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(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2008**

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number **0-16668**

WSFS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization)

22-2866913

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

500 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

19899

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(302) 792-6000**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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Title of Each Class
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES _____ NO

Indicate by check if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. YES _____ NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding twelve months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES NO _____

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ()

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer _____ Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer _____ Smaller reporting company _____

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes _____ No

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by nonaffiliates of the registrant, based on the closing price of the registrant's common stock as quoted on NASDAQ as of June 30, 2008 was \$264,701,000. For purposes of this calculation only, affiliates are deemed to be directors, executive officers and beneficial owners of greater than 10% of the outstanding shares.

As of March 5, 2009, there were issued and outstanding 6,165,099 shares of the registrant's common stock.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on April 23, 2009 are incorporated by reference in Part III hereof.

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PART I

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Within this Annual Report on Form 10-K and exhibits thereto, management has included certain “forward-looking statements” concerning the future operations of WSFS Financial Corporation (“the Company,” “our Company,” “WSFS” “we,” “our” or “us”). It is management’s desire to take advantage of the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. This statement is for the express purpose of availing the Company of the protections of such safe harbor with respect to all “forward-looking statements” contained in its financial statements. Management has used “forward-looking statements” to describe the future plans and strategies including expectations of our future financial results. Management’s ability to predict results or the effect of future plans and strategy is inherently uncertain. Factors that could affect results include interest rate trends, competition, the general economic climate in Delaware, the mid-Atlantic region and the country as a whole, asset quality, loan growth, loan delinquency rates, operating risk, uncertainty of estimates in general and changes in federal and state regulations, among other factors. These factors should be considered in evaluating the “forward-looking statements,” and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Actual results may differ materially from management expectations. We do not undertake and specifically disclaim any obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions that may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

OUR BUSINESS

WSFS Financial Corporation is parent to WSFS Bank (“the Bank”), one of the ten oldest banks in the United States continuously operating under the same name. A permanent fixture in this community, WSFS has been in operation for more than 175 years. In addition to its focus on stellar customer service, the Bank has continued to fuel growth and remain relevant. The Bank is a relationship-focused, locally-managed, community banking institution that has grown to become the largest thrift holding company in the State of Delaware, the second largest commercial lender in the state and the fourth largest bank in terms of Delaware deposits.

WSFS’ core banking business is commercial lending funded by customer-generated deposits. We have built a \$1.7 billion commercial loan portfolio by recruiting the best seasoned commercial lenders in our markets and offering a high level of service and flexibility typically associated with a community bank. We fund this business primarily with deposits generated through commercial relationships and retail deposits in our 35-branch retail banking franchise located in Delaware and southeastern Pennsylvania. We also offer a broad variety of consumer loan products, retail securities and insurance brokerage through our retail branches.

In 2005, we established WSFS Wealth Strategies, our wealth management services division. Wealth Strategies was formed in response to our commercial customers’ demand for the same high level service in their investment relationships that they enjoyed as banking customers of WSFS. We found that many competitors are not devoting human capital to clients with less than \$5 million in investable assets, thereby creating an opportunity. WSFS Wealth Strategies is complemented by Cypress Capital Management, a Registered Investment Adviser, acquired by WSFS in 2004 and WSFS Investment Group, a brokerage firm and insurance agency.

Our Cash Connect division is a premier provider of ATM Vault Cash and related services in the United States. Cash Connect manages more than \$265 million in vault cash in approximately 10,000 ATMs nationwide and also provides online reporting and ATM cash management, predictive

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cash ordering, armored carrier management, ATM processing and equipment sales. Cash Connect also operates over 300 ATMs for WSFS Bank, which owns the largest branded ATM network in Delaware.

During the second quarter of 2008, we acquired a majority interest in 1st Reverse Financial Services, LLC (1st Reverse), specializing in reverse mortgage lending nationwide.

WSFS POINTS OF DIFFERENTIATION

While all banks offer similar products and services, we believe that WSFS has set itself apart from other banks in our market and the industry in general. Also, community banks have been able to distinguish themselves from large weakened banks with too many big problems and not enough emphasis on the customer in the current environment. The following factors summarize what we believe are those points of differentiation.

Community Banking Model

Our size and community banking model play a key role in our success. Our approach to business combines a service-oriented culture (which we call Stellar Service) with a strong complement of products and services, all aimed at meeting the needs of our retail and business customers. We believe the essence of being a community bank means that we are:

- Small enough to offer customers responsive, personalized service and direct access to decision makers,
- Large enough to provide all the products and services needed by our target market customers.

As the financial services industry has consolidated, many independent banks have been acquired by national companies that have centralized their decision-making authority away from their customers and focused their mass-marketing to a regional or even national customer base. We believe this trend has frustrated smaller business owners who have become accustomed to dealing directly with their bank's senior executives and discouraged retail customers who often experience deteriorating levels of service in the branches. Additionally, it frustrates bank Associates who are no longer empowered to provide good and timely service to their customers.

WSFS Bank offers:

- Rapid response. Our customers tell us this is a critical differentiator from larger, in-market competitors.
- One point of contact. Our Relationship Managers are responsible for understanding his or her customers' needs and bringing together the right resources in the Bank to meet those needs.
- A customized approach to our clients. We believe this gives us an advantage over our competitors who are too large or centralized to offer customized products or services.
- Products and services that our customers value. This includes a broad array of banking and cash management products, as well as a legal lending limit high enough to meet the credit needs of our customers, especially as they grow.

Building Associate Engagement and Customer Advocacy

Our business model is built on a concept called Human Sigma, a concept we have implemented using the statement "Engaged Associates delivering Stellar Service to create Customer Advocates". The Human Sigma model, identified by Gallup, Inc., begins with Associates who have

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taken ownership of their jobs because their strengths have been identified and they have been matched with the right position and strong management. This strategy motivates Associates, and unleashes innovation and productivity to engage our most valuable asset, our customers, by providing them what we refer to as Stellar Service. As a result, we create Customer Advocates, or customers who have built an emotional attachment to the Bank. Research

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studies continue to show a direct link between Associate engagement, customer engagement and a company's financial performance.

Engaged Associates

Delivering Steller Service

Creating Customer Advocates

Building Shareholder Value

Surveys conducted for us by a nationally recognized polling company indicate:

- Our Associate Engagement scores consistently rank in the top quartile of companies polled. In 2008, there were 13.4 engaged Associates for every disengaged Associate. This compares to a 2.6:1 ratio in 2003 and a national average of 1.5:1.
- Customer surveys rank us in the top 10% of all companies, a "world class" rating. More than 40% of our customers ranked us a "five" out of "five," strongly agreeing with the statement "I can't imagine a world without WSFS."

We believe that by fostering the energy of engaged and empowered Associates, we have become an employer of choice in our market. During each of the past three years, WSFS was ranked "Best Place to Work" by *The Wilmington News Journal*.

Strong Market Demographics

Delaware is situated in the middle of the Washington, DC - New York corridor which includes the urban markets of Philadelphia and Baltimore. The state benefits from this urban concentration as well as from a unique political environment that has created favorable law and legal structure, a business-friendly environment and a fair tax system. In its 2007 overview, the Corporation for Enterprise Development ranked Delaware as one of only two states to receive "Straight A's" in its assessment of economic development throughout the U.S. Additionally, Delaware is one of only seven states with a AAA bond rating. Delaware's Demographics consistently compare favorably to US economic and demographic averages.

(Most recent available statistics)

	Delaware		National Average	
Average GDP Growth (<i>Average 2006-2007</i>)	(1.6	)%	2.0	%
Unemployment (<i>For January 2009</i>)	6.7	%	8.1	%
Median Household Income (<i>Average 2007</i>)	\$ 55,988		\$ 50,740	
Population Growth (<i>2000-2007</i>)	10.4	%	7.2	%

Balance Sheet Management

We put a great deal of focus on actively managing our balance sheet. This management manifests itself in:

- Strong capital levels. Maintaining strong capital levels is key to our operating philosophy. All regulatory capital levels exceed well-capitalized levels. Our Tier 1 capital ratio was nearly 10% as of December 31, 2008, more than \$100 million in excess of the 6% “well-capitalized” level. Our year end capital ratios do

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not include the additional capital raised in January 2009 through our participation in the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program (described later).

- We maintain discipline around our lending, including planned portfolio diversification. Additionally, we take a proactive approach to identifying trends in our business and lending market and have responded proactively to areas of concern. For instance, we have limited our exposure to construction and land development (CLD) loans as we anticipated an end to the expansion in housing prices. We have also increased our portfolio monitoring and reporting sophistication. We maintain diversification in our loan portfolio to limit our exposure to any single type of credit. Such discipline supplements careful underwriting and the benefits of knowing our customers.
- We seek to avoid credit risk in our investment portfolio and use this portion of our balance sheet primarily to help us manage liquidity and interest rate risk, while providing some marginal income. As a result, we have no exposure to Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae preferred securities, Trust Preferred securities or any securities backed by sub-prime assets. Our securities purchases have been almost exclusively AAA-rated credits. To date, we have had no other-than-temporary impairment losses to report.

We have been subject to many of the same pressures facing the banking industry, including an increase in our delinquent loans, problem loans and charge-offs from the unsustainably low levels in recent years. The measures we have taken strengthen the Bank's credit position by diversifying risk and limiting exposure.

Disciplined and Aggressive Capital Management

We understand that our capital (or shareholders' equity) belongs to our shareholders. They have entrusted this capital to us with the expectation that it will be kept safe, but with the equal expectation that it will earn an adequate return. As a result, we prudently but aggressively manage our shareholders' capital. It is our intention to return some of our earnings to shareholders through share repurchases, which is now subject to approval by the U.S. Treasury, while maintaining adequate levels of capital.

Strong Performance Expectations

We are focused on high-performing long term financial goals. We define "high performing" as the top quintile of a relevant peer group in return on assets (ROA), return on equity (ROE) and earnings per share (EPS) growth. While industry headwinds have depressed these measures for the industry in recent years, long term, we believe these targets should translate to approximately 1.5% ROA, 18% ROE and a 12% EPS growth rate. Management incentives are paid, in large part, based on driving performance in these areas. A "Target" payment level is only achieved by reaching performance at the 60th percentile of a peer group of all publicly traded banks and thrifts in our size range. More details on this plan are included in our proxy statement.

Growth

Our successful long-term trend in lending, deposit gathering and EPS have been the result of our focused strategy that provides the service and responsiveness of a community bank in a consolidating marketplace. We will continue to grow by:

- Recruiting and developing talented, service-minded Associates. We have successfully recruited Associates with strong community ties to strengthen our existing markets and provide a strong start in new communities. We also focus efforts on developing talent and leadership in our current Associate base to better equip those Associates for their jobs and prepare them for leadership roles at WSFS.
- Embracing the Human Sigma concept. We are committed to building Associate engagement and customer advocacy as a way to develop our culture and grow our franchise. We firmly believe franchise and shareholder value are directly linked to our Human Sigma model.

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- Continuing strong growth in commercial lending by:
 - Selectively building a presence in contiguous markets.
 - Providing product solutions like Remote Deposit Capture to facilitate commercial banking outside of our primary market.
 - Offering our community banking model that combines Stellar Service with the banking products and services our business customers demand.

- Aggressively growing deposits. In 2003, we energized our retail branch strategy by combining Stellar Service with an expanded and updated branch network. We have also implemented a number of additional measures to accelerate our deposit growth. We will continue to grow deposits by:
 - Expanding and renovating our retail branch network.
 - Further expanding our commercial customer relationships with deposit products.
 - Finding creative ways to build deposit market share such as hiring deposit-focused relationship managers, and targeted marketing programs.
 - Potential acquisitions such as the branch acquisition we completed in 2008.

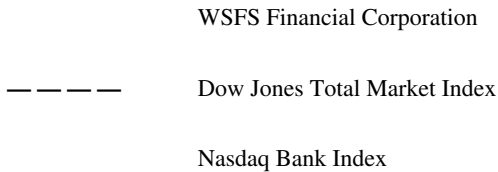
- Growing our wealth management services division by leveraging the strong relationships we have with our current customer base and providing unparalleled service to modestly wealthy clients in our market.

Results

Our focus on these points of differentiation has allowed us to grow our core franchise and build value for our shareholders. Since 2004, our commercial loans have grown from \$903 million to \$1.8 billion, a strong 18% compound annual growth rate (CAGR). Over the same period, customer deposits have grown from \$1.1 billion to \$1.7 billion, a 13% CAGR. More importantly, over the last decade, shareholder value has increased at a far greater rate than our banking peers and the market in general, as is evident in the table below.

Cumulative Total Shareholder Return Compared with Performance of Selected Indexes

December 31, 1997 through December 31, 2008



SUBSIDIARIES

We have two consolidated subsidiaries, WSFS Bank and Montchanin Capital Management, Inc.

WSFS Bank has one wholly owned subsidiary, WSFS Investment Group, Inc., which markets various third-party investment and insurance products, such as single-premium annuities, whole life policies and securities primarily through the Bank's retail banking system and directly to the public.

In addition, WSFS Bank has one majority owned subsidiary, 1st Reverse Financial Services, LLC (1st Reverse). 1st Reverse, a 51% owned subsidiary, is an Illinois-based reverse mortgage company that originates and subsequently sells reverse mortgage loans nationwide.

Montchanin Capital Management, Inc. (“Montchanin”) provides asset management services in our primary market area. Montchanin has one wholly owned subsidiary, Cypress Capital Management, LLC (“Cypress”). Cypress is a Wilmington-based investment advisory firm servicing high net-worth individuals and institutions and had approximately \$410 million in assets under management at December 31, 2008.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Condensed average balance sheets for each of the last three years and analyses of net interest income and changes in net interest income due to changes in volume and rate are presented in "Results of Operations" included in the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

At December 31, 2008, WSFS' total securities portfolio had a carrying value of \$547.9 million. The Company's strategy has been to avoid credit risk in our securities portfolio. Therefore, securities purchases have been limited to AAA-rated securities, except for \$12.4 million in BBB+ rated MBS purchased in conjunction with a 2002 reverse mortgage securitization.

- WSFS owns no CDOs, Bank Trust Preferred, Agency Preferred securities or equity securities in other FDIC insured banks or thrifts.

The portfolio is comprised of:

- \$44.6 million in Federal Agency debt securities with a maturity of four years or less.
- \$194.7 million in "plain vanilla" Agency MBS. Of these, \$103.4 million are sequential pay CMOs with no contingent cash flows and \$91.3 million are Agency MBS with 10-15 year original final maturities.
- \$292.7 million in Non-Agency MBS. The quality of this portfolio is evidenced by:
 - Diversification among more than 75 different pools.
 - Significant seasoning, with 85% of underlying loans originated in 2005 or earlier, and 15% originated in 2006.
 - Heavy continuing principal amortization, as more than 95% of these bonds were originally 15-year pass-through cash flows.
 - Strong fundamental characteristics, with an average loan-to-value of 42% (based on scheduled amortization and initial appraised value) with an average FICO score (at origination) well above 700. Only 11% of the collateral is classified as Alt-A loans and none are classified as sub-prime.

Only four of the 75 bonds, with a market value of \$11.3 million, were downgraded in 2008. Based on stress tests of these four bonds using proprietary models of two independent companies, management believes the collection of the contractual principal and interest is probable and therefore the unrealized losses are considered to be temporary.

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Our short-term investment portfolio is intended to keep the Bank's funds fully employed at the maximum after-tax return, while maintaining acceptable credit, market and interest-rate risk limits, and providing needed liquidity under current circumstances. In addition, our short-term taxable investments provide collateral for various Bank obligations. Our short-term municipal securities provide for a portion of the Bank's CRA investment program. Amortized cost of investment securities and short-term investments by category, stated in dollar amounts and as a percent of total assets, follow:

	December 31,		2007		2006				
	Amount	Percent of Assets	Amount	Percent of Assets	Amount	Percent of Assets			
	(Dollars in Thousands)								
<u>Held-to-Maturity:</u>									
State and political subdivisions	\$ 1,181	0.1	%	\$ 1,516	0.1	%	\$ 4,219	0.1	%
<u>Available-for-Sale:</u>									
Reverse Mortgages	(61	)	—	2,037	0.1		598	—	
State and political subdivisions	4,020	0.1		4,115	0.1		2,785	0.1	
U.S. Government and agencies	43,778	1.3		20,477	0.6		46,920	1.6	
	47,737	1.4		26,629	0.8		50,303	1.7	
<u>Short-term investments:</u>									
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	216	—		1,078	—		243	—	
	\$ 49,134	1.4	%	\$ 29,223	0.9	%	\$ 54,765	1.8	%

There were no sales of investment securities classified as available-for-sale during 2008 and 2007. Municipal bonds totaling \$440,000 were called by the issuers during 2008. There were no net losses realized on sales in either 2008 or 2007. Proceeds from the sale of investments classified as available-for-sale during 2006 were \$11.0 million. There was a net loss of \$41,000 realized on sales in 2006. The cost basis for all investment security sales was based on the specific identification method. There were no sales of investment securities classified as held-to-maturity in 2008, 2007 or 2006.

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The following table shows the terms to maturity and related weighted average yields of investment securities and short-term investments at December 31, 2008. Substantially all of the related interest and dividends represent taxable income.

