### **CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC**

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For a printer - friendly version, click here Form 10-Q [X] Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the quarterly period ended: September 30, 2006 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 - 7275Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Texas 74-1751768 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

(210) 220-4011

78205

(Zip code)

100 W. Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 12 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 [X] No []

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer [X] Accelerated filer [] Non-accelerated filer []

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes [X]

As of October 19, 2006, there were 55,915,888 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding.

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Part I. Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

# Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.

**Consolidated Statements of Income** 

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

		rree Months Ended September 30, Ended September 3		
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Interest income:				
Loans, including fees	\$ 131,006	9\$3,071	37\$,304	25,103
Securities:				
Taxable	32,404	30,137	99,159	91,965
Tax-exempt	2,822	2,710	8,342	7,833
Interest-bearing deposits	61	49	153	100
Federal funds sold and resell agreements	10,114	4,231	24,027	9,380
Total interest income	176,407	130,198	501,985	363,381

Interest expense:				
Deposits	42,277	20,502	109,959	52,659
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	8,353	4,557	23,008	10,825
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures	4,439	3,796	12,845	10,938
Subordinated notes payable and other borrowings	2,812	2,058	8,239	5,493
Total interest expense	57,881	30,913	154,051	79,915
Net interest income	118,526	99,285	347,934	283,466
Provision for possible loan losses	1,711	2,725	10,750	7,300
Net interest income after provision for possible loan losses	116,815	96,560	337,184	276,166
Non-interest income:				
Trust fees	15,962	14,463	47,460	43,294
Service charges on deposit accounts	19,301	20,173	57,974	59,002
Insurance commissions and fees	7,204	7,389	22,323	22,192
Other charges, commissions and fees	6,558	6,135	20,668	17,008
Net gain (loss) on securities transactions	-	-	(1)	-
Other	10,871	9,894	32,495	32,330
Total non-interest income	59,896	58,054	180,919	173,826
Non-interest expense:				
Salaries and wages	48,743	41,818	142,312	122,272
Employee benefits	10,882	9,973	35,492	32,325
Net occupancy	8,964	8,111	25,909	22,863
Furniture and equipment	6,553	6,202	19,212	17,929
Intangible amortization	1,293	1,050	3,957	3,699
Other	26,505	24,838	76,448	72,841
Total non-interest expense	102,940	91,992	303,330	271,929
Income before income taxes	73,771	62,622	214,773	178,063
Income taxes	23,769	20,167	69,544	57,557
Net income	\$ 50,002	4\$2,455	14 <b>\$</b> ,229	12\$0,506
Earnings per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.81	\$2.64	\$ 2.32
Diluted	0.88	0.79	2.58	2.26

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	September 30,	December 31,	September 30,
	2006	2005	2005
Assets:			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 558,997	\$ 873,015	\$ 562,107
Interest-bearing deposits	2,279	6,438	2,773
Federal funds sold and resell agreements	1,016,650	1,033,975	785,625
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,577,926	1,913,428	1,350,505
Securities held to maturity, at amortized cost	10,625	12,701	13,685
Securities available for sale, at estimated fair value	2,770,409	3,059,111	2,667,684
Trading account securities	8,024	6,217	5,937
Loans, net of unearned discounts	6,516,256	6,085,055	5,709,519
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	(85,667)	(80,325)	(77,117)
Net loans	6,430,589	6,004,730	5,632,402
Premises and equipment, net	202,717	182,356	175,012
Goodwill	246,957	168,983	100,404
Other intangible assets, net	21,117	14,903	10,302
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	110,673	102,604	101,655
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	268,377	276,404	222,643
	\$ 11,647,414	\$ 11,741,437	\$ 10,280,229
Total assets			

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Deposits:			
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 3,380,986	\$ 3,484,932	\$ 3,201,929
Interest-bearing deposits	5,889,462	5,661,462	5,080,871
Total deposits	9,270,448	9,146,394	8,282,800
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	725,779	740,529	608,174
Subordinated notes payable and other borrowings	171,427	188,617	150,678
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures	229,898	226,805	226,805
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	128,441	456,856	115,019
	10,525,993	10,759,201	9,383,476
Total liabilities			
Shareholders' Equity:			
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 10,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	-	-	-
Junior participating preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 250,000 shares authorized; none issued	-	-	-
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 210,000,000 shares authorized; 55,820,763 shares, 54,961,616 shares and 53,561,616 shares issued	558	550	536
Additional paid-in capital	324,534	279,627	216,966
Retained earnings	853,738	776,193	754,798
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(57,409)	(50,442)	(31,715)
Treasury stock, no shares, 478,881 shares and 905,097 shares, at cost	-	(23,692)	(43,832)
	1,121,421	982,236	896,753
Total shareholders' equity			
	\$ 11,647,414	\$ 11,741,437	\$ 10,280,229
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		_	

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2006		2005
Total shareholders' equity at beginning of period	\$	982,236	\$	822,395
Comprehensive income:				
Net income		145,229		120,506
Other comprehensive income:				
Change in unrealized gain/loss on securities available for sale of \$(9,758) in				
2006 and \$(32,202) in 2005, net of reclassification adjustment of \$1 in 2006		(6,342)		(20,931)
and tax effect of \$(3,415) in 2006 and \$(11,271) in 2005				
Change in accumulated gain/loss on effective cash flow hedging derivatives of \$(963) in 2006 net of tax effect of \$(338)		(625)		-
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Total other comprehensive income		(6,967)		(20,931)
Total comprehensive income		138,262		99,575
Stock option exercises (1,404,780 shares in 2006 and 1,044,595 shares in 2005)		37,270		25,286
Stock compensation expense recognized in earnings		7,030		1,333
Excess tax benefits related to stock compensation		14,563		8,279
Purchase of treasury stock (66,752 shares in 2006 and 311,928 shares in 2005)		(3,580)		(14,946)
Cash dividends (\$0.98 per share in 2006 and \$0.865 per share in 2005)		(54,360)		(45,169)
Total shareholders' equity at end of period	\$	1,121,421	\$	896,753

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Nine Months Ended

Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Dollars in thousands)

	September 30,				
		2006		2005	
Operating Activities:					
Net income	\$	145,229	\$	120,506	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		·		,	
Provision for possible loan losses		10,750		7,300	
Deferred tax expense (benefit)		(1,779)		1,227	
Accretion of loan discounts		(7,593)		(4,827)	
Securities premium amortization (discount accretion), net		(1,366)		(92)	
Net (gain) loss on securities transactions		1		-	
Depreciation and amortization		18,323		18,461	
Origination of loans held for sale		(58,954)		(55,173)	
Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale		59,171		57,183	
Net gain on sale of loans held for sale and other assets		(1,633)		(2,375)	
Stock-based compensation expense		7,030		1,333	
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation arrangements		-		8,279	
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements		(14,563)		-	
Net proceeds from settlement of legal claims		-		(2,389)	
Earnings on life insurance policies		(3,054)		(2,985)	
Net change in:					
Trading account securities		(1,807)		(1,266)	
Accrued interest receivable and other assets		9,902		(15,187)	
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities		(320,790)		(25,676)	
Net cash from operating activities		(161,133)		104,319	
Investing Activities:					
Securities held to maturity:					
Maturities, calls and principal repayments		2,069		3,020	
Securities available for sale:					
Purchases	(	13,028,949)	()	10,548,635 )	

