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February 20, 2004

Mr. Brigham Weir
CT Corporation System
660 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Weir:

Re: BancWest Investment Services, Inc.

Thank you for your recent letter/fax requesting approval of the above referenced name which is a subsidiary of BancWest Corporation (Delaware), owned by BNP Paribas SA located in Vacaville, California.

As Section 655.922, Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition of using the word "bank," "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union" in its corporate name, the Office of Financial Regulation will not object to the use of the above corporate name being registered to transact business as a foreign corporation in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Charity
Deputy Director
Financial Institutions

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief, Bureau of Commercial Recordings
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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND SECURITIES REGULATION
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

CORPORATE NAME APPROVAL REQUEST

Pursuant to Section 655.922, Florida Statutes, no person other than a financial institution shall in this state transact business under any name or title that contains the words "bank," "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union," or words of similar import, in any context or in any manner.

A proposed corporate name should be definitive enough to differentiate the business to be conducted from that of a commercial bank, trust company, savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union. For example, a mortgage-related business should use the word "mortgage" in its corporate name.

In order for the Office of Financial Institutions to consider your request for approval to use "bank," "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union," or words of similar import, in any context or in any manner in your corporate title, and issue a no objection letter, please provide the following information:

The corporate name proposed is:

The nature of the business to be transacted:

The proposed business will be located at:

Division of Corporations - P.O. BOX 6327 -Tallahassee, Florida 32314

APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. BancWest Investment Services, Inc.
(Name of corporation; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)

2. Delaware 3. 13-3818472
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. June 13, 1991 5. perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. upon qualification
(Date first transacted business in Florida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification.")
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)

7. 330 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA 95688
(Principal office address)
330 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA 95688
(Current mailing address)

8. investment services
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box NOT acceptable)

Name: CT Corporation System

Office Address: 1200 South Pine Island Road

Plantation, Florida 33324
(City) (Zip code)

10. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

CT Corporation System

By: [Signature]
(Registered agent's signature)

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

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12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: Frank Bonetto

Address: 330 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA 95688

Vice Chairman: Frank Homer

Address: 330 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA 95688

Director: Lisa Standen, Casey Copus, Peter Frontiero, Mark Oyadimori, Dan Santucci

Address: 330 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA 95688

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: Lisa Standen

Address: 330 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA 95688

Vice President: Casey Copus

Address: 330 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA 95688

Secretary: Susan Freund

Address: 330 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA 95688

Treasurer: Dan Santucci

Address: 330 Davis Street, Vacaville, CA 95688

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. Susan K. Freund
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Susan Freund, Secretary
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "RANCREST INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC." IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2004.

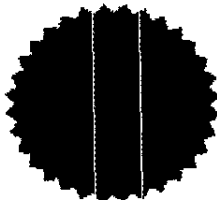
AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE.

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