	At December 31, 2008		
	Amount	Weighted Average Yield (1)	
	(Dollars in Thousands)		
<u>Held-to-Maturity:</u>			
State and political subdivisions (2):			
Within one year	\$ —	—	%
After one but within five years	630	7.53	
After ten years	551	5.32	
 Total debt securities, held-to-maturity	 1,181	 6.50	
<u>Available-for-Sale:</u>			
Reverse Mortgages (3):			
Within one year	\$ (61)	—	
State and political subdivisions (2):			
Within one year	855	3.85	
After one but within five years	1,890	4.13	
After five but within ten years	1,275	4.31	
	4,020	4.13	
U.S. Government and agencies:			
Within one year	\$ 4,001	4.08	
After one but within five years	39,777	3.19	
	43,778	3.27	
 Total debt securities, available-for-sale	 47,737	 3.34	
 Total debt securities	 48,918	 3.42	
<u>Short-term investments:</u>			
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	216	0.30	
 Total short-term investments	 216	 0.30	
	\$ 49,134	3.41	%

(1) Reverse mortgages have been excluded from weighted average yield calculations because income can vary significantly from reporting period to reporting period due to the volatility of factors used to value the portfolio.

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- (2) Yields on state and political subdivisions are not calculated on a tax-equivalent basis since the effect would be immaterial.
- (3) Reverse mortgages do not have contractual maturities. We have included reverse mortgages in maturities within one year.

In addition to these investment securities, we have maintained an investment portfolio of mortgage-backed securities, \$10.8 million of which is classified as "trading" that are BBB+ rated and were purchased in conjunction with a 2002 reverse mortgage securitization. At December 31, 2008, mortgage-backed securities with a par value of \$314.5 million were pledged as collateral for retail customer repurchase agreements and municipal deposits. Accrued interest receivable for mortgage-backed securities was \$2.1 million and \$2.0 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. There were no sales of mortgage-backed securities available-for-sale

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in 2008. In 2007, proceeds from the sale of mortgage-backed securities available-for-sale were \$2.7 million, resulting in a gain of \$82,000.

The following table shows the amortized cost of mortgage-backed securities and their related weighted average contractual rates at the end of the last three fiscal years.

	December 31,			2007			2006	
	2008			Amount	Rate		Amount	Rate
	Amount	Rate		Amount	Rate		Amount	Rate
	(Dollars in thousands)							
<u>Available-for-Sale:</u>								
Collateralized mortgage obligations	\$ 419,177	5.48 %		\$ 407,113	4.97 %		\$ 424,748	4.88 %
FNMA	35,578	4.19		35,654	4.04		42,254	4.05
FHLMC	30,477	4.44		31,357	4.31		31,121	4.29
GNMA	22,536	5.01		15,923	4.73		19,115	4.72
	\$ 507,768	5.31 %		\$ 490,047	4.85 %		\$ 517,238	4.77 %
<u>Trading:</u>								
Collateralized mortgage obligations	\$ 10,816	3.47 %		\$ 12,364	7.79 %		\$ 12,364	8.35 %

CREDIT EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Over the past several years we have focused on increasing the more profitable segments of our loan portfolio. Our current lending activity is concentrated on lending to small-to mid-sized businesses in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States primarily in Delaware and contiguous counties in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey. In 2004, residential first mortgage loans comprised 28.9% of the loan portfolio, while the combination of commercial loans and commercial real estate loans made up only 59.0%. In contrast, at December 31, 2008, residential first loans totaled only 17.4%, while commercial loans and commercial real estate loans have increased to a combined total of 71.8% of the loan portfolio. Traditionally, the majority of typical thrift institutions' loan portfolios have consisted of first mortgage loans on residential properties.

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The following table shows the composition of our loan portfolio at year-end for the last five years. Except as shown below, there are no concentrations of loans exceeding 10% of total loans.

<u>Types of Loans</u>	December 31, 2008		2007		2006		2005		2004						
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent					
	(Dollars in Thousands)														
Residential real estate (1)	\$425,018	17.4	%	\$449,853	20.1	%	\$474,871	23.5	%	\$457,651	25.8	%	\$443,023	28.9	%
Commercial real estate:															
Commercial mortgage	558,979	22.9		465,928	20.9		422,089	20.9		410,552	23.1		416,287	27.1	
Construction	251,508	10.3		276,939	12.4		241,931	12.0		178,418	10.0		120,604	7.9	
Total commercial real estate	810,487	33.2		742,867	33.3		664,020	32.9		588,970	33.1		536,891	35.0	
Commercial	942,920	38.6		787,539	35.3		643,918	31.9		508,930	28.7		368,752	24.0	
Consumer	296,728	12.1		278,272	12.4		263,478	13.0		244,820	13.8		210,959	13.7	
Gross loans	\$2,475,153	101.3		\$2,258,531	101.1		\$2,046,287	101.3		\$1,800,371	101.4		\$1,559,625	101.6	
Less:															
Deferred fees (unearned income)	129	0.0		(701)	0.0		(838)	0.0		(304)	0.0		(64)	0.0	
Allowance for loan losses	31,189	1.7		25,252	1.1		27,384	1.3		25,381	1.4		24,222	1.6	
Net loans	\$2,443,835	100.0	%	\$2,233,980	100.0	%	\$2,019,741	100.0	%	\$1,775,294	100.0	%	\$1,535,467	100.0	%

(1) Includes \$2,275, \$2,404, \$925, \$438 and \$3,249 of residential mortgage loans held-for-sale at December 31, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

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The following tables show how much time remains until our loans mature. The first table details the total loan portfolio by type of loan. The second table details the total loan portfolio by loans with fixed interest rates and loans with adjustable interest rates. The tables show loans by contractual maturity. Loans may be pre-paid so that the actual maturity may be earlier than the contractual maturity. Prepayments tend to be highly dependent upon the interest rate environment. Loans having no stated maturity or repayment schedule are reported in the Less than One Year category.

	Less than One Year	One to Five Years	Over Five Years	Total
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
Real estate loans (1)	\$ 165,797	\$ 307,454	\$ 508,467	\$ 981,718
Construction loans	189,544	55,702	6,262	251,508
Commercial loans	347,146	399,234	196,540	942,920
Consumer loans	169,891	54,006	72,831	296,728
	\$ 872,378	\$ 816,396	\$ 784,100	\$ 2,472,874
Rate sensitivity:				
Fixed	\$ 86,223	\$ 351,865	\$ 288,423	\$ 726,511
Adjustable (2)	786,155	464,531	495,677	1,746,363
Gross loans	\$ 872,378	\$ 816,396	\$ 784,100	\$ 2,472,874

(1) Includes commercial mortgage loans and does not include loans held-for-sale.

(2) Includes hybrid adjustable rate mortgages.

Residential Real Estate Lending.

We generally originate residential mortgage loans with loan-to-value ratios of up to 80% and require private mortgage insurance for up to 30% of the mortgage amount for mortgage loans with loan-to-value ratios exceeding 80%. We do not have any significant concentrations of such insurance with any one insurer. On a limited basis, we originate or purchase loans with loan-to-value ratios exceeding 80% without a private mortgage insurance requirement. At December 31, 2008, the balance of all such loans was approximately \$4.2 million.

Generally, our residential mortgage loans are underwritten and documented in accordance with standard underwriting criteria published by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC") to assure maximum eligibility for subsequent sale in the secondary market. We sell only those loans that are originated specifically with the intention to sell.

To protect the propriety of our liens, we require that title insurance be obtained. We also require fire and extended coverage casualty insurance for properties securing residential loans. All properties securing residential loans made by us are appraised by independent, licensed and certified appraisers selected by us and are subject to review in accordance with our standards.

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The majority of our adjustable-rate, residential real estate loans have interest rates that adjust yearly after an initial period. Typically, the change in rate is limited to two percentage points at the adjustment date. Adjustments are generally based upon a margin (currently 2.75%) over the weekly average yield on U.S. Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity, as published by the Federal Reserve Board.

Generally, the maximum rate on these loans is up to six percent above the initial interest rate. We underwrite adjustable-rate loans under standards consistent with private mortgage insurance and secondary

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market criteria. We do not originate adjustable-rate mortgages with payment limitations that could produce negative amortization. Consistent with industry practice in our market area, we typically originate adjustable-rate mortgage loans with discounted initial interest rates.

The retention of adjustable-rate mortgage loans in our loan portfolio helps mitigate our risk to changes in interest rates. However, there are unquantifiable credit risks resulting from potential increased costs to the borrower as a result of repricing adjustable-rate mortgage loans. It is possible that during periods of rising interest rates, the risk of default on adjustable-rate mortgage loans may increase due to the upward adjustment of interest costs to the borrower. Further, although adjustable-rate mortgage loans allow us to increase the sensitivity of our asset base to changes in interest rates, the extent of this interest sensitivity is limited by the periodic and lifetime interest rate adjustment limitations. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that yields on our adjustable-rate mortgages will adjust sufficiently to compensate for increases to our cost of funds during periods of extreme interest rate increases.

The original contractual loan payment period for residential loans is normally 10 to 30 years. Because borrowers may refinance or prepay their loans without penalty, these loans tend to remain outstanding for a substantially shorter period of time. First mortgage loans customarily include “due-on-sale” clauses on adjustable- and fixed-rate loans. This provision gives us the right to declare a loan immediately due and payable in the event the borrower sells or otherwise disposes of the real property subject to the mortgage. Due-on-sale clauses are an important means of adjusting the rate on existing fixed-rate mortgage loans to current market rates. We enforce due-on-sale clauses through foreclosure and other legal proceedings to the extent available under applicable laws.

In general, loans are sold without recourse except for the repurchase arising from standard contract provisions covering violation of representations and warranties or, under certain investor contracts, a default by the borrower on the first payment. We also have limited recourse exposure under certain investor contracts in the event a borrower prepays a loan in total within a specified period after sale, typically one year. The recourse is limited to a pro rata portion of the premium paid by the investor for that loan, less any prepayment penalty collectible from the borrower.

We have a very limited amount of subprime loans, \$16.9 million, at December 31, 2008 (0.7% of loans), many originated in 2003, and no negative amortizing loans or interest only loans. Subprime mortgage delinquencies of 3.20% in our small portfolio are a fraction of the national average of 20.47%, due to our underwriting and the seasoning of these loans.

Commercial Real Estate, Construction and Commercial Lending.

Federal savings banks are generally permitted to invest up to 400% of their total regulatory capital in nonresidential real estate loans and up to 20% of its assets in commercial loans. As a federal savings bank that was formerly chartered as a Delaware savings bank, we have certain additional lending authority.

We offer commercial real estate mortgage loans on multi-family properties and other commercial real estate. Generally, loan-to-value ratios for these loans do not exceed 80% of appraised value at origination.

We offer commercial construction loans to developers. In some cases these loans are made as “construction/permanent” loans, which provides for disbursement of loan funds during construction and automatic conversion to mini-permanent loans (1-5 years) upon completion of construction. These construction loans are made on a short-term basis, usually not exceeding two years, with interest rates indexed to our prime rate or London InterBank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”), in most cases, and adjusted periodically as these rates change. The loan appraisal process includes the

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same evaluation criteria as required for permanent mortgage loans, but also takes into consideration: completed plans, specifications, comparables and cost estimates. Prior to approval of the credit, these items are used as a basis to determine the appraised value of the subject

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property when completed. Our policy requires that all appraisals be reviewed independently from our commercial lending staff. Generally, at origination, the loan-to-value ratios for construction loans do not exceed 75%. The initial interest rate on the permanent portion of the financing is determined by the prevailing market rate at the time of conversion to the permanent loan. At December 31, 2008, \$459.8 million was committed for construction loans, of which \$251.5 million was outstanding.

The remainder of our commercial lending includes loans for working capital, financing equipment acquisitions, business expansion and other business purposes. These loans generally range in amounts up to \$10 million, and their terms range from less than one year to seven years. The loans generally carry variable interest rates indexed to our prime rate or LIBOR, at the time of closing. We have no loans to any one industry with a concentration greater than 10.0% (Health Care and Social Assistance).

Commercial, commercial mortgage and construction lending have a higher level of risk than residential mortgage lending. These loans typically involve larger loan balances concentrated with single borrowers or groups of related borrowers. In addition, the payment experience on loans secured by income-producing properties is typically dependent on the successful operation of the related real estate project and may be more subject to adverse conditions in the commercial real estate market or in the economy generally. The majority of our commercial and commercial real estate loans are concentrated in Delaware and surrounding areas.

Construction loans involve additional risk because loan funds are advanced as construction projects progress. The valuation of the underlying collateral can be difficult to quantify prior to the completion of the construction. This is due to uncertainties inherent in construction such as changing construction costs, delays arising from labor or material shortages and other unpredictable contingencies. We attempt to mitigate these risks and plan for these contingencies through additional analysis and monitoring of our construction projects. Construction loans receive independent inspections prior to disbursement of funds.

As of December 31, 2008, our construction and land development (CLD) loans represented \$229 million, or only 9.2% of our loan portfolio. Residential CLD, one of the hardest hit sectors in today's economy, represents only \$142 million or 5.7% of the loan portfolio. Our average residential CLD loan is \$1.4 million. Only eight of our residential CLD loans exceeded \$5 million in outstandings. We currently limit each category to 8% of total loans. Our largest geographic concentration (Sussex County, Delaware) represents only \$40 million.

Only four commercial relationships have outstandings in excess of \$20 million and each of these relationships is collateralized by real estate or US Treasury securities.

Land loans were \$114 million at December 31, 2008 including \$44 million of "land held" loans which are land loans not currently being developed.

Federal law limits the extensions of credit to any one borrower to 15% of unimpaired capital, or 25% if the difference is secured by readily marketable collateral having a market value that can be determined by reliable and continually available pricing. Extensions of credit include outstanding loans as well as contractual commitments to advance funds, such as standby letters of credit, but do not include unfunded loan commitments. At December 31, 2008, no borrower had collective outstandings exceeding these limits.

Consumer Lending.

Our primary consumer credit products are home equity lines of credit and equity-secured installment loans. At December 31, 2008, home equity lines of credit totaled \$142.9 million and equity-secured installment loans totaled \$131.6 million. In total these product lines represent 93% of total consumer loans. Some home equity products granted a borrower credit availability of up to 100% of the appraised value (net of

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any senior mortgages) of their residence. Maximum LTV limits were reduced to 80% as of November 2008. At December 31, 2008, we had extended \$248.6 million in home equity lines of credit. Home equity lines of credit offer customers with potential Federal income tax advantages, the convenience of checkbook access and revolving credit features and are typically more attractive in the current low interest rate environment. Home equity lines of credit expose us to the risk that falling collateral values may leave us inadequately secured, while the risk on products like home equity loans is mitigated as they amortize over time.

Prior to 2008, we had not observed any significant adverse experience on home equity lines of credit or equity-secured installment loans but delinquencies and net charge-offs on these products increased in 2008, mainly as a result of the deteriorating economy and declining home values. During 2008, we also increased our loan loss reserves related to consumer loans.

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The following table shows our consumer loans at year-end, for the last five years.

	December 31,		2007		2006		2005		2004						
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent					
	(Dollars in Thousands)														
Equity secured installment loans	\$ 131,550	44.3	%	\$ 147,551	53.0	%	\$ 141,708	53.8	%	\$ 136,721	55.8	%	\$ 131,935	62.6	%
Home equity lines of credit	142,949	48.2		108,873	39.1		100,981	38.3		87,503	35.7		56,755	26.9	
Automobile	1,134	0.4		1,159	0.4		1,702	0.7		2,616	1.1		5,126	2.4	
Unsecured lines of credit	5,508	1.9		5,011	1.8		8,947	3.4		8,780	3.6		9,338	4.4	
Other	15,587	5.2		15,678	5.7		10,140	3.8		9,200	3.8		7,805	3.7	
Total consumer loans	\$ 296,728	100	%	\$ 278,272	100	%	\$ 263,478	100.0	%	\$ 244,820	100.0	%	\$ 210,959	100.0	%

Loan Originations, Purchase and Sales.

We have engaged in traditional lending activities primarily in Delaware and contiguous areas of neighboring states. As a federal savings bank, however, we may originate, purchase and sell loans throughout the United States. We have purchased limited amounts of loans from outside our normal lending area when such purchases are deemed appropriate. We originate fixed-rate and adjustable-rate residential real estate loans through our banking offices. In addition, we have established relationships with correspondent banks and mortgage brokers to originate loans.

During 2008, we originated \$435 million of residential real estate loans. This compares to originations of \$671 million in 2007. From time to time, we have purchased whole loans and loan participations in accordance with our ongoing asset and liability management objectives. Purchases of residential real estate loans from correspondents and brokers primarily in the mid-Atlantic region totaled \$27.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 and \$53.0 million for 2007. Residential real estate loan sales totaled \$30 million in 2008, \$26.0 million in 2007 and \$33.0 million in 2006. We sell certain newly originated mortgage loans in the secondary market primarily to control the interest rate sensitivity of our balance sheet and to manage overall balance sheet mix. We hold certain fixed-rate mortgage loans for investment consistent with our current asset/liability management strategies.