Sales	25,689	2,289
Maturities, calls and principal repayments	13,351,918	10,803,857
Net change in loans	(141,303)	(545,756)
Net cash paid in acquisitions	(61,016)	-
Proceeds from sales of premises and equipment	202	36
Purchases of premises and equipment	(21,055)	(15,711)
Benefits received on life insurance policies	-	6,553
Proceeds from sales of repossessed properties	1,571	2,813
Net cash from investing activities	129,126	(291,534)
Financing Activities:		
Net change in deposits	(257,529)	177,122
Net change in short-term borrowings	(20,669)	101,832
Principal payments on notes payable and other borrowings	(19,190)	(194)
Proceeds from stock option exercises	37,270	25,286
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation arrangements	14,563	-
Purchase of treasury stock	(3,580)	(14,946)
Cash dividends paid	(54,360)	(45,169)
Net cash from financing activities	(303,495)	243,931
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(335,502)	56,716
Cash and equivalents at beginning of period	1,913,428	1,293,789
Cash and equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,577,926	\$ 1,350,505
Supplemental disclosures:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 157,237	\$ 81,529
Cash paid for income taxes	54,099	41,945

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Table amounts are stated in thousands, except for share and per share amounts)

**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies** 

Nature of Operations. Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. (Cullen/Frost) is a financial holding company and a bank holding company headquartered in San Antonio, Texas that provides, through its subsidiaries, a broad array of products and services throughout 12 Texas markets, including commercial and consumer banking services, as well as trust and investment management, investment banking, insurance, brokerage, leasing, asset-based lending, treasury management and item processing services.

Basis of Presentation. The consolidated financial statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include the accounts of Cullen/Frost and all other entities in which Cullen/Frost has a controlling financial interest (collectively referred to as the "Corporation"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The accounting and financial reporting policies the Corporation follows conform, in all material respects, to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and to general practices within the financial services industry.

The consolidated financial statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q have not been audited by an independent registered public accounting firm, but in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the Corporation's financial position and results of operations. All such adjustments were of a normal and recurring nature. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Accordingly, the financial statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's consolidated financial statements, and notes thereto, for the year ended December 31, 2005, included in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 3, 2006 (the "2005 Form 10-K"). Operating results for the interim periods disclosed herein are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year or any future period.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The allowance for possible loan losses, the fair value of stock-based compensation awards, the fair values of financial instruments and the status of contingencies are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term.

Stock-Based Compensation. On January 1, 2006, the Corporation changed its accounting policy related to stock-compensation in connection with the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, "Share-Based Payment (Revised 2004)." See Note 12 - Stock-Based Compensation for additional information.

Comprehensive Income. Comprehensive income includes all changes in shareholders' equity during a period, except those resulting from transactions with shareholders. Besides net income, other components of the Corporation's comprehensive income include the after tax effect of changes in the net unrealized gain/loss on securities available for sale, changes in the additional minimum pension liability and changes in the accumulated gain/loss on effective cash flow hedging instruments. Comprehensive income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 is reported in the accompanying consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity. The Corporation had comprehensive income of \$99.1 million and \$21.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. Comprehensive income during the three months ended September 30, 2006 included a \$48.8 million net after-tax gain due to a decrease in the net unrealized loss on securities available for sale and a

\$344 thousand net after-tax decrease in the accumulated loss on effective cash flow hedging derivatives. Comprehensive income during the three months ended September 30, 2005 included a \$20.9 million net after-tax loss due to an increase in the net unrealized loss on securities available for sale.

*Reclassifications*. Certain items in prior financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

### Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions

The acquisitions described below were accounted for as purchase transactions with all cash consideration funded through internal sources. The purchase price has been allocated to the underlying assets and liabilities based on estimated fair values at the date of acquisition. The operating results of the acquired companies are included with the Corporation's results of operations since their respective dates of acquisition. Neither of the acquisitions had a significant impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

### Texas Community Bancshares, Inc.

On February 9, 2006, the Corporation acquired Texas Community Bancshares, Inc. including its subsidiary, Texas Community Bank and Trust, N.A. ("TCB"), a privately-held bank holding company and bank located in Dallas, Texas. The Corporation purchased all of the outstanding shares of TCB for approximately \$32.1 million. The purchase price includes \$31.1 million in cash and approximately \$1.0 million in acquisition-related costs. Upon completion of the acquisition, TCB was fully integrated into Cullen/Frost and Frost Bank. As of September 30, 2006, the Corporation had a liability totaling \$2.3 million related to TCB shares that have not yet been tendered for payment.

Alamo Corporation of Texas. On February 28, 2006, the Corporation acquired Alamo Corporation of Texas ("Alamo") including its subsidiary, Alamo Bank of Texas, a privately-held bank holding company and bank located in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The Corporation purchased all of the outstanding shares of Alamo for approximately \$87.8 million. The purchase price includes \$87.0 million in cash and \$834 thousand in acquisition-related costs. Alamo was fully integrated into Frost Bank during the second quarter of 2006.

The total purchase prices paid for the acquisitions of TCB and Alamo were allocated based on the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as set forth below. The purchase price allocations are preliminary and are subject to final determination and valuation of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

	TCB		Alamo
			_
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,595	\$	27,282
Securities available for sale	15,842		52,499
Loans, net	64,376		222,887
Premises and equipment, net	427		10,805
Core deposit intangible asset	3,762		6,410

Goodwill	19,864	58,943
Other assets	3,661	5,494
Deposits	(101,298)	(280,285)
Other borrowings	-	(11,012)
Other liabilities	 (2,134)	(5,191)
	\$ 32,095	\$ 87,832

The core deposit intangible assets acquired in these transactions are expected to be amortized over a period of 8 years. Additional information related to intangible assets and goodwill is included in Note 6 - Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. Pro forma condensed consolidated results of operations assuming TCB and Alamo had been acquired at the beginning of the reported periods are not presented because the combined effect of these acquisitions was not considered significant.

Horizon Capital Bank. The Corporation previously reported the acquisition of Horizon Capital Bank ("Horizon"), a privately-held bank located in Houston, Texas in the 2005 Form 10-K. During 2006, the purchase price allocation was revised based on additional information related to the valuation of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The revised total purchase price of \$109.2 million includes \$61.4 million of the Corporation's common stock (1.4 million shares), \$46.9 million in cash and \$996 thousand in acquisition-related costs primarily for professional fees. The purchase price paid for the acquisition was allocated based on the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The purchase price allocation is still preliminary and subject to final determination and valuation of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

Summit Bancshares, Inc. ("Summit") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") that provides for the merger of Summit with and into Cullen/Frost (the "Merger") and the subsequent merger of Summit Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Summit, with and into The Frost National Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cullen/Frost.

Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, the consideration for the Merger will consist of approximately 3.8 million shares (assuming the treasury stock method of accounting for options before giving effect to any exercises in outstanding options) of Cullen/Frost's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Cullen/Frost Common Stock"), and approximately \$143.4 million in cash. The Merger is intended to constitute a "reorganization" for United States federal income tax purposes. Consummation of the Merger is subject to receipt of requisite regulatory approvals. The Corporation expects to consummate the Merger in the fourth quarter of 2006.

#### Note 3 - Securities Held to Maturity and Securities Available for Sale

A summary of the amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities, excluding trading securities, is presented below.

