The OCC may modify, suspend or rescind this approval if a material change in the information on which the OCC relied occurs prior to the date of the transaction to which this decision pertains. The foregoing may not be waived or modified by any employee or agent of the OCC or the United States.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Joseph T. Burbridge at (214) 720-7052 or [joseph.burbridge@occ.treas.gov](mailto:joseph.burbridge@occ.treas.gov). Please reference the application control number in any correspondence.

Yours truly

*Karen H. Bryant*

Karen H. Bryant  
Director for District Licensing