Our residential real estate portfolio includes only \$16.9 million of sub-prime mortgage loans (less than 1% of our loan portfolio). Most of our subprime portfolio is well seasoned as is evidenced by our low charge-offs and delinquency ratios. Of these loans \$368,000 were in nonaccrual status as of December 31, 2008. Net charge offs in this portfolio for the year were minimal at \$32,000 or 19 basis points.

At December 31, 2008, we serviced approximately \$269 million of residential mortgage loans for others compared to \$255 million at December 31, 2007. We also service residential mortgage loans for our own portfolio totaling \$423 million and \$447 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

We originate commercial real estate and commercial loans through our commercial lending division. Commercial loans are made for working capital, financing equipment acquisitions, business expansion and other business purposes. During 2008, we originated \$870 million of commercial and commercial real estate loans compared with \$908 million in 2007. To reduce our exposure on certain types of these loans, or to maintain relationships within internal lending limits, at times we will sell a portion of our commercial real estate loan portfolio, typically through loan participations. Commercial real estate loan sales totaled \$39.3 million and \$19.3 million in 2008 and 2007, respectively. These amounts represent gross contract amounts and do not reflect amounts outstanding on those loans.

Our consumer lending activity is conducted through our branch offices, through correspondent banks and mortgage brokers. We originate a variety of consumer credit products including home improvement loans, home equity lines of credit, automobile loans, unsecured lines of credit and other secured and unsecured personal installment loans. During 2008, consumer loan originations amounted to \$19.3 million compared to \$19.0 million in 2007.

During 2006, we formed a new reverse mortgage initiative under the Bank's retail leadership. While the Bank's activity during 2008 has been limited to acting as a correspondent for these loans, our intention is to originate and underwrite our own reverse mortgages in the future. We expect to sell most of these loans and not hold them in our portfolio. These reverse mortgages are government approved and insured.

During 2008, we acquired a majority interest in 1st Reverse Financial Services, LLC (1st Reverse), which specializes in originating and subsequently selling reverse mortgage loans nationwide. These reverse mortgages are government approved and insured.

All loans to one borrowing relationship exceeding \$3.5 million must be approved by the Senior Management Loan Committee ("SLC"). The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors ("EC") reviews the minutes of the SLC meetings. They also approve individual loans exceeding \$5 million for customers with less than one year of significant loan history with the Bank and loans in excess of \$7.5 million for customers with established borrowing relationships. Depending upon their experience and management position, individual officers of the Bank have the authority to approve smaller loan amounts. Our credit policy includes a "House Limit" to one borrowing relationship of \$20 million. In extraordinary circumstances, we will approve exceptions to the "House Limit". The largest is a borrowing relationship of \$34.3 million, which the EC approved. This borrowing is secured by U.S. Treasury securities which have a value at maturity equal to or exceeding the aggregate loan principal.

Fee Income from Lending Activities.

We earn fee income from lending activities, including fees for originating loans, servicing loans and selling loan participations. We also receive fee income for making commitments to originate construction, residential and commercial real estate loans. Additionally, we collect fees related to existing loans which include prepayment charges, late charges and assumption fees.

We charge fees for making loan commitments. Also as part of the loan application process, the borrower may pay us for out-of-pocket costs to review the application, whether or not the loan is closed.

Most loan fees are not recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations immediately, but are deferred as adjustments of yield in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and are reflected in interest income. Those fees represented interest income of \$1.1 million, \$124,000, and \$425,000 during 2008, 2007, and 2006, respectively. The increase in fee income in 2008 was mainly the result of several large prepayment penalties received during the year. Loan fees other than those considered adjustments of yield (such as late charges) are reported as loan fee income, a component of noninterest income.

LOAN LOSS EXPERIENCE, PROBLEM ASSETS AND DELINQUENCIES

Our results of operations can be negatively impacted by nonperforming assets, which include nonaccruing loans, nonperforming real estate investments and assets acquired through foreclosure. Nonaccruing loans are those on which the accrual of interest has ceased. Loans are placed on nonaccrual status immediately if, in the opinion of management, collection is doubtful, or when principal or interest is past due 90 days or more and collateral is insufficient to cover principal and interest. Interest accrued, but not collected at the date a loan is placed on nonaccrual status, is reversed and charged against interest income. In addition, the amortization of net deferred loan fees is suspended when a loan is placed on nonaccrual status. Subsequent cash receipts are applied either to the outstanding principal balance or recorded as interest income, depending on management's assessment of the ultimate collectability of principal and interest.

We endeavor to manage our portfolio to identify problem loans as promptly as possible and take immediate actions to minimize losses. To accomplish this, our Risk Management Department monitors the asset quality of our loan and investment in real estate portfolios and reports such information to the Credit Policy Committee, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and the Bank's Controller's Department.

SOURCES OF FUNDS

We manage our liquidity risk and funding needs through our treasury function and our Asset/Liability Committee. Historically, we have had success in growing our loan portfolio. For example, during the year ended December 31, 2008, net loan growth resulted in the net use of \$236.7 million in cash. The loan growth was primarily the result of our continued success in increasing corporate and small business lending. Management expects this trend to continue. While our loan-to-deposit ratio has been well above 100% for many years, management has significant experience managing its funding needs through borrowings and deposit growth.

As a financial institution, we have ready access to several sources of funding. Among these are:

- Deposit growth
- Brokered deposits
- Borrowing from the FHLB
- Fed Discount Window access
- Other borrowings such as repurchase agreements
- Cash flow from securities and loan sales and repayments
- Net income.

Our current branch expansion and renovation program is focused on expanding our retail footprint in Delaware and attracting new customers to provide additional deposit growth. Customer deposit growth was strong, equaling \$227.9 million, or 15%, between December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008. During 2008 we acquired six Delaware branches from Sun National Bank, including \$95.3 million in customer deposit accounts.

Deposits. We offer various deposit programs to our customers, including savings accounts, demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market deposit accounts and certificates of deposits. In addition, we accept “jumbo” certificates of deposit with balances in excess of \$100,000 from individuals, businesses and municipalities in Delaware.

WSFS is the second largest independent full service banking institution headquartered and operating in Delaware. The Bank primarily attracts deposits through its system of 35 retail banking offices (as of December 31, 2008). Twenty-four banking offices were located in northern Delaware’s New Castle County, WSFS’ primary market. These banking offices maintain approximately 156,000 total account relationships with approximately 60,000 total households. Four banking offices are located in central Delaware’s Kent County, two of which are in the state capital, Dover. Four banking offices are located in Delaware’s Sussex County and three other banking offices are located in nearby southeastern Pennsylvania.

The following table shows the maturity of certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more as of December 31, 2008:

<u>Maturity Period</u>	December 31, 2008 (In Thousands)
Less than 3 months	\$ 104,129
Over 3 months to 6 months	70,890
Over 6 months to 12 months	73,731
Over 12 months	50,921
	\$ 299,671

Borrowings. We utilize the following borrowing sources to fund operations:

Federal Home Loan Bank Advances

As a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, we are able to obtain Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”) advances. Advances from the FHLB of Pittsburgh had rates ranging from 0.57% to 5.45% at December 31, 2008. Pursuant to collateral agreements with the FHLB, the advances are secured by qualifying first mortgage loans, qualifying fixed-income securities, FHLB stock and an interest-bearing demand deposit account with the FHLB. We are required to acquire and hold shares of capital stock in the FHLB of Pittsburgh in an amount at least equal to 4.65% of its borrowings from them, plus 0.65% of our unused borrowing capacity. As of December 31, 2008, our FHLB stock investment totaled \$39.3 million.

At December 31, 2008 we had \$816.0 million in FHLB advances. Eight advances are outstanding at December 31, 2008 totaling \$180.0 million, with a weighted average rate of 4.37% maturing in 2009 and beyond. At the discretion of the FHLB, these eight advances are convertible quarterly to a variable rate advance based upon a three-month LIBOR rate, after an initial fixed term. If any of these advances convert, we have the option to prepay these advances at predetermined times or rates.

In December 2008, the FHLB of Pittsburgh announced the suspension of both dividend payments and the repurchase of capital stock until such time as it becomes prudent to reinstate both. During 2008 we received \$1.5 million in dividends from the FHLB of Pittsburgh.

Trust Preferred Borrowings

In 2005, we issued \$67.0 million aggregate principal amount of Pooled Floating Rate Securities at a variable interest rate of 177 basis points over the three-month LIBOR rate. The proceeds from this issuance were used to fund the redemption of \$51.5 million of Floating Rate Capital Trust I Preferred Securities which had a variable interest rate of 250 basis points over the three-month LIBOR rate.

Federal Funds Purchased and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase

During 2008, we purchased federal funds as a short-term funding source. At December 31, 2008, we had purchased \$50.0 million in federal funds at a rate of 0.38%. At December 31, 2007, we also had \$50.0 million in federal funds purchased.

During 2008, we sold securities under agreements to repurchase as a funding source. At December 31, 2008, securities sold under agreements to repurchase had a fixed rate of 4.87%. The underlying securities are mortgage-backed securities with a book value of \$29.5 million at December 31, 2008.

PERSONNEL

As of December 31, 2008 we had 633 full-time equivalent Associates (employees). The Associates are not represented by a collective bargaining unit. Management believes its relationship with its Associates is very good.

REGULATION

Regulation of the Corporation

General. We are a registered savings and loan holding company and are subject to the regulation, examination, supervision and reporting requirements of the Office of Thrift Supervision (“OTS”). We are also a registered public company subject to the reporting requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. The filings we make with Securities and Exchange Commission, including Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports, are available on the investor relations page of our website at www.wsfsbank.com.

Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) has promulgated new regulations pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Act”) and may continue to propose additional implementing or clarifying regulations as necessary in furtherance of the Act. The passage of the Act and the regulations implemented by the SEC subject publicly-traded companies to additional and more cumbersome reporting regulations and disclosure. Compliance with the Act and corresponding regulations has increased our expenses.

Restrictions on Acquisitions. A savings and loan holding company must obtain the prior approval of the Director of OTS before acquiring (i) control of any other savings association or savings and loan holding company or substantially all the assets thereof, or (ii) more than 5% of the voting shares of a savings association or holding company thereof which is not a subsidiary. Except with the prior approval of the Director of OTS, no director or officer of a savings and loan holding company or person owning or controlling by proxy or otherwise more than 25% of such company’s stock, may also acquire control of any savings association, other than a subsidiary savings association, or of any other savings and loan holding company.

The OTS may only approve acquisitions resulting in the formation of a multiple savings and loan holding company which controls savings associations in more than one state if: (i) the company involved controls a savings institution which operated a home or branch office in the state of the association to be acquired as of March 5, 1987; (ii) the acquirer is authorized to acquire control of the savings association pursuant to the emergency acquisition provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; or (iii) the statutes of the state in which the association to be acquired is located specifically permit institutions to be acquired by state-chartered associations or savings and loan holding companies located in the state where the acquiring entity is located (or by a holding company that controls such state-chartered savings institutions). The laws of Delaware do not specifically authorize out-of-state savings associations or their holding companies to acquire Delaware-chartered savings associations.

The statutory restrictions on the formation of interstate multiple holding companies would not prevent us from entering into other states by mergers or branching. OTS regulations permit federal associations to branch in any state or states of the United States and its territories. Except in supervisory cases or when interstate branching is otherwise permitted by state law or other statutory provision, a federal association may not establish an out-of-state branch unless the federal association qualifies as a “domestic building and loan association” under Section 7701(a)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code or as a “qualified thrift lender” under the Home Owners’ Loan Act and the total assets attributable to all branches of the association in the state would qualify such branches taken as a whole for treatment as a domestic building and loan association or qualified thrift lender. Federal associations generally may not establish new branches unless the association meets or exceeds minimum regulatory capital requirements. The OTS will also consider the association’s record of compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 in connection with any branch application.

Recent Legislative and Regulatory Initiatives to Address the Current Financial and Economic Crisis Congress, the United States Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) and the federal banking regulators, including the FDIC, have taken broad action since early September 2008 to address volatility in the

U.S. banking system and financial markets. See “Recent Legislation” under Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for further discussion.

Regulation of WSFS Bank

General. As a federally chartered savings institution, the Bank is subject to extensive regulation by the Office of Thrift Supervision. The lending activities and other investments of the Bank must comply with various federal regulatory requirements. The OTS periodically examines the Bank for compliance with regulatory requirements. The FDIC also has the authority to conduct special examinations of the Bank. The Bank must file reports with the OTS describing its activities and financial condition. The Bank is also subject to certain reserve requirements promulgated by the Federal Reserve Board.

Transactions with Affiliates; Tying Arrangements. The Bank is subject to certain restrictions in its dealings with us and our affiliates. Transactions between savings associations and any affiliate are governed by Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act. An affiliate of a savings association, generally, is any company or entity which controls or is under common control with the savings association or any subsidiary of the savings association that is a bank or savings association. In a holding company context, the parent holding company of a savings association (such as “WSFS Financial Corporation”) and any companies which are controlled by such parent holding company are affiliates of the savings association. Generally, Sections 23A and 23B (i) limit the extent to which the savings institution or its subsidiaries may engage in “covered transactions” with any one affiliate to an amount equal to 10% of such institution’s capital stock and surplus, and limit the aggregate of all such transactions with all affiliates to an amount equal to 20% of such capital stock and surplus and (ii) require that all such transactions be on terms substantially the same, or at least as favorable, to the institution or subsidiary as those provided to a non-affiliate. The term “covered transaction” includes the making of loans, purchase of assets, issuance of a guarantee and similar types of transactions. In addition to the restrictions imposed by Sections 23A and 23B, no savings association may (i) lend or otherwise extend credit to an affiliate that engages in any activity impermissible for bank holding companies, or (ii) purchase or invest in any stocks, bonds, debentures, notes or similar obligations of any affiliate, except for affiliates which are subsidiaries of the savings association. Savings associations are also prohibited from extending credit, offering services, or fixing or varying the consideration for any extension of credit or service on the condition that the customer obtain some additional service from the institution or certain of its affiliates or that the customer not obtain services from a competitor of the institution, subject to certain limited exceptions.

Regulatory Capital Requirements. Under OTS capital regulations, savings institutions must maintain “tangible” capital equal to 1.5% of adjusted total assets, “Tier 1” or “core” capital equal to 4% of adjusted total assets (or 3% if the institution is rated composite 1 under the OTS examiner rating system), and “total” capital (a combination of core and “supplementary” capital) equal to 8% of risk-weighted assets. In addition, OTS regulations impose certain restrictions on savings associations that have a total risk-based capital ratio that is less than 8.0%, a ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of less than 4.0% or a ratio of Tier 1 capital to adjusted total assets of less than 4.0% (or 3.0% if the institution is rated Composite 1 under the OTS examination rating system). For purposes of these regulations, Tier 1 capital has the same definition as core capital.

The OTS capital rule defines Tier 1 or core capital as common stockholders’ equity (including retained earnings), noncumulative perpetual preferred stock and related surplus, minority interests in the equity accounts of fully consolidated subsidiaries, certain nonwithdrawable accounts and pledged deposits of mutual institutions and “qualifying supervisory goodwill,” less intangible assets other than certain supervisory goodwill and, subject to certain limitations, mortgage and non-mortgage servicing rights, purchased credit card relationships and credit-enhancing interest only strips. Tangible capital is given the same definition as core capital but does not include qualifying supervisory goodwill and is reduced by the amount of all the savings

institution's intangible assets except for limited amounts of mortgage servicing assets. The OTS capital rule requires that core and tangible capital be reduced by an amount equal to a savings institution's debt and equity investments in "non-includable" subsidiaries engaged in activities not permissible to national banks, other than subsidiaries engaged in activities undertaken as agent for customers or in mortgage banking activities and subsidiary depository institutions or their holding companies. At December 31, 2008, the Bank was in compliance with both the core and tangible capital requirements.

The risk weights assigned by the OTS risk-based capital regulation range from 0% for cash and U.S. government securities to 100% for consumer and commercial loans, non-qualifying mortgage loans, property acquired through foreclosure, assets more than 90 days past due and other assets. In determining compliance with the risk-based capital requirement, a savings institution may include both core capital and supplementary capital in its total capital, provided the amount of supplementary capital included does not exceed the savings institution's core capital. Supplementary capital is defined to include certain preferred stock issues, non-withdrawable accounts and pledged deposits that do not qualify as core capital, certain approved subordinated debt, certain other capital instruments, general loan loss allowances up to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets and up to 45% of unrealized gains on available-for-sale equity securities with readily determinable fair values. Total capital is reduced by the amount of the institution's reciprocal holdings of depository institution capital instruments and all equity investments. At December 31, 2007, WSFS Bank was in compliance with the OTS risk-based capital requirements.

Dividend Restrictions. As the subsidiary of a savings and loan holding company, WSFS bank must submit notice to the OTS prior to making any capital distribution (which includes cash dividends and payments to shareholders of another institution in a cash merger). In addition, a savings association must make application to the OTS to pay a capital distribution if (x) the association would not be adequately capitalized following the distribution, (y) the association's total distributions for the calendar year exceeds the association's net income for the calendar year to date plus its net income (less distributions) for the preceding two years, or (z) the distribution would otherwise violate applicable law or regulation or an agreement with or condition imposed by the OTS.