September 30, 2006				December 3	1, 2005	
	Gross	Gross	'	Gross	Gross	
Amortized	Unrealized	UnrealizedEstimated	Amortized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Estimated
Cost	Gains	Losses Fair Value	Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value

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Securities Held to Maturity: U.S. government agencies and corporatio		\$ 100	\$ 11	\$ 9,714	\$ 11,701	\$ 126	\$ 25	\$1,802
Other	1,000	-	14	986	1,000	-	12	988
Total	\$10,625	\$ 100	\$ 25	\$ 10,700	\$ 12,701	\$ 126	\$ 37	\$2,790
Securities Available for Sale: U.S. Treasury	\$94,925	\$ -	\$ 494	\$ 94,431	\$ 84,897	\$ -	\$588	<b>\$</b> 4,309
U.S. government agencies and corporatio		3,354	48,922	2,367,377	2,710,445	6,632	40,974	2,676,103
States and political subdivision	279,097 s	4,313	620	282,790	268,975	3,741	1,423	271,293
Other	25,811	-	-	25,811	27,406	-	-	27,406
Total	2,\$12,778	\$7,667	5\$0,036	\$,770,409	\$3,091,723	\$ 10,373	42\$,985	3,0\$9,111

Securities with a carrying value totaling \$1.8 billion at September 30, 2006 and \$2.1 billion at December 31, 2005 were pledged to secure public funds, trust deposits, repurchase agreements and for other purposes, as required or permitted by law.

Sales of securities available for sale were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2006			2005		2006		2005
Proceeds from sales	\$		-	\$	-	\$	25,689	\$2,289
Gross realized gains			-		-		117	-
Gross realized losses			-		-		(118)	-

As of September 30, 2006, securities, with unrealized losses segregated by length of impairment, were as follows:

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	I	Less than	12 N	Months	More than 12 Months					Total			
		timated Fair Value		realized Losses		Estimated air Value		nrealized Losses		Estimated air Value		nrealized Losses	
Held to Maturity U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$	2,548	\$	6	\$	479	\$	5	\$	3,027	\$	11	
Other		-		-		986		14		986		14	
Total	\$	2,548	\$	6	\$	1,465	\$	19	\$	4,013	\$	25	
Available for Sale													
U.S. Treasury	\$	9,966	\$	1	\$	84,465	\$	493	\$	94,431	\$	494	
U.S. government agencies and corporations	9	956,691		7,190		1,224,606		41,732		2,181,297		48,922	
States and political subdivisions		2,122		4		33,612		616		35,734		620	
Total	\$9	068,779	\$	7,195	\$	1,342,683	\$	42,841	\$	2,311,462	\$	50,036	

Declines in the fair value of held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities below their cost that are deemed to be other than temporary are reflected in earnings as realized losses. In estimating other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers, among other things, (i) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (ii) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (iii) the intent and ability of the Corporation to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value.

Management has the ability and intent to hold the securities classified as held to maturity until they mature, at which time the Corporation will receive full value for the securities. Furthermore, management also has the ability and intent to hold the securities classified as available for sale for a period of time sufficient for a recovery of cost. The unrealized losses are largely due to increases in market interest rates over the yields available at the time the underlying securities were purchased. The fair value is expected to recover as the bonds approach their maturity date or repricing date or if market yields for such investments decline. Management does not believe any of the securities are impaired due to reasons of credit quality. Accordingly, as of September 30, 2006, management believes the impairments detailed in the table above are temporary and no impairment loss has been realized in the Corporation's consolidated income statement.

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### Loans were as follows:

	September 30, F	Percentage I of Total	December 31, 2005	Percentage of Total	September 30, 2005	Percentage of Total
Commercial and industrial:						
Commercial	\$ 2,852,027	43.8 % \$	2,610,178	42.9 %	\$ 2,549,846	44.7 %
Leases	165,465	2.5	148,750	2.4	134,119	2.3
Asset-based	46,387	0.7	41,288	0.7	45,618	3 0.8
Total commercial and industrial	3,063,879	47.0	2,800,216	46.0	2,729,583	3 47.8
Real estate:						
Construction:						
Commercial	607,749	9.4	590,635	9.7	498,762	2 8.7
Consumer	104,781	1.6	87,746	1.4	54,595	5 1.0
Land:						
Commercial	352,775	5.4	301,907	5.0	242,490	4.2
Consumer	4,323	0.1	10,369	0.2	5,560	0.1
Commercial mortgages	1,494,114	22.9	1,409,811	23.2	1,334,096	5 23.4
1-4 family residential mortgages	97,453	1.5	95,032	1.5	72,002	2 1.3
Home equity and other consumer	470,088	7.2	460,941	7.6	439,367	7.7
Total real estate	3,131,283	48.1	2,956,441	48.6	2,646,872	2 46.4
Consumer:						
Indirect	2,150	_	2,418	_	2,665	
Student loans held for sale	53,428	0.8	51,189	0.8	63,966	
Other	276,219	4.2	265,038	4.4	256,358	3 4.5
Other	19,188	0.3	27,201	0.5	26,344	0.5
Unearned discounts	(29,891)	(0.4)	(17,448)	(0.3)	(16,269	0) (0.3)
Total loans	\$ 6,516,256	100.0 % \$	6,085,055	100.0 %	\$ 5,709,519	100.0 %

Concentrations of Credit. Most of the Corporation's lending activity occurs within the State of Texas, including the four largest metropolitan areas of Austin, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio as well as eight other markets.

The majority of the Corporation's loan portfolio consists of commercial and industrial and commercial real estate loans. As of September 30, 2006, there were no concentrations of loans related to any single industry in excess of 10% of total loans.

Student Loans Held for Sale. Student loans are primarily originated for resale on the secondary market. These loans, which are generally sold on a non-recourse basis, are carried at the lower of cost or market on an aggregate basis.

Foreign Loans. The Corporation has U.S. dollar denominated loans and commitments to borrowers in Mexico. The outstanding balance of these loans and the unfunded amounts available under these commitments were not significant at September 30, 2006 or December 31, 2005.

Non-Performing/Past Due Loans. Loans are placed on non-accrual status when, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payment obligations, which typically occurs when principal or interest payments are more than 90 days past due. Non-accrual loans totaled \$30.0 million at September 30, 2006 and \$33.2 million at December 31, 2005. Accruing loans past due more than 90 days totaled \$7.9 million at September 30, 2006 and \$7.9 million at December 31, 2005.

Impaired Loans. Loans are considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable the Corporation will be unable to collect all amounts due in accordance with the original contractual terms of the loan agreement, including scheduled principal and interest payments. If a loan is impaired, a specific valuation allowance is allocated, if necessary, so that the loan is reported net, at the present value of estimated future cash flows using the loan's existing rate or at the fair value of collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Interest payments on impaired loans are typically applied to principal unless collectibility of the principal amount is reasonably assured, in which case interest is recognized on a cash basis. Impaired loans, or portions thereof, are charged off when deemed uncollectible.

### Impaired loans were as follows:

	S	eptember 30, 2006	Dec	ember 31, 2005	September 30, 2005	
Balance of impaired loans with no allocated allowance	\$	8,204	\$	8,491	\$	9,058
Balance of impaired loans with an allocated allowance		15,518		17,520		19,462
Total recorded investment in impaired loans	\$	23,722	\$	26,011	\$	28,520
Amount of the allowance allocated to impaired loans	\$	6,672	\$	8,811	\$	9,881

The impaired loans included in the table above were primarily comprised of collateral dependent commercial loans. The average recorded investment in impaired loans was \$23.9 million and \$25.4 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and \$28.8 million and \$27.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. No interest income was recognized on these loans subsequent to their classification as impaired.