Insurance of Deposit Accounts. The Bank's deposits are insured to applicable limits by the FDIC ("Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation"). Although the FDIC is authorized to assess premiums under a risk-based system for such deposit insurance, most insured depository institutions have not been required to pay premiums for the last ten years. The Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 (the "Reform Act"), which was signed into law on February 15, 2006, resulted in significant changes to the federal deposit insurance program: (i) effective March 31, 2006, the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund were merged into a new combined fund, called the Deposit Insurance Fund ("DIF"); (ii) the current \$100,000 deposit insurance coverage will be indexed for inflation (with adjustments every five years, commencing January 1, 2011); and (iii) deposit insurance coverage for retirement accounts was increased to \$250,000 per participant subject to adjustment for inflation. In addition, the Reform Act gave the FDIC greater latitude in setting the assessment rates for insured depository institutions, which could be used to impose minimum assessments.

Due to the recent difficult economic conditions, deposit insurance per account owner has been raised to \$250,000 for all types of accounts until January 1, 2010. In addition, the FDIC adopted an optional Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program by which, for a fee, noninterest bearing transaction accounts would receive unlimited insurance coverage until December 31, 2009 and, for a fee, certain senior unsecured debt issued by institutions and their holding companies between October 13, 2008 and June 30, 2009 would be guaranteed by the FDIC through June 30, 2012. The Bank made the business decision to participate in the unlimited noninterest bearing transaction account coverage and the Bank and the Company elected to participate in the unsecured debt guarantee program. The assessments for unlimited noninterest bearing transaction account coverage will total 10 basis points per \$100 of insured deposits during 2009. The assessments for unsecured debt guarantee program coverage will total 75 basis points per \$100 of insured deposits during 2009.

The FDIC is authorized to set the reserve ratio for the DIF annually at between 1.15% and 1.5% of estimated insured deposits. If the DIF's reserves exceed the designated reserve ratio, the FDIC is required to pay out all or, if the reserve ratio is less than 1.5%, a portion of the excess as a dividend to insured depository institutions based on the percentage of insured deposits held on December 31, 1996 adjusted for subsequently paid premiums. Insured depository institutions that were in existence on December 31, 1996 and paid assessments prior to that date (or their successors) were entitled to a one-time credit against future assessments based on the amount of their assessable deposits on that date. During 2008 we were able to offset \$330,000 of our deposit insurance premium. We have no remaining credits available to offset our deposit insurance premiums for 2009.

Pursuant to the Reform Act, the FDIC has maintained the designated reserve ratio at 1.25%. The FDIC has also adopted a new risk-based premium system that provides for quarterly assessments based on an insured institution's ranking in one of four risk categories based on their examination ratings and capital ratios. Beginning in 2007, well-capitalized institutions with a CAMELS ("Capital, Assets, Management, Earnings, Liquidity and Sensitivity to market risk") rating of 1 or 2 will be grouped in Risk Category I and will be assessed for deposit insurance at an annual rate of between five and seven basis points, with the assessment rate for an individual institution to be determined according to a formula based on a weighted average of the institution's individual CAMEL component ratings, plus either five financial ratios or the average ratings of its long-term debt. Institutions in Risk Categories II, III and IV will be assessed at annual rates of 10, 28 and 43 basis points, respectively.

On October 16, 2008, the FDIC published a notice in the Federal Register concerning its establishment of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Restoration Plan (the "Restoration Plan"). The Restoration Plan is a five year recapitalization plan for the DIF (subsequently amended to cover a seven-year time frame, as discussed below) based, in part, on significantly higher assessed DIF rates. Concurrent with the publication of the Restoration Plan, the FDIC issued a proposed rule to increase the DIF assessed rates for the first quarter of 2009 by 7 bps and, effective April 1, 2009, to make certain other changes regarding risk-based assessment and to set new deposit insurance rates. On December 22, 2008, the FDIC issued a final rule in which it invoked the "good cause" exception of the Administrative Procedures Act to waive the requirement that once finalized a rule must have a delayed effective date of 30 days from the publication date and, effective January 1, 2009, raised the first quarter 2009 DIF assessed rates by 7 bps. Under the final rule, for the first quarter of 2009, the new rates were expressed to range between 12 and 50 cents per \$100 in assessable deposits depending on the risk category to which an insured depository institution was assigned. Institutions in Risk Category I were charged a rate between 12 and 14 cents per \$100 in assessable deposits for the first quarter of 2009. Such an increase in the DIF assessed rates more than doubles the previous applicable rates for Tier I institutions.

On February 27, 2009 the FDIC amended the Restoration Plan for the DIF. Under the amended Restoration Plan, the FDIC extended the horizon from five years to seven years to raise the DIF reserve ratio to 1.15 percent, in recognition of the current significant strains on banks and the financial system and the likelihood of a severe recession. The amended Restoration Plan was accompanied by a final rule that sets assessment rates and makes adjustments to recognize how the assessment system differentiates for risk. Currently, most banks are in the best risk category and pay anywhere from 12 cents per \$100 of deposits to 14 cents per \$100 for insurance. Under the final rule, banks in this category will pay initial base rates ranging from 12 cents per \$100 to 16 cents per \$100 on an annual basis, beginning on April 1, 2009. Changes to the assessment system include higher rates for institutions that rely significantly on secured liabilities, which would increase the FDIC's loss in the event of institutional failure, without providing additional assessment revenue. Under the final rule, assessments will be higher for institutions that rely significantly on brokered deposits but, for well-managed and well-capitalized institutions, only when accompanied by rapid asset growth. The final rule also provides incentives in the form of a reduction in assessment rates for institutions to hold long-term unsecured debt and, for smaller institutions, high levels of Tier 1 capital.

On February 27, 2009, the FDIC proposed an additional amendment to the Restoration Plan for the DIF. This amendment proposes the imposition of a 20 basis point emergency special assessment on insured depository institutions as of June 30, 2009. The assessment is proposed to be collected on September 30, 2009. The interim rule would also permit the FDIC to impose an emergency special assessment after June 30, 2009, of up to ten basis points if necessary to maintain public confidence in federal deposit insurance. On March 5, 2009, FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair announced that if Congress adopts legislation expanding the FDIC's line of credit with Treasury from \$30 billion to \$100 billion, the FDIC might have the flexibility to reduce the special emergency assessment, possibly from 20 to 10 basis points. This assessment will be in addition to the new assessment rates which become effective April 1, 2009.

In addition, all FDIC-insured institutions are required to pay assessments to the FDIC to fund interest payments on bonds issued by the Financing Corporation ("FICO"), an agency of the Federal government established to recapitalize the predecessor to the SAIF. The FICO assessment rates, which are determined quarterly, averaged 0.011% of insured deposits in fiscal 2008. These assessments will continue until the FICO bonds mature in 2019.

Federal Reserve System. Pursuant to regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, a savings institution must maintain reserves against their transaction accounts. As of December 31, 2008, no reserves were required to be maintained on the first \$10.3 million of transaction accounts, reserves of 3% were required to be maintained against the next \$34.1 million of transaction accounts and a reserve of 10% against all remaining transaction accounts. This percentage is subject to adjustment by the Federal Reserve Board. Because required reserves must be maintained in the form of vault cash or in a non-interest bearing account at a Federal Reserve Bank, the effect of the reserve requirement may reduce the amount of an institution's interest-earning assets. As of December 31, 2008 we met our reserve requirements.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The following are certain risks that management believes are specific to our business. This should not be viewed as an all inclusive list and the order is not intended as an indicator of the level of importance.

Recent legislative and regulatory initiatives to address difficult market and economic conditions may not stabilize the U.S. economy or the U.S. banking system.

On October 3, 2008, President Bush signed into law the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 ("EESA") which, among other measures, authorizes Treasury to purchase from financial institutions and their holding companies up to \$700 billion in mortgage loans, mortgage-related securities and certain other financial instruments, including debt and equity securities issued by financial institutions and their holding companies, under a troubled asset relief program ("TARP"). The purpose of TARP is to restore confidence and stability to the U.S. banking system and to encourage financial institutions to increase their lending to customers and to each other. Under the TARP Capital Purchase Program, Treasury is purchasing equity securities from participating institutions. The Series A Preferred Stock and warrant offered by this prospectus were issued by us to Treasury pursuant to the TARP Capital Purchase Program. The EESA also increased federal deposit insurance on most deposit accounts from \$100,000 to \$250,000. This increase is in place until the end of 2009 and is not covered by deposit insurance premiums paid by the banking industry.

The EESA followed, and has been followed by, numerous actions by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the U.S. Congress, Treasury, the FDIC, the SEC and others to address the current liquidity and credit crisis that has followed the sub-prime meltdown that commenced in 2007. These measures include homeowner relief that encourage loan restructuring and modification; the establishment of significant liquidity and credit facilities for financial institutions and investment banks; the lowering of the federal funds rate; emergency action against short selling practices; a temporary guaranty program for money market funds; the establishment of a commercial paper funding facility

to provide back-stop liquidity to commercial paper issuers; and coordinated international efforts to address illiquidity and other weaknesses in the banking sector.

Most recently, on February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”) was signed into law. ARRA, more commonly known as the economic stimulus bill or economic recovery package, is intended to stimulate the economy and provides for broad infrastructure, education and health spending.

On October 14, 2008, the FDIC announced the establishment of a temporary liquidity guarantee program to provide full deposit insurance for all non-interest bearing transaction accounts and guarantees of certain newly issued senior unsecured debt issued by FDIC-insured institutions and their holding companies. Insured institutions were automatically covered by this program from October 14, 2008 until December 5, 2008, unless they opted out prior to that date. Under the program, the FDIC will guarantee timely payment of newly issued senior unsecured debt issued on or before June 30, 2009. The debt includes all newly issued unsecured senior debt including promissory notes, commercial paper and inter-bank funding. The aggregate coverage for an institution may not exceed 125% of its debt outstanding on September 30, 2008 that was scheduled to mature before June 30, 2009, or, for certain insured institutions, 2% of liabilities as of September 30, 2008. The guarantee will extend to June 30, 2012 even if the maturity of the debt is after that date. The Bank elected to participate in both parts of the temporary liquidity guarantee program.

The purpose of these legislative and regulatory actions is to stabilize the U.S. banking system. The EESA, the ARRA and the other regulatory initiatives described above may not have their desired effects. If the volatility in the markets continues and economic conditions fail to improve or worsen, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.

Difficult market conditions and economic trends have adversely affected our industry and our business.

We are particularly exposed to downturns in the U. S. housing market. Dramatic declines in the housing market over the past year, with decreasing home prices and increasing delinquencies and foreclosures, have negatively impacted the credit performance of mortgage and construction loans and resulted in significant write-downs of assets by many financial institutions. In addition, the values of real estate collateral supporting many loans have declined and may continue to decline. General downward economic trends, reduced availability of commercial credit and increasing unemployment have negatively impacted the credit performance of commercial and consumer credit, resulting in additional write-downs. Concerns over the stability of the financial markets and the economy have resulted in decreased credit supply in part due to the reduction in non-bank providers of credit in the marketplace. This market turmoil and tightening of credit has led to increased commercial and consumer deficiencies, lack of customer confidence, increased market volatility and widespread reduction in general business activity. Competition among depository institutions for deposits has increased significantly. Financial institutions have experienced decreased access to deposits or borrowings. The resulting economic pressure on consumers and businesses and the lack of confidence in the financial markets may adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and stock price. We do not expect that the difficult market conditions will improve in the near future. A worsening of these conditions would likely exacerbate the adverse effects of these difficult market conditions on us and others in the industry. In particular, we may face the following risks in connection with these events:

- Our ability to assess the creditworthiness of customers and to estimate the losses inherent in our credit exposure is made more complex by these difficult market and economic conditions.
- We also may be required to pay even higher Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation premiums than the recently increased level, because financial institution failures resulting from the depressed market conditions have depleted and may continue to deplete the deposit insurance fund and reduce its ratio of reserves to insured deposits.
- Our ability to borrow from other financial institutions or the Federal Home Loan Bank on favorable terms or at all could be adversely affected by further disruptions in the capital markets or other events.

- We may experience a decline in the value of our investment in Federal Home Loan Bank stock, which could result in a writedown of the investment.
- We may experience increases in foreclosures, delinquencies and customer bankruptcies, as well as more restricted access to funds.

The securities purchase agreement between us and Treasury permits Treasury to impose additional restrictions on us retroactively.

The securities purchase agreement we entered into with Treasury permits Treasury to unilaterally amend the terms of the securities purchase agreement to comply with any changes in federal statutes after the date of its execution. ARRA imposed additional executive compensation and expenditure limits on all current and future TARP recipients, including us, until we have repaid the Treasury. These additional restrictions may impede our ability to attract and retain qualified executive officers. ARRA also permits TARP recipients to repay the Treasury without penalty or requirement that additional capital be raised, subject to Treasury's consultation with our primary federal regulator while the securities purchase agreement required that, for a period of three years, the Series A Preferred Stock could generally only be repaid if we raised additional capital to repay the securities and such capital qualified as Tier 1 capital. Additional unilateral changes in the securities purchase agreement could have a negative impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

Future loan losses may negatively impact the Company.

We are subject to credit risk, which is the risk of losing principal or interest due to borrowers' failure to repay loans in accordance with their terms. A downturn in the economy or the real estate market in our market areas or a rapid change in interest rates could have a negative effect on collateral values and borrowers' ability to repay. This deterioration in economic conditions could result in losses to us. To the extent loans are not paid timely by borrowers, the loans are placed on non-accrual, thereby reducing interest income.

Rapidly changing interest rate environments could reduce our profitability.

Interest and fees on loans and securities, net of interest paid on deposits and borrowings, are a large part of our net income. Interest rates are key drivers of our net interest margin and subject to many factors beyond the control of management. As interest rates change, net interest income is affected. Rapid increases or decreases in interest rates in the future could negatively impact our net interest margin.

Liquidity risk.

Due to our continued success in our lending operations, particularly in corporate and small business lending, our loans have exceeded customer deposit funding. Changes in interest rates or alternative investment opportunities and other factors may make deposit gathering more difficult. Additionally, interest rate changes or disruptions in the capital market may make the terms of the borrowings and brokered deposits less favorable. As a result, there is a risk that we will not have funds to meet our obligations when they come due. Interest rate and liquidity risk is managed by our Asset/Liability Committee (“ALCO”). While our loan-to-deposit ratio has been well above 100% for many years, management has significant experience managing its funding needs through borrowings and deposit growth. A liquidity crisis plan has been developed and is an important part of our liquidity management.

Current levels of market volatility are unprecedented.

The capital and credit markets have been experiencing volatility and disruption for more than a year. In recent months, the volatility and disruption has reached unprecedented levels. In some cases, the markets have produced downward pressure on stock prices and credit availability for certain issuers without regard to those issuers’ underlying financial strength. If current levels of market disruption and volatility continue or worsen, there can be no assurance that we will not experience an adverse effect, which may be material, on our ability to access capital and on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our profitability could be adversely affected if we are unable to promptly deploy the capital raised in our recent offering.

We may not be able to immediately deploy all of the capital raised in the recent sale of the Series A Preferred Stock to the Treasury. Investing the offering proceeds in securities until we are able to deploy the proceeds will provide lower margins than we generally earn on loans, potentially adversely affecting shareholder returns, including earnings per share, return on assets and return on equity.

The financial services industry is very competitive.

We face competition in attracting and retaining deposits, making loans, and providing other financial services throughout our market area. Our competitors include other community banks, larger banking institutions, and a wide range of other financial institutions such as credit unions, government-sponsored enterprises, mutual fund companies, insurance companies and other non-bank businesses. Many of these competitors have substantially greater resources than us. If we are unable to compete effectively, we will lose market share and will have less income from deposits and loans, which will negatively impact our net interest margin. Profitability of other products may be reduced as well.

Adverse changes in the economic growth and vitality in our banking markets may negatively impact us.

Our business is closely tied to the economies of Delaware and the contiguous counties outside of Delaware. A sustained economic downturn could adversely affect our net income.

We are subject to extensive regulation.

Our operations are subject to extensive regulation by federal banking authorities which impose requirements and restrictions on our operations. The impact of changes to laws and regulations or other actions by regulatory agencies could make regulatory compliance more difficult or expensive for us and could adversely affect our net income.

We may not be able to achieve our growth plans or effectively manage its growth.

There can be no assurance that growth opportunities will be available or that growth will be successfully managed. This includes, but is not limited to, growth in generating loans and gathering deposits. Due to our investment in future growth, failure to obtain sufficient growth would negatively effect our net income.

Inability to hire or retain certain key professionals, management and staff could adversely affect our revenues and net income.

We rely on key personnel to manage and operate our business, including major revenue generating functions such as our loan and deposit portfolios. The loss of key staff may adversely affect our ability to maintain and manage these portfolios effectively, which could negatively effect our revenues. In addition, loss of key personnel could result in increased recruiting and hiring expenses, which could cause a decrease in our net income.

We continually encounter technological change.