#### Note 5 - Allowance for Possible Loan Losses

The allowance for possible loan losses is a reserve established through a provision for possible loan losses charged to expense, which represents management's best estimate of probable losses that have been incurred within the existing portfolio of loans. The allowance, in the judgment of management, is necessary to reserve for estimated loan losses and risks inherent in the loan portfolio. The level of the allowance reflects management's continuing evaluation of industry concentrations, specific credit risks, loan loss experience, current loan portfolio quality, present economic, political and regulatory conditions and unidentified losses inherent in the current loan portfolio, as well as trends in the foregoing. Portions of the allowance may be allocated for specific credits; however, the entire allowance is available for any credit that, in management's judgment, should be charged off. While management utilizes its best judgment and information available, the ultimate adequacy of the allowance is dependent upon a variety of factors beyond the Corporation's control, including the performance of the Corporation's loan portfolio, the economy, changes in interest rates and the view of the regulatory authorities toward loan classifications.

Activity in the allowance for possible loan losses was as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			N	Vine Months Septembe	
	2006		2005		2006	2005
Balance at the beginning of the period	\$	85,552	\$77,103	\$	80,325	7\$5,810
Provision for possible loan losses		1,711	2,725		10,750	7,300
Allowance for possible loan losses acquired		-	-		2,373	-
Net charge-offs:						
Losses charged to the allowance		(3,437)	(4,106	)	(13,798)	(10,361)
Recoveries of loans previously charged off		1,841	1,395		6,017	4,368
Net charge-offs		(1,596)	(2,711	)	(7,781)	(5,993)
Balance at the end of the period	\$	85,667	\$77,117	\$	85,667	7\$7,117

Note 6 - Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill. Goodwill totaled \$247.0 million at September 30, 2006 and \$169.0 million at December 31, 2005. During the first nine months of 2006, the Corporation recorded goodwill totaling \$78.8 million in connection with the acquisitions of TCB and Alamo. Additionally, goodwill recorded in connection with the acquisition of Horizon during the fourth quarter of 2005 was reduced \$833 thousand as a result of a reallocation of the purchase price based on additional information related to the valuation of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed. See Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions.

Other Intangible Assets. Other intangible assets totaled \$21.1 million at September 30, 2006 including \$18.2 million related to core deposits, \$2.0 million related to customer relationships and \$903 thousand related to non-compete agreements. Other intangible assets totaled \$14.9 million at December 31, 2005 including \$11.1 million related to core deposits, \$2.4 million related to non-compete agreements and \$1.4 million related to customer relationships. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation recorded core deposit intangibles totaling \$10.2 million in connection with the acquisitions of TCB and Alamo. See Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions.

Amortization expense related to intangible assets totaled \$1.3 million and \$4.0 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and totaled \$1.1 million and \$3.7 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. The estimated aggregate future amortization expense for intangible assets remaining as of September 30, 2006 is as follows:

Remainder of 2006	\$ 1,261
2007	4,658
2008	3,733
2009	2,847
2010	2,242
Thereafter	 6,376
	\$ 21,117

Note 7 - Deposits

Deposits were as follows:

	September 30,	Percentage	December 31,	Percentage	September 30,	Percentage
	2006	of Total	2005	of Total	2005	of Total
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits:						
Commercial and individual	\$ 3,092,177	33.4 %	2,\$\\$45,366	32.2	% \$ 2,721,812	32.9 %
Correspondent banks	208,469	2.2	458,821	5.0	365,853	4.4
Public funds	80,340	0.9	80,745	0.9	114,264	1.4
Total non-interest-bearing demand deposits	3,380,986	36.5	3,484,932	38.1	3,201,929	38.7

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Interest-bearing deposits:						
Private accounts:						
Savings and interest	1,255	,776 13.5	1,320,781	14.4	1,190,342	14.4
checking						
Money market accounts	3,116	,532 33.6	2,761,944	30.2	2,676,641	32.3
Time accounts under \$100,000	513.	,573 5.5	431,741	4.7	390,625	4.7
Time accounts of \$100,000 or more	627	,159 6.8	534,151	5.9	504,822	6.1
Public funds	376.	,422 4.1	612,845	6.7	318,441	3.8
Total interest-bearing deposits	5,889	,462 63.5	5,661,462	61.9	5,080,871	61.3
Total deposits	\$ 9,270	,448 100.0	% 9,\$146,394	100.0 %	\$ 8,282,800	100.0 %

At September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, interest-bearing public funds deposits included \$97.8 million and \$314.3 million in savings and interest checking accounts, \$90.1 million and \$84.4 million in money market accounts, \$6.6 million and \$6.1 million in time accounts under \$100 thousand, and \$181.9 million and \$208.0 million in time accounts of \$100 thousand or more.

Deposits from foreign sources, primarily Mexico, totaled \$677.0 million at September 30, 2006 and \$641.2 million at December 31, 2005.

### Note 8 - Commitments and Contingencies

Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk. In the normal course of business, the Corporation enters into various transactions, which, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, are not included in its consolidated balance sheets. The Corporation enters into these transactions to meet the financing needs of its customers. These transactions include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit, which involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk and interest rate risk in excess of the amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. The Corporation minimizes its exposure to loss under these commitments by subjecting them to credit approval and monitoring procedures.

Commitments to Extend Credit. The Corporation enters into contractual commitments to extend credit, normally with fixed expiration dates or termination clauses, at specified rates and for specific purposes. Substantially all of the Corporation's commitments to extend credit are contingent upon customers maintaining specific credit standards at the time of loan funding. Commitments to extend credit totaled \$3.6 billion and \$3.3 billion at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005.

Standby Letters of Credit. Standby letters of credit are written conditional commitments issued by the Corporation to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. In the event the customer does not perform in accordance with the terms of the agreement with the third party, the Corporation would be required to fund the commitment. The

maximum potential amount of future payments the Corporation could be required to make is represented by the contractual amount of the commitment. If the commitment is funded, the Corporation would be entitled to seek recovery from the customer. The Corporation's policies generally require that standby letter of credit arrangements contain security and debt covenants similar to those contained in loan agreements. Standby letters of credit totaled \$221.7 million at September 30, 2006 and \$241.6 million at December 31, 2005. The Corporation had an accrued liability totaling \$1.1 million at September 30, 2006 and \$1.3 million at December 31, 2005 related to potential obligations under these guarantees.

Lease Commitments. The Corporation leases certain office facilities and office equipment under operating leases. Rent expense for all operating leases totaled \$3.8 million and \$11.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and \$3.3 million and \$9.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. There has been no significant change in the future minimum lease payments payable by the Corporation since December 31, 2005. See the 2005 Form 10-K for information regarding these commitments.

*Litigation*. The Corporation and its subsidiaries are subject to various claims and legal actions that have arisen in the normal course of conducting business. Management does not expect the ultimate disposition of these matters to have a material adverse impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

### Note 9 - Regulatory Matters

Regulatory Capital Requirements. Banks and bank holding companies are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by state and federal banking agencies. Capital adequacy guidelines and, additionally for banks, prompt corrective action regulations, involve quantitative measures of assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance-sheet items calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgments by regulators about components, risk weighting and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulations to ensure capital adequacy require the maintenance of minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of total and Tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined), and of Tier 1 capital to adjusted quarterly average assets (as defined).

Cullen/Frost's and Frost Bank's Tier 1 capital consists of shareholders' equity excluding unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale, goodwill and other intangible assets. Tier 1 capital for Cullen/Frost also includes \$223 million of trust preferred securities issued by unconsolidated subsidiary trusts. Cullen/Frost's and Frost Bank's total capital is comprised of Tier 1 capital plus \$150 million of subordinated notes payable and a permissible portion of the allowance for possible loan losses.

The Tier 1 and total capital ratios are calculated by dividing the respective capital amounts by risk-weighted assets. Risk-weighted assets are calculated based on regulatory requirements and include total assets, excluding goodwill and other intangible assets, allocated by risk weight category and certain off-balance-sheet items (primarily loan commitments). The leverage ratio is calculated by dividing Tier 1 capital by adjusted quarterly average total assets, which exclude goodwill and other intangible assets.

Actual and required capital ratios for Cullen/Frost and Frost Bank were as follows:

Minimum

Required to be Well Capitalized Under

	Actual		Requir for Cap Adequ Purpos	oital acy	Prompt Corrective Action Regulations		
	Capital Amount	Ratio	Capital Amount	Ratio	Capital Amount	Ratio	
September 30, 2006 Total Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets							
1 C	1,31%,782	14.68 %	7\$17,410	8.00 %	N/A	N/A	
Cullen/Frost	1,083,690	12.09	716,791	8.00	\$ 895,989	10.00 %	
Frost Bank Tier 1 Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets							
	1,111,115	12.39	358,704	4.00	N/A	N/A	
Cullen/Frost	878,021	9.80	358,395	4.00	537,593	6.00	
Frost Bank Leverage Ratio							
	1,111,115	9.76	455,404	4.00	N/A	N/A	
Cullen/Frost	878,021	7.72	454,908	4.00	568,634	5.00	
Frost Bank							
	Actu	al	Minim Requir for Cap Adequ Purpos	red oital acy	Required to be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Regulations		
	Capital Amount	Ratio	Capital Amount	Ratio	Capital Amount	Ratio	
December 31, 2005 Total Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets							
Total Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	1,27\$3,702	14.94 %	<b>6</b> \$2,154	8.00 %	N/A	N/A	
Cullen/Frost	991,846	11.64	681,703	8.00	\$ 852,129	10.00 %	
Frost Bank							

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Tier 1 Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets

Tiel 1 Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	1,043,377	12.24	341,077	4.00	N/A	N/A
Cullen/Frost	761,521	8.94	340,852	4.00	511,277	6.00
Frost Bank						
Leverage Ratio						
	1,043,377	9.62	433,819	4.00	N/A	N/A
Cullen/Frost						
	761,521	7.03	433,269	4.00	541,586	5.00

Frost Bank

Frost Bank has been notified by its regulator that, as of its most recent regulatory examination, it is regarded as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. Such determination has been made based on Frost Bank's Tier 1, total capital, and leverage ratios. There have been no conditions or events since this notification that management believes would change Frost Bank's categorization as well capitalized under the aforementioned ratios.

Cullen/Frost is subject to the regulatory capital requirements administered by the Federal Reserve, while Frost Bank is subject to the regulatory capital requirements administered by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Regulatory authorities can initiate certain mandatory actions if Cullen/Frost or Frost Bank fail to meet the minimum capital requirements, which could have a direct material effect on the Corporation's financial statements. Management believes, as of September 30, 2006, that Cullen/Frost and Frost Bank meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

Trust Preferred Securities. In accordance with the applicable accounting standard related to variable interest entities, the accounts of the Corporation's wholly owned subsidiary trusts, Cullen/Frost Capital Trust I, Cullen/Frost Capital Trust II and Alamo Corporation of Texas Trust I have not been included in the Corporation's consolidated financial statements. However, the \$223 million in trust preferred securities issued by these subsidiary trusts have been included in the Tier 1 capital of Cullen/Frost for regulatory capital purposes pursuant to guidance from the Federal Reserve Board. In February 2005, the Federal Reserve Board issued a final rule that allows the continued inclusion of trust preferred securities in the Tier 1 capital of bank holding companies. The Board's final rule limits the aggregate amount of restricted core capital elements (which includes trust preferred securities, among other things) that may be included in the Tier 1 capital of most bank holding companies to 25% of all core capital elements, including restricted core capital elements, net of goodwill less any associated deferred tax liability. Large, internationally active bank holding companies (as defined) are subject to a 15% limitation. Amounts of restricted core capital elements in excess of these limits generally may be included in Tier 2 capital. The final rule provides a five-year transition period, ending March 31, 2009, for application of the quantitative limits. The Corporation does not expect that the quantitative limits will preclude it from including the \$223 million in trust preferred securities in Tier 1 capital.

### Note 10 - Derivative Financial Instruments

The fair value of derivative positions outstanding is included in accrued interest receivable and other assets and accrued interest payable and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and in the net change in each of these financial statement line items in the accompanying consolidated statements of cash flows.

Interest Rate Derivatives. The notional amounts and estimated fair values of interest rate derivative positions outstanding at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 are presented in the following table. The estimated fair value of the subordinated debt interest rate swap and the interest rate floors on variable-rate loans are based on a quoted market price. Internal present value models are used to estimate the fair values of the other interest rate swaps and caps.

		September 3	30, 200	5		December 31, 2005			
·	Notional Amount		Estimated Fair Value		Notional Amount			mated Value	
Interest rate derivatives designated as hedges of fair value:									
Commercial loan/lease interest rate swaps	\$	15,662	\$	175	\$	163,068	\$	1,513	
Commercial loan/lease interest rate caps		-		-		4,810		41	
Interest rate swaps related to subordinated notes		-		-		300,000		450	
Interest rate derivatives designated as hedges of cash flows:									
Interest rate floors on variable-rate loans		1,300,000		737		1,300,000		1,702	
Non-hedging interest rate derivatives:									
Commercial loan/lease interest rate swaps		176,708		3,335		138,546		2,409	
Commercial loan/lease interest rate swaps		176,708		(3,335)		138,546		(2,409)	
Commercial loan/lease interest rate caps		17,500		9		19,375		24	
Commercial loan/lease interest rate caps		17,500		(9)		19,375		(24)	
Commercial loan/lease interest rate floors		17,500		19		19,375		53	
Commercial loan/lease interest rate floors		17,500		(19)		19,375		(53)	

The weighted-average receive and pay interest rates for interest rate swaps and the weighted-average strike rates for interest rate caps and floors outstanding at September 30, 2006 were as follows:

	Weighted-Average				
	Interest Rate Paid	Interest Rate Received	Strike Rate		
Interest rate swaps:					
Commercial loan/lease interest rate swaps	4.67 %	5.33 %	-		
Non-hedging interest rate swaps	5.61	5.61	-		
Interest rate caps and floors:					
Interest rate floors on variable-rate loans	-	-	6.00 %		
Non-hedging commercial loan/lease interest rate caps	-	-	6.00		
Non-hedging commercial loan/lease interest rate floors	-	-	4.17		

Interest rate contracts involve the risk of dealing with counterparties and their ability to meet contractual terms. These counterparties must have an investment grade credit rating and be approved by the Corporation's Asset/Liability Management Committee.

The Corporation's credit exposure on interest rate swaps is limited to the net favorable value and interest payments of all swaps by each counterparty. In such cases collateral is required from the counterparties involved if the net value of the swaps exceeds a nominal amount considered to be immaterial. The Corporation's credit exposure, net of any collateral pledged, relating to interest rate swaps was approximately \$2.4 million at September 30, 2006. This credit exposure was primarily related to bank customers. Collateral levels are monitored and adjusted on a monthly basis for changes in interest rate swap values.