The financial services industry is continually undergoing rapid technological change with frequent introductions of new technology-driven products and services. The effective use of technology increases efficiency and enables financial institutions to better serve customers and reduce costs. Our future success depends, in part, upon our ability to address the needs of our customers by using technology to provide products and services that will satisfy customer demands, as well as to create additional efficiencies in our operations. Our largest competitors have substantially greater resources to invest in technological improvements. We may not be able to effectively implement new technology-driven products and services or be successful in marketing these products and services to our customers. Failure to successfully keep pace with technological change affecting the financial services industry could have a material adverse impact on our business and, in turn, our financial condition and our net income.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The following table shows information regarding offices and material properties held by us, and our subsidiaries, at December 31, 2008:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Owned/ Leased</u>	<u>Date Lease Expires</u>	Net Book Value Of Property or Leasehold	
			<u>Improvements (1) (In Thousands)</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
WSFS :				
WSFS Bank Center Branch (2)	Leased	2019	1,808	764,942
Main Office				
500 Delaware Avenue				
Wilmington, De 19801				
Union Street Branch	Leased	2012	95	60,091
211 North Union Street				
Wilmington, DE 19805				
Trolley Square Branch	Leased	2011	24	32,054
1711 Delaware Ave				
Wilmington, DE 19806				
Fairfax Shopping Center (3)	Master Lease		7,991	81,113
2005 Concord Pike				
Wilmington, DE 19803				
Branmar Plaza Shopping Center Branch	Leased	2013	77	97,966
1812 Marsh Road				
Wilmington, DE 19810				
Prices Corner Shopping Center Branch	Leased	2023	60	103,790
3202 Kirkwood Highway				
Wilmington, DE 19808				
Pike Creek Shopping Center Branch	Leased	2015	677	81,689
4730 Limestone Road				
Wilmington, DE 19808				
University Plaza Shopping Center Branch	Leased	2026	1,328	51,205

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100 University Plaza

Newark, DE 19702

College Square Shopping Center Branch (4)	Leased	2012	161	101,802
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Route 273 & Liberty Avenue

Newark, DE 19711

Airport Plaza Shopping Center Branch	Leased	2013	661	73,299
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144 N. DuPont Hwy.

New Castle, DE 19720

Stanton Branch	Leased	2011	17	19,822
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Inside ShopRite

1600 W. Newport Pike

Wilmington, DE 19804

Glasgow Branch	Leased	2012	30	23,193
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Inside Safeway at People Plaza

Routes 40 & 896

Newark, DE 19702

Middletown Crossing Shopping Center	Leased	2017	940	42,488
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400 East Main Street

Middletown, DE 19709

Dover Branch	Leased	2010	44	13,527
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Inside Metro Food Market

257 North DuPont Highway

Dover, DE 19901

<u>Location</u>	<u>Owned/ Leased</u>	<u>Date Lease Expires</u>	<u>Net Book Value Of Property or Leasehold</u>	
			<u>Improvements (1) (In Thousands)</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
West Dover Loan Office Greentree Office Center 160 Greentree Drive Suite 105 Dover, DE 19904	Leased	2014	20	31
Blue Bell Loan Office 721 Skippack Pike Suite 101 Blue Bell, PA 19422	Leased	2012	21	10,868
Glen Eagle (5) Inside Genaurdi's Family Market 475 Glen Eagle Square Glen Mills, PA 19342	Leased	2024	111	7,452
University of Delaware-Trabant University Center 17 West Main Street Newark, DE 19716	Leased	2013	44	14,299
Brandywine Branch Inside Safeway Market 2522 Foulk Road Wilmington, DE 19810	Leased	2014	27	24,024
Operations Center 2400 Philadelphia Pike Wilmington, DE 19703	Owned		685	N/A
Longwood Branch	Leased	2010	68	10,725

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Inside Genaurdi's Family Market

830 E. Baltimore Pike

E. Marlboro, PA 19348

Holly Oak Branch	Leased	2015	45	18,769
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Inside Super Fresh

2105 Philadelphia Pike

Claymont, DE 19703

Hockessin Branch	Leased	2015	566	67,670
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7450 Lancaster Pike

Wilmington, DE 19707

Lewes Branch	Leased	2013	101	37,460
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Southpointe Professional Center

1515 Savannah Road, Suite 103

Lewes, DE 19958

Fox Run Shopping Center	Leased	2015	884	50,644
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210 Fox Hunt Drive

Bear, DE 19701

Camden Town Center	Leased	2024	956	25,358
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4566 S. Dupont Highway

Camden, DE 19934

Rehoboth Branch	Leased	2028	930	50,175
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19335 coastal Highway

Lighthouse Plaza

Rehoboth, DE 19771

Loan Operations	Leased	2012	3	N/A
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30 Blue Hen Drive

Suite 200

Newark, DE 19713

West Dover Branch	Owned		2,182	24,953
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1486 Forest Avenue

Dover, DE 19904

Longneck Branch	Leased	2026	1,234	30,693
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25926 Plaza Drive

Millsboro, DE 19966

<u>Location</u>	<u>Owned/ Leased</u>	<u>Date Lease Expires</u>	<u>Net Book Value Of Property or Leasehold</u>	
			<u>Improvements (1) (In Thousands)</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Smyrna Simon's Corner Shopping Center 400 Jimmy Drive Smyrna, DE 19977	Leased	2028	1,264	23,694
Oxford, LPO 59 South Third Street Suite 1 Oxford, PA	Leased	2011	34	8,967
Greenville 3908 Kennett Pike Greenville, DE	Owned		2,075	24,652
WSFS Bank Center 500 Delaware Avenue Wilmington, De 19801	Leased	2011	760	12,684
Market Street Branch (7) 833 Market Street Wilmington, De 19801	Leased	2009	77	63,052
Annandale, VA 7010 Little River Tnpk. Suite 330 Annandale, VA 22003	Leased	2011	16	782
Oceanview (6) 69 Atlantic Avenue Oceanview, DE 19970	Leased	2024	177	N/A
Selbyville	Leased	2013	55	5,896

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Strawberry Center

Unit 2

Selbyville, DE 19975

Lewes (7)

Leased

2028

N/A

N/A

34383 Carpenters Way

Lewes, DE 19958

Millsboro (8)

Leased

2029

45

N/A

26644 Center View Drive

Millsboro, DE 19966

Concord Square

Leased

2011

61

30,227

4401 Concord Pike

Wilmington, DE 19803

Crossroads

Leased

2013

61

16,355

2080 New Castle Avenue

New Castle, DE 19720

Delaware City

Owned

122

5,013

145 Clinton Street

Delaware City, DE 19706

Governor's Square

Leased

2010

61

10,928

1101 Governor's Place

Bear, DE 19701

Liberty Square (9)

Leased

2009

N/A

N/A

1 Possum Park Shopping Center

Newark, DE 19711

1st Reverse Financial Services

Leased

2009

N/A

N/A

Headquarters

Quail Ridge Office Center

Quail Ridge Drive

Westmont, IL

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Call Center	Leased	2009	N/A	N/A
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1295 Corporate Drive
Hudson, OH 44236

<u>Cypress Capital Management, LLC</u>	Leased	2010	5	N/A
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1220 Market Street
Suite 704

Wilmington, DE 19801

\$2,122,352

- (1) The net book value of all the Company's investment in premise and equipment totaled \$34.9 million at December 31, 2008.
- (2) Location of Corporate Headquarters and Montchanin Capital Management, Inc.
- (3) Includes Fairfax Branch office and shopping center which is under a master lease. Net book value represents the value of the entire facility.
- (4) Includes the Company's education and development center.
- (5) As of December 31, 2008, location was under construction. Completion date is August, 2009.
- (6) As of December 31, 2008, location was under construction. Completion date is June, 2009.
- (7) As of December 31, 2008, location was under construction. Completion date is April, 2009.
- (8) As of December 31, 2008, location was under construction. Completion date is June, 2009.
- (9) No branch is open at this location. This lease was part of the Sun Branch purchase in October 2008.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

There are no material legal proceedings to be disclosed under this item.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSIONS OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No matter was submitted to a vote of the stockholders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 through the solicitation of proxies or otherwise.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

Our Common Stock is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market(SM) under the symbol WSFS. At December 31, 2008, we had 1,200 registered common stockholders of record. The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices for the Common Stock for each full quarterly period within the two most recent fiscal years as well as the quarterly dividends paid.

The closing market price of our common stock at December 31, 2008 was \$47.99.

		Stock Price Range		
		Low	High	Dividends
2008	4th	\$ 35.51	\$ 60.50	\$ 0.12
	3rd	\$ 40.04	\$ 65.50	\$ 0.12
	2nd	\$ 42.79	\$ 53.84	\$ 0.12
	1st	\$ 41.12	\$ 54.17	\$ 0.10
				\$ 0.46
2007	4th	\$ 48.45	\$ 68.33	\$ 0.10
	3rd	\$ 53.42	\$ 68.81	\$ 0.10
	2nd	\$ 62.78	\$ 69.00	\$ 0.10
	1st	\$ 60.91	\$ 70.85	\$ 0.08
				\$ 0.38

COMPARATIVE STOCK PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The graph and table which follow show the cumulative total return on our Common Stock over the last five years compared with the cumulative total return of the Dow Jones Total Market Index and the Nasdaq Bank Index over the same period as obtained from Bloomberg L.P. Cumulative total return on our Common Stock or the index equals the total increase in value since December 31, 2003, assuming reinvestment of all dividends paid into the Common Stock or the index, respectively. The graph and table were prepared assuming \$100 was invested on December 31, 2003 in our Common Stock and in each of the indexes. There can be no assurance that our future stock performance will be the same or similar to the historical stock performance shown in the graph below. We neither make nor endorse any predictions as to stock performance.

CUMULATIVE TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN

COMPARED WITH PERFORMANCE OF SELECTED INDEXES

December 31, 2003 through December 31, 2008

	Cumulative Total Return					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
WSFS Financial Corporation	\$100	\$134	\$137	\$153	\$114	\$110
Dow Jones Total Market Index	100	103	102	119	127	84
Nasdaq Bank Index	100	114	111	127	102	80

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
	(Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Data)				
<u>At December 31,</u>					
Total assets	\$ 3,432,560	\$ 3,200,188	\$ 2,997,396	\$ 2,846,752	\$ 2,502,956
Net loans (1)	2,443,835	2,233,980	2,019,741	1,775,294	1,535,467
Investment securities (2)	49,749	26,235	53,893	56,704	97,485
Investment in reverse mortgages, net	(61)	2,037	598	785	(109)
Other investments	39,521	46,615	41,615	46,466	44,477
Mortgage-backed securities (2)	498,205	496,492	516,711	620,323	524,144
Deposits	2,122,352	1,827,161	1,756,348	1,446,236	1,234,962
Borrowings (3)	999,734	1,068,149	935,668	1,127,997	1,002,609
Trust preferred borrowings	67,011	67,011	67,011	67,011	51,547
Stockholders' equity	216,635	211,330	212,059	181,975	196,303
Number of full-service branches (4)	35	29	27	24	24
<u>For the Year Ended December 31,</u>					
Interest income	\$ 166,477	\$ 189,477	\$ 177,177	\$ 136,022	\$ 104,110
Interest expense	77,258	107,468	99,278	62,380	37,246
Noninterest income	45,989	48,166	40,305	34,653	31,950
Noninterest expenses	89,098	82,031	69,314	62,877	55,699
Income from continuing operations	16,136	29,649	30,441	27,856	25,757
Net income	16,136	29,649	30,441	27,856	25,900
Earnings per share:					
Basic:					
Income from continuing operations	\$ 2.62	\$ 4.69	\$ 4.59	\$ 4.10	\$ 3.60
Net income	2.62	4.69	4.59	4.10	3.62
Diluted:					
Income from continuing operations	2.57	4.55	4.41	3.89	3.39
Net income	2.57	4.55	4.41	3.89	3.41
Interest rate spread	2.94	% 2.80	% 2.70	% 2.91	% 3.07
Net interest margin	3.13	3.09	2.98	3.13	3.24
Return on average equity (5)	7.30	14.34	15.42	14.78	13.54
Return on average assets (5)	0.50	0.98	1.03	1.05	1.10
Average equity to average assets (5)	6.86	6.87	6.68	7.10	8.13

(1) Includes loans held-for-sale.

(2) Includes securities available-for-sale.

(3) Borrowings consist of FHLB advances, securities sold under agreement to repurchase and other borrowed funds.

(4) WSFS opened two branches and acquired six (keeping four open and closing two) branches in 2008, opened three branches and closed one branch in 2007, opened three branches in 2006, and opened one branch in 2004.

(5) Based on continuing operations.

ITEM 7 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

WSFS Financial Corporation ("the Company," "our Company," "we," "our" or "us") is a thrift holding company headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware. Substantially all of our assets are held by our subsidiary, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB ("WSFS Bank" or the "Bank"). Founded in 1832, we are one of the ten oldest banks in the United States continuously-operating under the same name. As a federal savings bank, which was formerly chartered as a state mutual savings bank, we enjoy broader investment powers than most other financial institutions. We have served the residents of the Delaware Valley for over 175 years. We are the largest thrift institution headquartered in Delaware and the third largest financial institution in the state on the basis of total deposits traditionally garnered in-market. Our primary market area is the mid-Atlantic region of the United States, which is characterized by a diversified manufacturing and service economy. Our long-term strategy is to serve small and mid-size businesses through loans, deposits, investments, and related financial services, and to gather retail core deposits. Our strategic focus is to exceed customer expectations, deliver stellar service and build customer advocacy through highly trained, relationship oriented, friendly, knowledgeable, and empowered Associates.

We provide residential and commercial real estate, commercial and consumer lending services, as well as retail deposit and cash management services. In addition, we offer a variety of wealth management and personal trust services through WSFS Wealth Strategies, which was formed during 2005. Lending activities are funded primarily with retail deposits and borrowings. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insures our customers' deposits to their legal maximum. We serve our customers primarily from our main office, 35 retail banking offices, loan production offices and operations centers located in Delaware, southeastern Pennsylvania and Virginia and through our website at www.wsfsbank.com.

We have two consolidated subsidiaries, WSFS Bank and Montchanin Capital Management, Inc. ("Montchanin"). We also have one unconsolidated affiliate, WSFS Capital Trust III ("the Trust"). WSFS Bank has a fully-owned subsidiary, WSFS Investment Group, Inc., which markets various third-party insurance products and securities through the Bank's retail banking system. WSFS Bank also owns a majority interest in F¹ Reverse Financial Services, LLC (1st Reverse), specializing in reverse mortgage lending.

Montchanin has one consolidated subsidiary, Cypress Capital Management, LLC ("Cypress"). Cypress is a Wilmington-based investment advisory firm serving high net-worth individuals and institutions. Cypress had approximately \$410 million in assets under management at December 31, 2008.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Within this annual report and financial statements, management has included certain "forward-looking statements" concerning our future operations. Statements contained in this annual report which are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. It is management's desire to take advantage of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. This statement is for the express purpose of availing the Corporation of the protections of such safe harbor with respect to all "forward-looking statements." Management has used "forward-looking statements" to describe future plans and strategies including expectations of our future financial results. Management's ability to predict results or the effect of future plans and strategy is inherently uncertain. Factors that could affect results include interest rate trends, competition, the general economic climate in Delaware, the mid-Atlantic region and the country as a whole, asset quality, loan growth, loan delinquency rates, operating risk, uncertainty of estimates in general, and changes in federal and state regulations, among other factors. These factors should be considered in evaluating the "forward-looking statements," and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Actual results may differ materially from management expectations. We

do not undertake, and specifically disclaim any obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions

that may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

WSFS Financial Corporation recorded net income of \$16.1 million or \$2.57 per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$29.6 million or \$4.55 per share and \$30.4 million or \$4.41 per share in 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income increased \$7.2 million, or 9%, to \$89.2 million in 2008 compared to \$82.0 million in 2007. The net interest margin for 2008 was 3.13%, up 0.04% from 2007. These increases were the result of a slightly liability sensitive balance sheet combined with active management of deposit pricing. In comparison to 2007, the yield on interest-bearing liabilities declined by 1.41%, while the yield on interest-earning assets only declined by 1.27%. The improvement in the net interest margin also reflects growth, and the improved mix of our balance sheet. The investment category on our average balance sheet includes income from reverse mortgages, which declined substantially in 2008 compared to 2007, consistent with decreases in home prices over the past year. During 2008 we lost \$1.1 million on reverse mortgages compared to income of \$2.0 million in 2007. For further discussion of reverse mortgages, see the "Reverse Mortgages" discussion included in this Management's Discussion and Analysis and Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Net interest income increased \$4.1 million, or 5%, to \$82.0 million in 2007 compared to \$77.9 million in 2006. The net interest margin for 2007 was 3.09%, up 0.11% from 2006. The overall improvement in the net interest margin over the previous year reflects loan growth and our continued efforts to refocus the mix of our balance sheet. Loans, with an average yield of 7.55%, increased \$168.7 million on average while mortgage-backed securities, with an average yield of 4.93%, declined \$99.4 million on average mostly due to scheduled repayments. In addition, interest-bearing deposits, with an average rate of 3.76%, increased \$219.3 million on average while FHLB advances, with an average rate of 4.97%, decreased \$210.1 million on average. The yield on earning assets increased 0.37% on average in comparison to 2006 while the rate on interest-bearing liabilities increased by 0.27% on average. Additionally, income from reverse mortgages increased \$1.3 million in comparison to 2006.