For fair value hedges, the changes in the fair value of both the derivative hedging instrument and the hedged item are recorded in current earnings as other income or other expense. The extent that such changes in fair value do not offset represents hedge ineffectiveness. For cash flow hedges, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative hedging instrument is reported in other comprehensive income, while the ineffective portion (indicated by the excess of the cumulative change in the fair value of the derivative over that which is necessary to offset the cumulative change in expected future cash flows on the hedge transaction) is recorded in current earnings as other income or other expense. The amount of hedge ineffectiveness reported in earnings was not significant during any of the reported periods. The accumulated net after-tax loss on the floor contracts included in accumulated other comprehensive income totaled \$905 thousand at September 30, 2006.

During the first quarter of 2006, the Corporation terminated certain interest rate swaps with a total notional amount of \$334.6 million. The swaps were designated as hedging instruments in fair value hedges of certain fixed-rate commercial loans. The cumulative basis adjustment to fair value resulting from the designation of these loans as hedged items totaled \$4.4 million upon termination of the swaps. This cumulative basis adjustment will be treated similar to a premium and amortized as an offset to interest income over the expected remaining life of the underlying loans using the effective yield method.

Commodity Derivatives. The Corporation enters into commodity swaps and option contracts to accommodate the business needs of its customers. Upon the origination of a commodity swap or option contract with a customer, the

Corporation simultaneously enters into an offsetting contract with a third party to mitigate the exposure to fluctuations in commodity prices.

The notional amounts and estimated fair values of commodity derivative positions outstanding are presented in the following table. The estimated fair values are based on quoted market prices.

	-	September 3	30, 2006	December 31, 2005			
Notional Units		Notional Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Notional Amount	Estimated Fair Value		
Commodity swaps:							
Oil	Barrels	30	\$ 87	-	\$ -		
Oil	Barrels	30	(79)	-	-		
Natural gas	MMBTUs	760	1,180	130	267		
Natural gas	MMBTUs	760	(1,166)	130	(261)		
Commodity options:							
Oil	Barrels	581	1,829	117	155		
Oil	Barrels	581	(1,826)	117	(155)		
Natural gas	MMBTUs	1,440	1,085	500	594		
Natural gas	MMBTUs	1,440	(1,085)	500	(594)		

Foreign Currency Derivatives. The Corporation enters into foreign currency forward and option contracts to accommodate the business needs of its customers. Upon the origination of a foreign currency forward or option contract with a customer, the Corporation simultaneously enters into an offsetting contract with a third party to negate the exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. The notional amounts and fair values of open foreign currency forward and option contracts were not significant at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005.

#### Note 11 - Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the applicable period. Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted-average number of shares determined for the basic computation plus the dilutive effect of stock options and non-vested stock granted using the treasury stock method.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the number of shares used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per common share.

Three M	Months Ended	Nine M	Nine Months Ended				
Sep	tember 30,	Sep	September 30,				
200	6 2005	2006	2005				

Weighted-average shares outstanding for basic earnings per share	55,440	52,345	55,043	51,963
Dilutive effect of stock options and non-vested stock awards	1,147	1,285	1,233	1,315
Weighted-average shares outstanding for diluted earnings per share	56,587	53,630	56,276	53,278

Note 12 - Stock-Based Compensation

Prior to January 1, 2006, employee compensation expense under stock option plans was reported only if options were granted below market price at grant date in accordance with the intrinsic value method of Accounting Principles Board Opinion (APB) No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and related interpretations. Because the exercise price of the Corporation's employee stock options always equaled the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant, no compensation expense was recognized on options granted. As stated in Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies, the Corporation adopted the provisions of SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006. SFAS 123R eliminates the ability to account for stock-based compensation using APB 25 and requires that such transactions be recognized as compensation cost in the income statement based on their fair values on the measurement date, which, for the Corporation, is the date of the grant. The Corporation transitioned to fair-value based accounting for stock-based compensation using a modified version of prospective application ("modified prospective application"). Under modified prospective application, as it is applicable to the Corporation, SFAS 123R applies to new awards and to awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled after January 1, 2006. Additionally, compensation cost for the portion of awards for which the requisite service has not been rendered (generally referring to non-vested awards) that were outstanding as of January 1, 2006 will be recognized as the remaining requisite service is rendered during the period of and/or the periods after the adoption of SFAS 123R. The attribution of compensation cost for those earlier awards is based on the same method and on the same grant-date fair values previously determined for the pro forma disclosures required for companies that did not previously adopt the fair value accounting method for stock-based employee compensation.

The fair value of the Corporation's employee stock options granted is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, changes to which can materially affect the fair value estimate. Additionally, there may be other factors that would otherwise have a significant effect on the value of employee stock options granted but are not considered by the model. Accordingly, while management believes that the Black-Scholes option-pricing model provides a reasonable estimate of fair value, the model does not necessarily provide the best single measure of fair value for the Corporation's employee stock options.

As a result of applying the provisions of SFAS 123R during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation recognized additional stock-based compensation expense related to stock options of \$1.7 million, or \$1.1 million net of tax, and \$5.1 million, or \$3.3 million net of tax. The increase in stock-based compensation expense related to stock options, resulted in a \$0.02 decrease in both basic and diluted earnings per share during the three months ended September 30, 2006 and a \$0.06 decrease in both basic and diluted earnings per share during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Cash flows from financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 included \$14.6 million in cash inflows from excess tax benefits related to stock compensation. Such cash flows were previously reported as operating activities.

A combined summary of activity in the Corporation's active stock plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 is presented in the following table.

			Stock Options C	Outstanding
	Shares Available for Grant	Non-vested Stock Awards Outstanding	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price
Balance, January 1, 2006	3,206,400	246,552	5,394,750	\$34.61
Granted	(21,000)	-	21,000	56.83
Stock options exercised	-	-	(1,404,780)	26.53
Stock awards vested	-	(2,796)	-	-
Forfeited	67,806	(1,306)	(66,500)	46.45
Cancelled	(38,906)	-	-	
Balance, September 30, 2006	3,214,300	242,450	3,944,470	37.49

The weighted-average fair value of options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$12.80. The following weighted-average assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2006:

Risk-free interest rate	4.93 %
Dividend yield	2.49
Market price volatility factor	0.23
Weighted-average expected life of options	5.1 Years

Stock-based compensation expense totaled \$2.3 million and \$7.0 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and \$491 thousand and \$1.3 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. Stock-based compensation expense is recognized ratably over the requisite service period for all awards. Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to stock options totaled \$8.9 million at September 30, 2006. At such date, the weighted-average period over which this unrecognized expense is expected to be recognized was 1.5 years. Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested, non-option stock awards was \$4.2 million at September 30, 2006. At such date, the weighted-average period over which this unrecognized expense was expected to be recognized was 1.5 years.

The following pro forma information presents net income and earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 as if the fair value method of SFAS 123R had been used to measure compensation cost for stock-based compensation plans. For purposes of these pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of stock options and non-vested, non-option stock awards is amortized to expense over the related vesting periods.

Three Months Nine Months

	Ended September 30,			Ended		
			,	September 30		30,
		2005			2005	
Net income, as reported	\$	42,455		\$	120,506	
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included		319			866	
in reported net income, net of related tax effects						
Less: Total stock-based employee compensation						
expense		(1,250	)		(3,779)	)
determined under fair value method for all awards, net of related tax effects						
Pro forma net income	\$	41,524		\$	117,593	
Earnings per share:						
Basic - as reported	\$	0.81		\$	2.32	
Basic - pro forma		0.79			2.26	
Diluted - as reported		0.79			2.26	
Diluted - pro forma		0.77			2.21	

During the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, proceeds from stock option exercises totaled \$37.3 million and \$25.3 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, 1,404,780 shares and 1,044,595 shares, respectively, were issued in connection with stock option exercises. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, 859,147 shares issued in connection with stock option exercises were new shares issued from available authorized shares, while 545,633 shares were issued from available treasury stock. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, all shares issued in connection with stock option exercises and non-vested, non-option stock awards were issued from available treasury stock.

### Note 13 - Defined Benefit Plans

The components of the combined net periodic benefit cost for the Corporation's qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans were as follows:

		nths Ended nber 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2006	2005	2006	2005		
Expected return on plan assets, net of expenses	\$ (1,863)	\$ (1,752 )	\$ (5,589)	\$ (5,256)		
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	1,795	1,692	5,385	5,076		
Net amortization and deferral	749	536	2,247	1,608		

Net periodic benefit cost \$ 681 \$ 476 \$ 2,043 \$ 1,428

The Corporation's non-qualified defined benefit pension plan is not funded. Contributions to the qualified defined benefit pension plan totaled \$4.0 million through September 30, 2006. The Corporation does not expect to make any additional contributions during the remainder of 2006.

The net periodic benefit cost related to post-retirement healthcare benefits offered by the Corporation to certain former employees was not significant during either of the reported periods.

#### Note 14 - Income Taxes

Income tax expense was as follows:

	Three Month Septemb		Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2006	2005	2006	2005		
Current income tax expense Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	\$23,816 (47)	\$17,452 2,715	\$ 71,323 (1,779)	\$ 56,330 1,227		
Income tax expense as reported	\$23,769	\$20,167	\$ 69,544	\$ 57,557		
Effective tax rate	32.2 %	32.2 %	32.4 %	32.3 %		

Net deferred tax assets totaled \$59.5 million at September 30, 2006 and \$57.4 million at December 31, 2005. No valuation allowance was recorded against these deferred tax assets, as the amounts are recoverable through taxes paid in prior years.

### Note 15 - Operating Segments

The Corporation has two reportable operating segments, Banking and the Financial Management Group (FMG), that are delineated by the products and services that each segment offers. Banking includes both commercial and consumer banking services, Frost Insurance Agency and Frost Securities, Inc. Commercial banking services are provided to corporations and other business clients and include a wide array of lending and cash management products. Consumer banking services include direct lending and depository services. FMG includes fee-based services within private trust, retirement services, and financial management services, including personal wealth management and brokerage services.

The accounting policies of each reportable segment are the same as those of the Corporation except for the following items, which impact the Banking and FMG segments: (i) expenses for consolidated back-office operations are allocated to operating segments based on estimated uses of those services, (ii) general overhead-type expenses such as executive administration, accounting and internal audit are allocated based on the direct expense level of the

operating segment, (iii) income tax expense for the individual segments is calculated essentially at the statutory rate, and (iv) the parent company records the tax expense or benefit necessary to reconcile to the consolidated total.

The Corporation uses a match-funded transfer pricing process to assess operating segment performance. The process helps the Corporation to (i) identify the cost or opportunity value of funds within each business segment, (ii) measure the profitability of a particular business segment by relating appropriate costs to revenues, (iii) evaluate each business segment in a manner consistent with its economic impact on consolidated earnings, and (iv) enhance asset and liability pricing decisions.

Summarized operating results by segment were as follows:

	Banking	FMG	Non-Banks	Consolidated
Revenues from (expenses to) external customers:				
Three months ended:				
September 30, 2006	\$56,582	\$ 26,044	\$ (4,204)	\$ 178,422
September 30, 2005	139,224	21,720	(3,605)	157,339
Nine months ended:				
September 30, 2006	\$466,086	\$ 74,937	\$(12,170)	\$ 528,853
September 30, 2005	405,164	62,291	(10,163)	457,292
Net income (loss):				
Three months ended:				
September 30, 2006	\$47,109	\$ 6,089	\$ (3,196)	\$ 50,002
September 30, 2005	40,836	4,592	(2,973)	42,455
Nine months ended:				
September 30, 2006	\$38,557	\$ 16,447	\$ (9,775)	\$ 145,229
September 30, 2005	116,485	12,079	(8,058)	120,506

Note 16 - New Accounting Standards

Statements of Financial Accounting Standards

SFAS No. 155, "Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140."

SFAS 155 amends SFAS 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" and SFAS 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities." SFAS 155 (i)

permits fair value remeasurement for any hybrid financial instrument that contains an embedded derivative that otherwise would require bifurcation, (ii) clarifies which interest-only strips and principal-only strips are not subject to the requirements of SFAS 133, (iii) establishes a requirement to evaluate interests in securitized financial assets to identify interests that are freestanding derivatives or that are hybrid financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative requiring bifurcation, (iv) clarifies that concentrations of credit risk in the form of subordination are not embedded derivatives, and (v) amends SFAS 140 to eliminate the prohibition on a qualifying special purpose entity from holding a derivative financial instrument that pertains to a beneficial interest other than another derivative financial instrument. SFAS 155 is effective for the Corporation on January 1, 2007 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

SFAS No. 156, "Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets - an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140."

SFAS 156 amends SFAS 140. "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities - a replacement of FASB Statement No. 125," by requiring, in certain situations, an entity to recognize a servicing asset or servicing liability each time it undertakes an obligation to service a financial asset by entering into a servicing contract. All separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities are required to be initially measured at fair value. Subsequent measurement methods include the amortization method, whereby servicing assets or servicing liabilities are amortized in proportion to and over the period of estimated net servicing income or net servicing loss or the fair value method, whereby servicing assets or servicing liabilities are measured at fair value at each reporting date and changes in fair value are reported in earnings in the period in which they occur. If the amortization method is used, an entity must assess servicing assets or servicing liabilities for impairment or increased obligation based on the fair value at each reporting date. SFAS 156 is effective for the Corporation on January 1, 2007 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements."

SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for the Corporation on January 1, 2008 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

SFAS No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans, an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88 106, and 132(R)."

SFAS 158 requires an employer to recognize the overfunded or underfunded status of defined benefit postretirement plans as an asset or a liability in its statement of financial position. The funded status is measured as the difference between plan assets at fair value and the benefit obligation (the projected benefit obligation for pension plans or the accumulated benefit obligation for other postretirement benefit plans). An employer is also required to measure the funded status of a plan as of the date of its year-end statement of financial position with changes in the funded status recognized through comprehensive income. SFAS 158 also requires certain disclosures regarding the effects on net periodic benefit cost for the next fiscal year that arise from delayed recognition of gains or losses, prior service costs or credits, and the transition asset or obligation. The Corporation will be required to recognize the funded status of its defined benefit postretirement benefit plans in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006. The requirement to measure plan assets and benefit obligations as of the date of the year-end statement of financial position is effective for the Corporation's financial statements beginning with the year ended after December 31, 2008. SFAS 158 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretations

FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement 109." Interpretation 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and a measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Benefits from tax positions should be recognized in the financial statements only when it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained upon examination by the appropriate taxing authority that would have full knowledge of all relevant information. A tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is measured at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than fifty percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. Tax positions that previously failed to meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold should be recognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is met. Previously recognized tax positions that no longer meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold should be derecognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is no longer met. Interpretation 48 also provides guidance on the accounting for and disclosure of unrecognized tax benefits, interest and penalties. Interpretation 48 is effective for the Corporation on January 1, 2007 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