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The following table sets forth certain information regarding changes in net interest income attributable to changes in the volumes of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities and changes in the yields for the periods indicated. For each category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, information is provided on the changes that are attributable to: (i) changes in volume (change in volume multiplied by prior year rate); (ii) changes in rates (change in rate multiplied by prior year volume on each category); and (iii) net change (the sum of the change in volume and the change in rate). Changes due to the combination of rate and volume changes (changes in volume multiplied by changes in rate) are allocated proportionately between changes in rate and changes in volume.

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Year Ended December 31,	2008 vs. 2007			2007 vs. 2006		
	Volume	Yield/Rate	Net	Volume	Yield/Rate	Net
(Dollars in Thousands)						
Interest Income:						
Commercial real estate loans	\$ 5,722	\$ (15,131)	\$ (9,409)	\$ 4,281	\$ (320)	\$ 3,961
Residential real estate loans	(1,280)	360	(920)	(1,244)	1,186	(58)
Commercial loans (1)	9,460	(15,396)	(5,936)	10,318	475	10,793
Consumer loans	894	(3,480)	(2,586)	870	317	1,187
Mortgage-backed securities	(588)	335	(253)	(4,898)	691	(4,207)
Investment securities	504	(3,610)	(3,106)	(1,638)	2,430	792
Other	155	(945)	(790)	(601)	433	(168)
Favorable (unfavorable)	14,867	(37,867)	(23,000)	7,088	5,212	12,300
Interest expense:						
Deposits:						
Interest-bearing demand	217	(546)	(329)	180	428	608
Money market	(419)	(5,542)	(5,961)	2,981	799	3,780
Savings	(106)	(837)	(943)	(248)	(310)	(558)
Retail time deposits	2,933	(4,515)	(1,582)	4,003	3,045	7,048
Jumbo certificates of deposits - nonretail	(229)	(1,856)	(2,085)	927	149	1,076
Brokered certificates of deposits	258	(6,860)	(6,602)	1,815	835	2,650
FHLB of Pittsburgh advances	3,460	(12,401)	(8,941)	(10,342)	3,025	(7,317)
Trust Preferred	0	(1,478)	(1,478)	0	(300)	(300)
Other borrowed funds	1,500	(3,789)	(2,289)	1,090	113	1,203
Unfavorable (favorable)	7,614	37,824)	(30,210)	406	7,784	8,190
Net change, as reported	\$ 7,253	\$ (43)	\$ 7,210	\$ 6,682	\$ (2,572)	\$ 4,110

(1) The tax-equivalent income adjustment is related to commercial loans.

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The following table provides information regarding the average balances of, and yields/rates on interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities during the periods indicated:

Year Ended December 31,	2008			2007			2006			
	Average		Yield/	Average		Yield/	Average		Yield/	
	Balance	Interest	Rate (1)	Balance	Interest	Rate (1)	Balance	Interest	Rate (1)	
(Dollars in Thousands)										
Assets										
Interest-earning assets:										
Loans (2) (3):										
Commercial real estate loans	\$ 763,825	\$ 46,647	6.11	% \$ 687,614	\$ 56,056	8.15	% \$ 635,133	\$ 52,095	8.20	%
Residential real estate loans	437,223	25,531	5.84	459,043	26,451	5.76	481,308	26,509	5.51	
Commercial loans	840,303	50,830	6.08	709,507	56,766	8.05	582,546	45,973	7.97	
Consumer loans	282,943	17,653	6.24	270,518	20,239	7.48	258,946	19,052	7.36	
Total loans	2,324,294	140,661	6.10	2,126,682	159,512	7.55	1,957,933	143,629	7.39	
Mortgage-backed securities (4)	480,002	23,984	5.00	491,650	24,237	4.93	591,021	28,444	4.81	
Investment securities (4) (5)	34,263	254	0.74	29,130	3,360	11.53	55,004	2,568	4.67	
Other interest-earning assets	42,934	1,578	3.68	40,137	2,368	5.90	51,144	2,536	4.96	
Total interest-earning assets	2,881,493	166,477	5.82	2,687,599	189,477	7.09	2,655,102	177,177	6.72	
Allowance for loan losses	(27,210)			(28,192)			(26,491)			
Cash and due from banks	65,022			70,387			57,771			
Cash in non-owned ATMs	172,304			158,091			153,060			
Bank-owned life insurance	58,503			56,307			53,137			
Other noninterest-earning assets	70,838			67,711			63,793			
Total assets	\$ 3,220,950			\$ 3,011,903			\$ 2,956,372			
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity										
Interest-bearing liabilities:										
Interest-bearing deposits:										
Interest-bearing demand	\$ 174,080	1,064	0.61	% \$ 148,039	1,393	0.94	% \$ 123,599	785	0.64	%
Money market	300,775	5,909	1.96	312,192	11,870	3.80	232,418	8,090	3.48	
Savings	197,175	736	0.37	211,453	1,679	0.79	240,426	2,237	0.93	
Retail time deposits	543,808	20,775	3.82	476,159	22,357	4.70	384,654	15,309	3.98	
Total interest-bearing retail deposits	1,215,838	28,484	2.34	1,147,843	37,299	3.25	981,097	26,421	2.69	
Jumbo certificates of deposit-nonretail	93,901	3,091	3.29	98,452	5,176	5.26	80,691	4,100	5.08	
Brokered certificates of deposit	282,760	8,234	2.91	277,860	14,836	5.34	243,070	12,186	5.01	
Total interest-bearing deposits	1,592,499	39,809	2.50	1,524,155	57,311	3.76	1,304,858	42,707	3.27	
FHLB of Pittsburgh advances	841,005	29,620	3.46	765,974	38,561	4.97	976,101	45,878	4.64	
Trust preferred borrowings	67,011	3,275	4.81	67,011	4,753	7.00	67,011	5,053	7.44	
Other borrowed funds	186,081	4,554	2.45	147,251	6,843	4.65	123,800	5,640	4.56	
Total interest-bearing liabilities	2,686,596	77,258	2.88	2,504,391	107,468	4.29	2,471,770	99,278	4.02	
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	283,845			272,964			262,838			
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	29,560			27,737			24,330			
Minority interest	—			38			84			
Stockholders' equity	220,949			206,773			197,350			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,220,950			\$ 3,011,903			\$ 2,956,372			

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Excess of interest-earning assets over interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 194,897		\$ 183,208		\$ 183,332	
Net interest and dividend income	\$ 89,219		\$ 82,009		\$ 77,899	
Interest rate spread	2.94	%		2.80	%	2.70 %
Net interest margin	3.13	%		3.09		2.98 %

- (1) Weighted average yields have been computed on a tax-equivalent basis using a 35% effective tax rate.
- (2) Nonperforming loans are included in average balance computations.
- (3) Balances are reflected net of unearned income.
- (4) Includes securities available-for-sale.
- (5) Includes reverse mortgages.

Provision for Loan Losses. We maintain an allowance for loan losses at an appropriate level based on management's assessment of the estimable and probable losses in the loan portfolio, pursuant to accounting literature, which is discussed further in the "Nonperforming Assets" section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis. Management's evaluation is based upon a review of the portfolio and requires significant judgment. For the year ended December 31, 2008, we recorded a provision for loan losses of \$23.0 million compared to \$5.0 million in 2007 and \$2.7 million in 2006. The \$23.0 million included \$14.7 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008. The larger provision amount was due to the rapid deterioration in the economic environment during the fourth quarter. The \$14.7 million includes the following: \$7.3 million was related to four large construction loans and land development projects; \$6.2 million was attributed to reserves for new loans, updated loss rate expectations on the consumer and mortgage portfolios, as well as credit risk migration in the commercial loan portfolio due to economic conditions; and \$1.2 million was a result of consumer credit losses taken during the fourth quarter of 2008. The increase in the provision for loan loss reflects our proactive approach in confronting the reality of the deepening economic recession.

Noninterest Income. Noninterest income decreased \$2.2 million to \$46.0 million in 2008, or 5%, from \$48.2 million in 2007. The majority of the decrease was due to a \$2.5 million decrease in credit card/debit card and ATM income due to reduced prime based ATM bailment fees. Although noninterest income was negatively impacted by lower bailment fees, the net interest margin benefited due to lower funding costs for these borrowings. In addition, 2007 had included a \$1.1 million non-recurring gain related to the sale of our former headquarters building and an \$882,000 gain from the sale of our credit card portfolio. Also during the year, income from Bank-Owned Life Insurance (BOLI) decreased \$483,000 from the prior year due to lower yields in underlying investments funding this program. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in loan fee income of \$1.3 million. The majority of the increase in loan fee income was due to \$851,000 in fees from 1st Reverse Financial Services, LLC ("1st Reverse"). During the second quarter of 2008 we acquired a majority interest in 1st Reverse, specializing in both reverse mortgage lending directly to consumers and business-to-business reverse mortgage lending through banks, brokers and financial institutions throughout the United States. Deposit service charges also increased \$1.1 million. This increase was a result of overall growth in deposits. In 2008 we also recorded a \$1.8 million gain on the sale of shares related to the completion of Visa's initial public offering, and a \$1.6 million charge related to a mark-to-market adjustment on the \$12.4 million BBB+ rated mortgage-backed security ("MBS") issued in connection with a 2002 reverse mortgage securitization.

Noninterest income increased \$7.9 million to \$48.2 million in 2007, or 20%, from \$40.3 million in 2006. This was attributable to a \$3.2 million increase in deposit service charges as we continued to benefit from increased deposit accounts and offered additional fee-based services. The increase also included a \$1.1 million non-recurring gain related to the sale of our former headquarters building and an \$882,000 gain from the sale of our credit card portfolio. Credit/debit card and ATM income also increased \$915,000 as a result of increased volumes of cash in non-owned ATMs and higher bailment fees earned on this cash. In 2007 we also recorded two offsetting \$6.0 million items. Both occurred during the fourth quarter and resulted in a gain and an expense recognized from the donation of a N.C. Wyeth mural, *Apotheosis of the Family*, which was located in our former headquarters.

Noninterest Expenses. Noninterest expenses increased \$7.1 million to \$89.1 million in 2008, or 9%, from \$82.0 million in 2007. Excluding \$2.8 million of expenses related to 1st Reverse, acquired in the second quarter of 2008, expenses increased \$4.3 million or 5% over 2007. As a result of continued growth efforts salaries, benefits, and other compensation increased \$1.1 million while other operating expenses increased \$1.2 million. Included in other operating expenses was a \$453,000 increase in FDIC charges due to increased assessment rates. During 2008 the investment in WSFS franchise included the opening of one branch in Selbyville, Delaware, the relocation of another branch in Smyrna, Delaware, and the previously mentioned acquisition of branches. Further, during 2008 professional fees increased \$1.3 million as a result of legal fees reflecting increased costs relating to problem credits, reflecting credit costs associated with the challenging credit environment.

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Noninterest expenses increased \$12.7 million to \$82.0 million in 2007, or 18%, from \$69.3 million in 2006. WSFS showed strong growth in 2007 which included the opening of three branch offices, one branch renovation, and the relocation of our corporate headquarters. As a result of this growth, the number of full-time associates grew to 599, resulting in increased salaries, benefits and other compensation of \$4.3 million. This growth also affected both occupancy expense, which increased by \$2.8 million, and other operating expenses, which increased by \$1.9 million. During 2007 our marketing expenses increased \$1.2 million, as a multi-year brand campaign was launched with the intent to leverage our Stellar Service model with the message “WeStand For Service.” Also during 2007, we recorded a \$1.2 million expense related to the Visa antitrust lawsuit settlement with American Express and Discover.

Income Taxes. We recorded a \$7.0 million tax provision for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to \$13.5 million and \$15.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The effective tax rates for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 were 30.1%, 31.2% and 34.0%, respectively. The reduction in the 2008 effective tax rate is primarily the result of volatility in effective tax rates. The reduction in the 2007 effective tax rate is primarily the result of a \$1.7 million tax benefit related to the previously discussed donation of the N.C. Wyeth mural. The provision for income taxes includes federal, state and local income taxes that are currently payable or deferred because of temporary differences between the financial reporting bases and the tax reporting bases of the assets and liabilities.

We analyze our projection of taxable income and make adjustments to our provision for income taxes accordingly. For additional information regarding our tax provision and net operating loss carryforwards, see Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Total assets increased \$232.4 million, or 7%, during 2008 to \$3.4 billion. This increase was predominantly due to growth in net loans, which grew \$209.9 million, or 9%, during 2008. Total liabilities increased \$227.1 million during the year to \$3.2 billion at December 31, 2008. This increase was primarily the result of an increase in customer deposits of \$227.9 million, or 15% and brokered deposits of \$62.2 million, or 25% during 2008. Partially offsetting these increases was an \$82.3 million, or 9% decrease in FHLB advances.

Cash in non-owned ATMs. During 2008, cash in non-owned ATMs managed by CashConnect, our ATM unit, increased \$7.4 million, or 4%. This increase was the result of an increase in the number of ATMs serviced by CashConnect from 9,976 at December 31, 2007 to 10,031 at December 31, 2008. Of these, 301 ATMs were WSFS owned and operated during 2008.

Mortgage-backed Securities. Our mortgage-backed securities are predominantly “plain-vanilla”, AAA-rated and of short duration. Investments in mortgage-backed securities increased \$1.4 million during 2008 to \$498.2 million. There were no sales of mortgage-backed securities during 2008. The weighted average duration of the mortgage-backed securities was 2.9 years at December 31, 2008.

Investment Securities. Our investment securities are comprised mostly of Federal Agency debt securities with a maturity of four years or less. We own no Collateralized Debt Obligations, Bank Trust Preferred, Agency Preferred securities or equity securities in other FDIC insured banks or thrifts.

Loans, net. Net loans increased \$209.9 million, or 9%, during 2008. This included increases of \$155.4 million, or 20%, in commercial loans, \$67.6 million, or 9%, in commercial real estate loans, and \$18.5 million, or 7%, in consumer loans. This increase was partially offset by a decrease of \$24.7 million, or 6%, in residential mortgage loans.

Customer Deposits. Customer deposits increased \$227.9 million, or 15%, during 2008 to \$1.7 billion. During 2008 we acquired six Delaware branches from Sun National Bank, including \$95.3 million in customer deposit accounts and paid a 12% premium on the balances. For additional information regarding this transaction, see Note 20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Customer time deposits (CDs) increased \$129.0 million, or 25%, in 2008. In addition, core deposit relationships (demand deposits, money market and savings

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accounts) increased \$98.9 million, or 10%, during the year. The table below depicts the changes in customer deposits over the last three years:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
	(In Millions)		
Beginning balance	\$ 1,479.2	\$ 1,343.7	\$ 1,193.9
Interest credited	34.6	32.4	26.3
Deposit inflows, net	193.3	103.1	123.5
Ending balance	\$ 1,707.1	\$ 1,479.2	\$ 1,343.7

Borrowings and Brokered Certificates of Deposit. Borrowings and brokered certificates of deposit decreased by \$6.2 million, or less than 1%, during 2008. This decrease was primarily the result of a decrease in FHLB advances of \$82.3 million, or 9%. Partially offsetting this decrease was a \$62.2 million, or 25%, increase in brokered deposits. In addition, other borrowed funds increased \$14.0 million, or 15%.

Stockholders' Equity. Stockholders' equity increased \$5.3 million to \$216.6 million at December 31, 2008. This increase included an increase of \$7.4 million in comprehensive income and \$3.0 million from the result of the exercise of common stock options. Partially offsetting these decreases was the purchase of 73,500 shares of treasury stock for \$3.6 million. At December 31, 2008, we held 9.6 million shares of our common stock as treasury stock. Long-term, it is our intention to return some of our earnings to shareholders through share repurchases, which is subject to approval by the U.S. Treasury, while maintaining adequate levels of capital. In addition, we declared cash dividends totaling \$2.8 million during 2008.

ASSET/LIABILITY MANAGEMENT

Our primary asset/liability management goal is to maximize net interest income opportunities within the constraints of managing interest rate risk, while ensuring adequate liquidity and funding and maintaining a strong capital base.

In general, interest rate risk is mitigated by closely matching the maturities or repricing periods of interest-sensitive assets and liabilities to ensure a favorable interest rate spread. We regularly review our interest-rate sensitivity, and use a variety of strategies as needed to adjust that sensitivity within acceptable tolerance ranges established by management and the Board of Directors. Changing the relative proportions of fixed-rate and adjustable-rate assets and liabilities is one of our primary strategies to accomplish this objective.

The matching of assets and liabilities may be analyzed by examining the extent to which such assets and liabilities are "interest-rate sensitive" and by monitoring an institution's interest-sensitivity gap. An interest-sensitivity gap is considered positive when the amount of interest-rate sensitive assets exceeds the amount of interest-rate sensitive liabilities repricing within a defined period, and is considered negative when the amount of interest-rate sensitive liabilities exceeds the amount of interest-rate sensitive assets repricing within a defined period.

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The repricing and maturities of our interest-rate sensitive assets and interest-rate sensitive liabilities at December 31, 2008 are set forth in the following table:

	Less than One Year	One to Five Years	Over Five Years	Total
<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>				
Interest-rate sensitive assets:				
Real estate loans (1) (2)	\$ 815,324	\$ 300,644	\$ 117,258	\$ 1,233,226
Commercial loans (2)	746,480	157,100	39,340	942,920
Consumer loans (2)	170,870	53,329	72,529	296,728
Mortgage-backed securities	141,048	249,121	108,036	498,205
Loans held-for-sale (2)	2,275	—	—	2,275
Investment securities	4,204	43,697	41,092	88,993
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	216	—	—	216
	1,880,417	803,891	378,255	3,062,563
Interest-rate sensitive liabilities:				
Money market and interest-bearing demand deposits	189,559	14	351,968	541,541
Savings deposits	55,540	10	152,818	208,368
Retail time deposits	429,074	215,588	1,240	645,902
Jumbo certificates of deposit	103,825	—	—	103,825
Brokered certificates of deposit	310,827	567	—	311,394
FHLB advances	554,517	261,440	—	815,957
Trust preferred borrowings	67,011	—	—	67,011
Other borrowed funds	158,777	25,000	—	183,777
	1,869,130	502,619	506,026	2,877,775
(Deficiency) excess of interest-rate sensitive assets over interest-rate liabilities (“interest-rate sensitive gap”)	\$ 11,287	\$ 301,272	\$ (127,771)	\$ 184,788
One-year interest-rate sensitive assets/Interest-rate sensitive liabilities	100.60	%		
One-year interest-rate sensitive gap as a Percent of total assets	0.33	%		

(1) Includes commercial mortgage, construction, and residential mortgage loans.

(2) Loan balances exclude deferred fees and costs.

Generally, during a period of rising interest rates, a positive gap would result in an increase in net interest income while a negative gap would adversely affect net interest income. Conversely, during a period of falling rates, a positive gap would result in a decrease in net interest income while a negative gap would augment net interest income. However, the interest-sensitivity table does not provide a comprehensive representation of the impact of interest rate changes on net interest income. Each category of assets or liabilities will not be affected equally or simultaneously by changes in the general level of interest rates. Even assets and liabilities which contractually reprice within the rate period may not, in fact, reprice at the same price or the same time or with the same frequency. It is also important to consider that the table represents a specific point in time. Variations can occur as we adjust our interest-sensitivity position throughout the year.

To provide a more accurate position of our one-year gap, certain deposit classifications are based on the interest-rate sensitive attributes and not on the contractual repricing characteristics of these deposits. Management estimates, based on historical trends of our deposit accounts, that 35% of money market and 13% of interest-bearing demand deposits are sensitive to interest rate changes and that 22% to 36% of savings deposits are sensitive to interest rate changes. Accordingly, these interest-sensitive portions are classified in the less than one-year category with the

remainder in the over five-year category.

Deposit rates other than time deposit rates are variable, and changes in deposit rates are generally subject to local market conditions and management's discretion and are not indexed to any particular rate.

REVERSE MORTGAGES

We hold an investment in reverse mortgages of \$(61,000) at December 31, 2008 representing a participation in reverse mortgages with a third party. The loans supporting this balance were originated in the early 1990's.

Reverse mortgage loans are contracts that require the lender to make monthly advances throughout the borrower's life or until the borrower relocates, prepays or the home is sold, at which time the loan becomes due and payable. Reverse mortgages are nonrecourse obligations, which means that the loan repayments are generally limited to the net sale proceeds of the borrower's residence.

We account for our investment in reverse mortgages by estimating the value of the future cash flows on the reverse mortgages at a rate deemed appropriate for these mortgages, based on the market rate for similar collateral. Actual cash flows from the maturity of these mortgage loans can result in significant volatility in the recorded value of reverse mortgage assets. As a result, income varies significantly from reporting period to reporting period. For the year ended December 31, 2008, we lost \$1.1 million in interest income on reverse mortgages as compared to posting income of \$2.0 million in 2007 and \$684,000 in 2006. The loss in 2008 primarily resulted from the decrease in the values of the properties securing these mortgages, based on annual re-evaluations and consistent with the decrease in home values over the past year.

The projected cash flows depend on assumptions about life expectancy of the mortgagee and the future changes in collateral values. Projecting the changes in collateral values is the most significant factor impacting the volatility of reverse mortgage values. Our current assumptions include a short-term annual appreciation rate of -8.0% in the first year, and a long-term annual appreciation rate of 0.5% in future years. If the long-term appreciation rate was increased to 1.5%, the resulting impact on income would have been \$26,000. Conversely, if the long-term appreciation rate was decreased to -0.5%, the resulting impact on income would have been \$(22,000).

We also hold \$10.8 million in BBB+ rated mortgage-backed securities classified as trading and have options to acquire up to 49.9% of Class "O" Certificates issued in connection with securities consisting of a portfolio of reverse mortgages we previously owned. The Class "O" Certificates are currently recorded on our financial statements at a zero value. At the time of the securitization, the third-party securitizer (Lehman Brothers) retained 100% of the Class "O" Certificates from the securitization. These Class "O" Certificates have no priority over other classes of Certificates under the Trust and no distributions will be made on the Class "O" Certificates until, among other conditions, the principal amount of each other class of notes has been reduced to zero. The underlying assets, the reverse mortgages, are very long-term assets. Therefore, any cash flow that might inure to the holder of the Class "O" Certificates is not expected to occur until many years in the future. Additionally, we can exercise our option on 49.9% of the Class "O" Certificates in up to five separate increments for an aggregate purchase price of \$1.0 million any time between January 1, 2004 and the termination of the Securitization Trust. The option to purchase the Class "O" Certificates does not meet the definition of a derivative under SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative and Hedging Activities* and is carried in our financial statements at cost. During the third quarter of 2008 Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy. We are currently in discussions with legal counsel to determine our legal rights with respect to the Class "O" certificates.

During 2006, we formed a new reverse mortgage initiative. While our activity during the past two years has been limited to acting as a correspondent for these loans, it is our intention to originate and underwrite our own reverse mortgages in the future. We expect to sell most of these loans and do not intend to hold them in our portfolio. These reverse mortgages are government approved and insured.

NONPERFORMING ASSETS

Nonperforming assets, which include nonaccruing loans, nonperforming real estate investments and assets acquired through foreclosure, can negatively affect our results of operations. Nonaccruing loans are those on which the accrual of interest has ceased. Loans are placed on nonaccrual status immediately if, in the opinion of management, collection is doubtful, or when principal or interest is past due 90 days or more and the value of the collateral is insufficient to cover principal and interest. Interest accrued but not collected at the date a loan is placed on nonaccrual status is reversed and charged against interest income. In addition, the amortization of net deferred loan fees is suspended when a loan is placed on nonaccrual status. Subsequent cash receipts are applied either to the outstanding principal balance or recorded as interest income, depending on management's assessment of the ultimate collectibility of principal and interest. Past due loans are defined as loans contractually past due 90 days or more as to principal or interest payments but which remain in accrual status because they are considered well secured and in the process of collection.

The following table sets forth our nonperforming assets and past due loans at the dates indicated:

December 31,	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	
(Dollars in Thousands)						
Nonaccruing loans:						
Commercial	\$ 986	\$ 17,187	\$ 1,282	\$ 925	\$ 1,595	
Consumer	352	835	557	155	291	
Commercial mortgages	5,748	3,873	500	727	909	
Residential mortgages	4,753	2,417	1,493	1,567	1,601	
Construction	16,595	6,794	—	36	—	
Total nonaccruing loans	28,434	31,106	3,832	3,410	4,396	
Assets acquired through foreclosure	4,471	703	388	59	217	
Restructured loans	2,855	0	0	0	0	
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 35,760	\$ 31,809	\$ 4,220	\$ 3,469	\$ 4,613	
Past due loans:						
Residential mortgages	\$ 1,313	\$ 388	\$ 219	\$ 327	\$ 703	
Commercial and commercial mortgages	0	14	3	—	—	
Consumer	26	173	29	59	104	
Total past due loans	\$ 1,339	\$ 575	\$ 251	\$ 386	\$ 807	
Ratio of nonaccruing loans to total loans (1)	1.15	% 1.38	% 0.19	% 0.19	% 0.28	%
Ratio of allowance for loan losses to gross loans (1)	1.26	% 1.12	% 1.34	% 1.41	% 1.56	%
Ratio of nonperforming assets to total assets	1.04	% 0.99	% 0.14	% 0.12	% 0.18	%
Ratio of loan loss allowance to nonaccruing loans (2)	108.30	% 78.80	% 705.32	% 709.47	% 524.05	%

(1) Total loans exclude loans held-for-sale.

(2) The applicable allowance represents general valuation allowances only.

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Total nonperforming assets increased \$4.0 million during 2008. As a result, nonperforming assets as a percentage of total assets increased from 0.99% at December 31, 2007 to 1.04% at December 31, 2008. Non-performing loans declined from December 31, 2007 level as exposures migrated to assets acquired through foreclosure and \$8.4 million in losses were recognized on construction loans. Restructured loans of \$2.9 million contributed to the increase in non-performing assets. All of the restructured loans are residential mortgage loans to home owners and represent loans in which we have made concessions in order to assist the borrower in making their payments.

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The following table provides an analysis of the change in the balance of nonperforming assets during the last three years:

Year Ended December 31, (In Thousands)	2008		2007		2006
Beginning balance	\$ 31,809		\$ 4,220		\$ 3,469
Additions	48,152		37,017		5,697
Collections	(26,574	)	(3,029	)	(3,916
Transfers to accrual	(1,345	)	(295	)	(453
Charge-offs/write-downs	(16,282	)	(6,104	)	(577
Ending balance	\$ 35,760		\$ 31,809		\$ 4,220

As of December 31, 2008, we had \$70.2 million of loans, which, although performing at that date, are believed to require increased supervision and review; and may, depending on the economic environment and other factors, become non-performing assets in future periods. The amount of such loans at December 31, 2007 was \$40.7 million. The majority of the loans are secured by commercial real estate, with lesser amounts being secured by residential real estate, inventory and receivables.

Allowance for Loan Losses. We maintain allowances for credit losses and charge losses to these allowances when such losses are realized. The determination of the allowance for loan losses requires significant judgement reflecting management's best estimate of probable loan losses related to specifically identified loans as well as probable loan losses in the remaining loan portfolio. Our evaluation is based upon a continuing review of these portfolios.

We established our loan loss allowance in accordance with guidance provided in the Securities and Exchange Commission's Staff Accounting Bulletin 102 (SAB 102). Its methodology for assessing the appropriateness of the allowance consists of several key elements which include: specific allowances for identified problem loans; formula allowances for commercial and commercial real estate loans; and allowances for pooled homogenous loans.

Specific reserves are established for certain loans in cases where management has identified significant conditions or circumstances related to a specific credit that management believes indicate the probability that a loss has been incurred.

The formula allowances for commercial and commercial real estate loans are calculated by applying estimated loss factors to outstanding loans based on the internal risk grade of loans. For low risk commercial and commercial real estate loans the portfolio is pooled, based on internal risk grade, and estimates are based on a ten-year net charge-off history. Higher risk and criticized loans have loss factors that are derived from an analysis of both the probability of default and the probability of loss should default occur. Loss adjustment factors are applied based on criteria discussed below. As a result, changes in risk grades of both performing and nonperforming loans affect the amount of the formula allowance.

Pooled loans are loans that are usually smaller, not-individually-graded and homogenous in nature, such as consumer installment loans and residential mortgages. Loan loss allowances for pooled loans are based on a ten-year net charge-off history. The average loss allowance per homogenous pool is based on the product of average annual historical loss rate and the estimated duration of the pool multiplied by the pool balances. These separate risk pools are assigned a reserve for losses based upon this historical loss information and loss adjustment factors.

Historical loss adjustment factors are based upon our evaluation of various current conditions including those listed below:

- General economic and business conditions affecting our key lending areas,
- Credit quality trends,
- Recent loss experience in particular segments of the portfolio,
- Collateral values and loan-to-value ratios,
- Loan volumes and concentrations, including changes in mix,
- Seasoning of the loan portfolio,
- Specific industry conditions within portfolio segments,
- Bank regulatory examination results, and

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- Other factors, including changes in quality of the loan origination, servicing and risk management processes.

Our loan officers and risk managers meet at least quarterly to discuss and review these conditions and risks associated with individual problem loans. In addition, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review our allowance for such losses. We also give consideration to the results of these regulatory agency examinations.

During 2008, the provision for loan losses were affected by increased credit-related costs due to the rapid deterioration in the economic environment during the fourth quarter: including (1) increased charge-offs; (2) a general migration to loans to lower credit grades; (3) higher reserves for new loans; (4) higher loss rate expectations; and (5) higher estimated reserves for economic conditions.

The table below represents a summary of changes in the allowance for loan losses during the periods indicated:

Year Ended December 31,	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004					
(Dollars in Thousands)										
Beginning balance	\$ 25,252	\$ 27,384	\$ 25,381	\$ 24,222	\$ 22,386					
Provision for loan losses	23,024	5,021	2,738	2,582	3,217					
Charge-offs:										
Residential real estate	628	41	75	90	222					
Commercial real estate (1)	12,195	1,398	—	104	148					
Commercial	1,992	4,379	470	1,048	656					
Overdrafts (2)	1,327	1,441	607	—	—					
Consumer	1,697	790	483	631	817					
Total charge-offs	17,839	8,049	1,635	1,873	1,843					
Recoveries:										
Residential real estate	7	11	14	59	32					
Commercial real estate (1)	12	127	170	42	—					
Commercial	100	173	343	209	335					
Overdrafts (2)	384	446	217	—	—					
Consumer	249	139	156	140	95					
Total recoveries	752	896	900	450	462					
Net charge-offs	17,087	7,153	735	1,423	1,381					
Ending balance	\$ 31,189	\$ 25,252	\$ 27,384	\$ 25,381	\$ 24,222					
Net charge-offs to average gross loans outstanding, net of unearned income	0.74	%	0.34	%	0.04	%	0.09	%	0.10	%

(1) Includes commercial mortgage and construction loans.

(2) Prior to April 2006, overdraft charge-offs/recoveries were recognized in other operating expense.

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The allowance for loan losses is allocated by major portfolio type. As these portfolios have developed, they have become a source of historical data in projecting delinquencies and loss exposure; however, such allocations are not a guarantee of where future losses may occur. While we have allocated the allowance for loan losses by portfolio type in the following table, the entire reserve is available for any loan portfolio to utilize. The allocation of the allowance for loan losses by portfolio type at the end of each of the last five fiscal years, and the percentage of outstanding loans in each category to total gross outstanding, at such dates follow:

December 31	2008		2007		2006		2005		2004						
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent					
<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>															
Residential real estate	\$ 2,480	17.1	%	\$ 1,304	19.8	%	\$ 1,645	23.1	%	\$ 1,632	25.4	%	\$ 1,468	28.1	%
Commercial real estate	10,656	32.8	%	12,151	32.9	%	11,343	32.5	%	10,978	32.7	%	9,211	34.6	%
Commercial	12,510	38.1	%	8,088	35.0	%	11,019	31.5	%	9,471	28.3	%	10,456	23.7	%
Consumer	5,543	12.0	%	3,709	12.3	%	3,377	12.9	%	3,300	13.6	%	3,087	13.6	%
Total	\$ 31,189	100.0	%	\$ 25,252	100.0	%	\$ 27,384	100.0	%	\$ 25,381	100.0	%	\$ 24,222	100.0	%

LIQUIDITY

We manage our liquidity risk and funding needs through our treasury function and our Asset/Liability Committee. Historically, we have had success in growing our loan portfolio. For example, during the year ended December 31, 2008, net loan growth resulted in the use of \$236.7 million in cash. The loan growth was primarily the result of our continued success increasing corporate and small business lending. Management expects this trend to continue. While our loan-to-deposit ratio has been well above 100% for many years, management has significant experience managing its funding needs through borrowings and deposit growth.

As a financial institution, we have ready access to several sources of funding. Among these are:

- Deposit growth
- Brokered deposits
- Borrowing from the FHLB
- Fed Discount Window access
- Other borrowings such as repurchase agreements
- Cash flow from securities and loan sales and repayments
- Net income.

Our current branch expansion and renovation program is focused on expanding our retail footprint in Delaware and attracting new customers to provide additional deposit growth. Customer deposit growth was strong, equaling \$227.9 million, or 15% between December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008.

Our portfolio of high-quality, liquid investments, primarily short-duration AAA-rated, mortgage-backed securities and Agency notes also provide a source of cash flow to meet current cash needs. If needed, portions of this portfolio, as well as portions of the loan portfolio, could be sold to provide cash to fund new loans. During the year ended December 31, 2008, \$46.4 million in cash was provided by operating activities.

We have a policy that separately addresses liquidity, and management monitors our adherence to policy limits. As part of the liquidity management process, we also monitor our available wholesale funding capacity. At December 31, 2008, we had \$267.4 million in funding capacity at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh and \$546.7 million in estimated funding capacity in brokered deposits. Also, liquidity risk management is a primary area of examination by the OTS.

We have not used and have no intention of using any significant off balance sheet financing arrangement for liquidity management purposes. Our financial instruments with off balance sheet risk are limited to obligations to fund loans to customers pursuant to existing commitments and obligations of letters of credit. In addition, we have not had and have no intention to have any significant transactions, arrangements or other relationships with any unconsolidated, limited purpose entities that could materially affect our liquidity or capital resources.

CAPITAL RESOURCES

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Federal laws, among other things, require the OTS to mandate uniformly applicable capital standards for all savings institutions. These standards currently require institutions such as us to maintain a “tangible” capital ratio equal to 1.5% of adjusted total assets, “core” (or “leverage”) capital equal to 4.0% of adjusted total assets, “Tier 1” capital equal to 4.0% of “risk-weighted” assets and total “risk-based” capital (a combination of core and “supplementary” capital) equal to 8.0% of “risk-weighted” assets.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act (FDICIA), as well as other requirements, established five capital tiers: well-capitalized, adequately-capitalized, under-capitalized, significantly under-capitalized and critically under-capitalized. A depository institution’s capital tier depends upon its capital levels in relation to various relevant capital measures, which include leverage and risk-based capital measures and certain other factors. Depository institutions that are not classified as well-capitalized are subject to various

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restrictions regarding capital distributions, payment of management fees, acceptance of brokered deposits and other operating activities.

At December 31, 2008, we are classified as well-capitalized, the highest regulatory defined level, and in compliance with all regulatory capital requirements. Additional information concerning our regulatory capital compliance is included in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Since 1996, the Board of Directors has approved several stock repurchase programs to acquire common stock outstanding. As part of these programs, we acquired approximately 73,500 shares in 2008 and 564,100 shares in 2007. At December 31, 2008, we held 9.6 million shares of our common stock as treasury shares. At December 31, 2008, we had 506,000 shares remaining under our current share repurchase authorization.

On January 23, 2009, under the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Plan ("CPP"), we sold 52,625 shares of senior preferred stock to the U.S. Treasury, having a liquidation amount equal to \$1,000 per share, or \$52.6 million. Although we are currently well-capitalized under regulatory guidelines, the Board of Directors believed it was advisable to take advantage of the CPP to raise additional capital to ensure that during these uncertain times, we are well-positioned to support our existing operations as well as anticipated future growth. Additional information concerning the CPP is included in Note 21 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

As part of the CPP program, any share repurchases or increase in the dividend level from the September 2008 quarterly payment of \$0.12 per share, must be approved by the U.S. Treasury department.

OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We have no off balance sheet arrangements that currently have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources. Additional information concerning our off balance sheet arrangements is included in Note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

At December 31, 2008, we had contractual obligations relating to operating leases, long-term debt, data processing and credit obligations. These obligations are summarized below. See Notes 7, 9 and 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion.

	Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
(In Thousands)					
Operating lease obligations	\$ 54,616	\$ 5,323	\$ 10,060	\$ 8,535	\$ 30,698

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Long-term debt obligations	882,968	471,562	302,372	42,023	67,011
Data processing contracts	4,674	3,683	991	—	—
Credit obligations	700,540	700,540	—	—	—
Total	\$ 1,642,798	\$ 1,181,108	\$ 313,423	\$ 50,558	\$ 97,709

IMPACT OF INFLATION AND CHANGING PRICES

Our Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which require the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars without consideration of the changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. The impact of inflation is reflected in the increased costs of our operations. Unlike most industrial companies, nearly all of our assets and liabilities are monetary. As a result, interest rates have a greater impact on our performance than do the effects of general levels of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or the same extent as the price of goods and services.

RECENT LEGISLATION

The economy is experiencing significantly reduced business activity as a result of, among other factors, disruptions in the financial system during the past year. Declines in the housing market during the past year, due to falling home prices and increased foreclosures and unemployment, have resulted in substantial declines in mortgage-related asset values, which has had a dramatic negative impact on government-sponsored entities and major commercial and investment banks.

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Reflecting concern about the stability of the finance markets in general and the strength of counterparties, many lenders and institutional investors have reduced, and in some cases, ceased, to provide funding and liquidity to borrowers, including other financial institutions. In response to the financial crisis affecting the banking system and financial markets and going concern threats to investment banks and other financial institutions, on October 3, 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the "EESA") was signed into law. Pursuant to the EESA, specifically the Troubled Asset Relief Program ("TARP") thereunder, the U.S. Treasury will have the authority to, among other things, purchase up to \$700 billion of mortgages, mortgage-backed securities and certain other financial instruments from financial institutions for the purpose of stabilizing and providing liquidity to the U.S. financial markets.

On October 14, 2008, the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury announced the Department of the Treasury will purchase equity stakes in a wide variety of banks and thrifts through TARP's CPP. Under this program, from the \$700 billion authorized by the EESA, the Treasury made \$250 billion of capital available to U.S. financial institutions in the form of preferred stock. In conjunction with the purchase of preferred stock, the Treasury received, from participating financial institutions, warrants to purchase common stock with an aggregate market price equal to 15% of the preferred stock investment. Participating financial institutions were required to adopt the Treasury's standards for executive compensation and corporate governance for the period during which the Treasury holds equity in such institution issued under the CPP.

On November 21, 2008, the Board of Directors of the FDIC adopted a final rule relating to the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (the "TLGP"). The TLGP was announced by the FDIC on October 14, 2008, after the determination of systemic risk by the Secretary of the Department of Treasury (after consultation with the President), as an initiative to counter the system-wide crisis in the nation's financial sector. Under the TLGP the FDIC will (i) guarantee, through the earlier of maturity or June 30, 2012, certain newly issued senior unsecured debt issued by participating institutions on or after October 14, 2008, and before June 30, 2009 and (ii) provide full FDIC insurance deposit insurance coverage for noninterest bearing transaction deposit accounts, Negotiable Order of Withdrawal ("NOW") accounts paying less than 0.5% interest per annum and Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts ("IOLTA") accounts held at participating FDIC-insured institutions through December 31, 2009. Coverage under the TLGP was available for the first 30 days without charge. The fee assessment for coverage of senior unsecured debt ranges from 50 basis points to 100 basis points per annum, depending on the initial maturity of the debt. The fee assessment for deposit insurance coverage is 10 basis points per quarter on amounts in covered accounts exceeding \$250,000.

On February 10, 2009, the U.S. Treasury and the federal bank regulatory agencies announced in a Joint Statement a new Financial Stability Plan which would include additional capital support for banks under a Capital Assistance Program, a public-private investment fund to address existing bank loan portfolios and expanded funding for the FRB's pending Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility to restart lending and the securitization markets.

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA") was signed into law by President Obama. The ARRA includes a wide variety of programs intended to stimulate the economy and provide for extensive infrastructure, energy, health, and education needs. In addition, the ARRA imposes certain new executive compensation and corporate expenditure limits on all current and future TARP recipients until the institution has repaid the U.S. Treasury, which is now permitted under the ARRA without penalty and without the need to raise new capital, subject to the U.S. Treasury's consultation with the recipient's appropriate regulatory agency.

The executive compensation standards under ARRA are more stringent than those currently in effect under the CPP or those previously proposed by the U.S. Treasury. The new standards include (but are not limited to) (i) prohibitions on bonuses, retention awards and other incentive compensation, other than restricted stock grants which do not fully vest during the TARP period up to one-third of an employee's total annual compensation, (ii) prohibitions on golden parachute payments for departure from a company, (iii) an expanded clawback of bonuses, retention awards, and incentive compensation if payment is based on materially

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inaccurate statements of earnings, revenues, gains or other criteria, (iv) prohibitions on compensation plans that encourage manipulation of reported earnings, (v) retroactive review of bonuses, retention awards and other compensation previously provided by TARP recipients if found by the U.S. Treasury to be inconsistent with the purposes of TARP or otherwise contrary to public interest, (vi) required establishment of a company-wide policy regarding “excessive or luxury expenditures,” and (vii) inclusion in a participant’s proxy statements for annual shareholder meetings of a nonbinding “Say on Pay” shareholder vote on the compensation of executives.

On February 23, 2009, the U.S. Treasury and the federal bank regulatory agencies issued a Joint Statement providing further guidance with respect to the Capital Assistance Program (“CAP”) announced February 10, 2009, including: (i) that the CAP will be initiated on February 25, 2009 and will include “stress test” assessments of major banks and that should the “stress test” indicate that an additional capital buffer is warranted, institutions will have an opportunity to turn first to private sources of capital; otherwise the temporary capital buffer will be made available from the government; (ii) such additional government capital will be in the form of mandatory convertible preferred shares, which would be converted into common equity shares only as needed over time to keep banks in a well-capitalized position and can be retired under improved financial conditions before the conversion becomes mandatory; and (iii) previous capital injections under the CPP will also be eligible to be exchanged for the mandatory convertible preferred shares. The conversion of preferred shares to common equity shares would enable institutions to maintain or enhance the quality of their capital by increasing their tangible common equity capital ratios; however, such conversions would necessarily dilute the interests of existing shareholders.

On February 25, 2009, the first day the CAP program was initiated, the U.S. Treasury released the actual terms of the program, stating that the purpose of the CAP is to restore confidence throughout the financial system that the nation’s largest banking institutions have a sufficient capital cushion against larger than expected future losses, should they occur due to more a more severe economic environment, and to support lending to creditworthy borrowers. Under the CAP terms, eligible U.S. banking institutions with assets in excess of \$100 billion on a consolidated basis are required to participate in coordinated supervisory assessments, which are forward-looking “stress test” assessments to evaluate the capital needs of the institution under a more challenging economic environment. Should this assessment indicate the need for the bank to establish an additional capital buffer to withstand more stressful conditions, these institutions may access the CAP immediately as a means to establish any necessary additional buffer or they may delay the CAP funding for six months to raise the capital privately. Eligible U.S. banking institutions with assets below \$100 billion may also obtain capital from the CAP. The CAP program is an additional program from the CPP and is open to eligible institutions regardless of whether they participated in the CPP. The deadline to apply to the CAP is May 25, 2009. Recipients of capital under the CAP will be subject to the same executive compensation requirements as if they had received the CPP.

On February 27, 2009, the FDIC proposed amendments to the restoration plan for the Deposit Insurance Fund. This amendment proposes the imposition of a 20 basis point emergency special assessment on insured depository institutions as of June 30, 2009. On March 5, 2009, FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair announced that if Congress adopts legislation expanding the FDIC’s line of credit with Treasury from \$30 billion to \$100 billion, the FDIC might have the flexibility to reduce the special emergency assessment, possibly from 20 to 10 basis points. The assessment is proposed to be collected on September 30, 2009. The interim rule would also permit the FDIC to impose an emergency special assessment after June 30, 2009, of up to ten basis points if necessary to maintain public confidence in federal deposit insurance. This special assessment if implemented as proposed will have a significant impact on the results of operations of the Company for 2009.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations are based on the Consolidated Financial Statements, which are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these Financial Statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions affecting the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. We regularly evaluate these estimates and assumptions including those related to the allowance for loan losses, contingencies (including indemnifications), and deferred taxes. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other factors and assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. These form the basis for making judgements on the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

The following are critical accounting policies that involve more significant judgements and estimates:

Allowance for Loan Losses

We maintain allowances for credit losses and charge losses to these allowances when realized. The determination of the allowance for loan losses requires significant judgement reflecting our best estimate of probable loan losses related to specifically identified loans as well as those in the remaining loan portfolio. Our evaluation is based upon a continuing review of these portfolios, with consideration given to evaluations resulting from examinations performed by regulatory authorities.

As part of our problem loan management process, we may, from time to time, make decisions to protect our interests which may affect the basis in a problem loan or our estimate of the realizable value of a problem loan. For example, to improve our first lien position in a non-accrual loan, in August 2008 we purchased a note related to this non-accrual loan from another lender for up to \$1 million. Related to the same credit, in August 2008, we made a loan to an interested third party that is expected to add up to \$2.8 million to its estimated realizable value.

Contingencies (Including Indemnifications)

In the ordinary course of business, we are subject to legal actions, which involve claims for monetary relief. Based upon information presently available to us and our counsel, it is our opinion that any legal and financial responsibility arising from such claims will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

We maintain a loss contingency for standby letters of credit and charge losses to this reserve when such losses are realized. The determination of the loss contingency for standby letters of credit requires significant judgement reflecting management's best estimate of probable losses.

The Bank, as successor to originators of reverse mortgages is, from time to time, involved in arbitration or litigation with various parties including borrowers or the heirs of borrowers. Because reverse mortgages are a relatively new and uncommon product, there can be no assurances about how the courts or arbitrators may apply existing legal principles to the interpretation and enforcement of the terms and conditions of the Bank's reverse mortgage obligations.

Deferred Taxes

We account for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes* (SFAS 109), which requires the recording of deferred income taxes that reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. We have assessed our valuation allowances on deferred income taxes resulting from, among other things, limitations imposed by Internal Revenue Code and uncertainties, including the timing of settlement and realization of these differences.

Fair Value Measurements

On January 1, 2008, we adopted SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (“SFAS 157”), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. See Note 15 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (“SFAS 157”). This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. Additionally, it establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of SFAS 157 did not have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In September 2006, the Emerging Issues Task Force (“EITF”) reached a final consensus on Issue 06-04 *Accounting for Deferred Compensation and Postretirement Benefit Aspects of Endorsement Split Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements*. In accordance with the EITF consensus, an agreement by an employer to share a portion of the proceeds of a life insurance policy with an employee during the postretirement period is a postretirement benefit arrangement required to be accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 106 *Employers’ Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions* (“SFAS 106”) or Accounting Principles Board Opinion (“APB”) No. 19 *Unibus Opinion — 196*. Furthermore, the purchase of a split dollar life insurance policy does not constitute a settlement under SFAS 106 and, therefore, a liability for the postretirement obligation must be recognized under SFAS 106 if the benefit is offered under an arrangement that constitutes a plan or under Accounting Principles Board No. 12 if it is not part of a plan. The provisions of EITF Issue 06-04 are to be applied through either a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the year of adoption or retrospective application. We adopted this statement on January 1, 2008 and it did not have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities—Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115* (“SFAS 159”). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are recognized in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. We adopted SFAS 159 on January 1, 2008 and it did not have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

On November 5, 2007, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 109, *Written Loan Commitments Recorded at Fair Value through Earnings* (“SAB 109”). Previously, SAB 105 *Application of Accounting Principles to Loan Commitments*, stated that in measuring the fair value of a derivative loan commitment, a company should not incorporate the expected net future cash flows related to the associated servicing of the loan. SAB 109 supersedes SAB 105 and indicates that the expected net future cash flows related to the associated servicing of the loan should be included in measuring fair value for all written loan commitments that are accounted for at fair value through earnings. SAB 105 also indicated that internally-developed intangible assets should not be recorded as part of the fair value of a derivative loan commitment, and SAB 109 retains that view. SAB 109 was effective for derivative loan commitments issued or modified in fiscal quarters beginning after December 15, 2007 and did not have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations* ("SFAS 141(R)"). This Statement changes the requirements for an acquirer's recognition and measurement of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed in a business combination. SFAS 141(R) is effective for annual

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periods beginning after December 15, 2008 and should be applied prospectively for all business combinations entered into after the date of adoption.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements — an amendment of ARB No. 51* (“SFAS 160”). This Statement requires (i) that noncontrolling (minority) interests be reported as a component of shareholders’ equity, (ii) that net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest be separately identified in the consolidated statement of operations, (iii) that changes in a parent’s ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling interest be accounted for as equity transactions, (iv) that any retained noncontrolling equity investment upon the deconsolidation of a subsidiary be initially measured at fair value, and (v) that sufficient disclosures are provided that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS 160 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2008 and should be applied prospectively. However, the presentation and disclosure requirements of the statement shall be applied retrospectively for all periods presented. We do not believe the adoption of SFAS 160 will have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosure about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* (“SFAS 161”). This statement changes the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Entities are required to provide enhanced disclosures about (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedges are accounted for under Statement 133 and its related interpretations and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedges affect an entity’s financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. We do not believe the adoption of this standard will have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (“SFAS 162”). This statement identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. SFAS 162 is effective 60 days following the SEC’s approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, *The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. We do not believe the adoption of this standard will have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk of loss from adverse changes in market prices and rates. Our market risk arises primarily from interest rate risk inherent in our lending, investing and funding activities. To that end, we actively monitor and manage our interest rate risk exposure. One measure required to be performed by the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS)-regulated institutions is the test specified by OTS Thrift Bulletin No. 13A, *Management of Interest Rate Risk, Investment Securities and Derivatives Activities*. This test measures the impact on the net portfolio value of an immediate change in interest rates in 100 basis point increments. Net portfolio value is defined as the net present value of the estimated cash flows from assets and liabilities as a percentage of the net present value of assets. The following table is the estimated impact of immediate changes in interest rates on our net interest margin and net portfolio value at the specified levels at December 31, 2008 and 2007, calculated in compliance with Thrift Bulletin No. 13A:

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December 31, Change in Interest Rate (Basis Points)	2008		2007	
	% Change in Net Interest Margin (1)		Net Portfolio Value (2)	
+300	-9	%	7.92	%
+200	-6	%	8.17	%
+100	-3	%	8.37	%
0	0	%	8.50	%
-100	-2	%	8.43	%
-200 (3)	NMF		NMF	