### **SEC Staff Accounting Bulletins**

Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 108, "Considering the Effects of a Prior Year Misstatements When Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements." SAB 108 addresses how the effects of prior year uncorrected errors must be considered in quantifying misstatements in the current year financial statements. The effects of prior year uncorrected errors include the potential accumulation of improper amounts that may result in a material misstatement on the balance sheet or the reversal of prior period errors in the current period that result in a material misstatement of the current period income statement amounts. Adjustments to current or prior period financial statements would be required in the event that after application of various approaches for assessing materiality of a misstatement in current period financial statements and consideration of all relevant quantitative and qualitative factors, a misstatement is determined to be material. SAB 108 will be applicable to all financial statements issued by the Corporation after November 15, 2006.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Financial Review

Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's consolidated financial statements, and notes thereto, for the year ended December 31, 2005, included in the 2005 Form 10-K. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the year ending December 31, 2006 or any future period.

Dollar amounts in tables are stated in thousands, except for per share amounts.

Forward-Looking Statements and Factors that Could Affect Future Results

Certain statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are not statements of historical fact constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act"), notwithstanding that such statements are not specifically identified. In addition, certain statements may be contained in the Corporation's future filings with the SEC, in press releases, and in oral and written statements made by or with the approval of the Corporation that are not statements of historical fact and constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Act. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: (i) projections of revenues, expenses, income or loss, earnings or loss per share, the payment or nonpayment of dividends, capital structure and other financial items; (ii) statements of plans, objectives and expectations of Cullen/Frost or its management or Board of Directors, including those relating to products or services; (iii) statements of future economic performance; and (iv) statements of assumptions underlying such statements. Words such as "believes", "anticipates", "expects", "intends", "targeted", "continue", "remain", "will", "should", "may" and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements.

Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those in such statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

Local, regional, national and international economic conditions and the impact they may have on the Coxporation and its customers and the Corporation's assessment of that impact.

Changes in the level of non-performing assets and charge-offs.

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Changes in estimates of future reserve requirements based upon the periodic review thereof under relevant regulatory and accounting requirements.

The effects of and changes in trade and monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including the interest rate poweries of the Federal Reserve Board.

Inflation, interest rate, securities market and monetary fluctuations.

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Political instability.

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Acts of war or terrorism.

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The timely development and acceptance of new products and services and perceived overall value of these products and services by users.

Changes in consumer spending, borrowings and savings habits.

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Changes in the financial performance and/or condition of the Corporation's borrowers.

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Technological changes.

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Acquisitions and integration of acquired businesses. See the Corporation's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 3, 2006 and July 7, 2006 and the registration statements on Form S-4 and Form S-4/A filed with the SEC on August 15, 2006 and September 14, 2006.

The ability to increase market share and control expenses.

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Changes in the competitive environment among financial holding companies and other financial service prowiders.

The effect of changes in laws and regulations (including laws and regulations concerning taxes, banking, securities and insurance) with which the Corporation and its subsidiaries must comply.

The effect of changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the regulatory agencies, as well as the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board and other accounting standard setters.

Changes in the Corporation's organization, compensation and benefit plans.

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The costs and effects of legal and regulatory developments including the resolution of legal proceedings or regulatory or other governmental inquiries and the results of regulatory examinations or reviews.

Greater than expected costs or difficulties related to the integration of new products and lines of business.

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The Corporation's success at managing the risks involved in the foregoing items.

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Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which such statements are made. The Corporation undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

### Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Accounting Estimates

The accounting and reporting policies followed by the Corporation conform, in all material respects, to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and to general practices within the financial services industry. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. While the Corporation bases estimates on historical experience, current information and other factors deemed to be relevant, actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Corporation considers accounting estimates to be critical to reported financial results if (i) the accounting estimate requires management to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain and (ii) different estimates that management reasonably could have used for the accounting estimate in the current period, or changes in the accounting estimate that are reasonably likely to occur from period to period, could have a material impact on the Corporation's financial statements. Accounting policies related to the allowance for possible loan losses and stock-based compensation are considered to be critical, as these policies involve considerable subjective judgment and estimation by management.

For additional information regarding critical accounting policies, refer to Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the notes to consolidated financial statements and the sections captioned "Application of Critical Accounting Policies" and "Allowance for Possible Loan Losses" in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in the 2005 Form 10-K. There have been no significant changes in the Corporation's application of critical accounting policies related to the allowance for possible loan losses since December 31, 2005. As more fully discussed in Note 12 - Stock-Based Compensation in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report, the Corporation changed its method of accounting for stock options in connection with the adoption of a new accounting standard which eliminated the ability to account for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method of APB 25 and requires such transactions to be recognized ratably over the service period in the income statement based on their fair

values at the date of grant.

### Overview

A discussion of the Corporation's results of operations is presented below. Certain reclassifications have been made to make prior periods comparable. Taxable-equivalent adjustments are the result of increasing income from tax-free loans and securities by an amount equal to the taxes that would be paid if the income were fully taxable based on a 35% federal income tax rate, thus making tax-exempt asset yields comparable to taxable asset yields. As more fully discussed in Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions in the notes to consolidated financial statements, the Corporation acquired Texas Community Bancshares, Inc. and Alamo Corporation of Texas during the first quarter of 2006. The operating results of the acquired companies are included with the Corporation's results of operations since their respective dates of acquisition.

### Results of Operations

Selected income statement data and other selected data for the comparable periods was as follows:

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended					
	,	September 30,	June 30,		Sep	September 30,		September 30,		eptember 30,
		2006		2006	2	2005		2006		2005
Taxable-equivalent net interest income	\$	121,093	\$	119,309	\$10	)1,255	\$	355,119	\$	288,971
Taxable-equivalent adjustment		2,567		2,341		1,970		7,185		5,505
Net interest income, as reported		118,526		116,968	ç	99,285		347,934		283,466
Provision for possible loan losses		1,711		5,105		2,725		10,750		7,300
Net interest income after provision for possible loan losses		116,815		111,863	Ģ	96,560		337,184		276,166
Non-interest income		59,896		60,265	5	58,054		180,919		173,826
Non-interest expense		102,940		100,194	ç	91,992		303,330		271,929
Income before income taxes		73,771		71,934	Ć	52,622		214,773		178,063
Income taxes		23,769		23,384	2	20,167		69,544		57,557
Net income	\$	50,002	\$	48,550	\$ 4	12,455	\$	145,229	\$	120,506
Net income per share - basic	\$	0.90	\$	0.88	\$	0.81	\$	2.64	\$	2.32
		0.88		0.86		0.79		2.58		2.26

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Net income per share - diluted					
Dividends per share	0.34	0.34	0.30	0.98	0.865
Return on average assets	1.72 %	1.70 %	1.68 %	1.70 %	1.63 %
Return on average equity	18.56	19.02	18.98	18.81	18.88

Net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$7.5 million, or 17.8%, and \$24.7 million, or 20.5%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily the result of a \$19.2 million increase in net interest income, a \$1.8 million increase in non-interest income and a \$1.0 million decrease in the provision for possible loan losses partly offset by an \$10.9 million increase in non-interest expense and a \$3.6 million increase in income tax expense. The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily the result of a \$64.5 million increase in non-interest income and a \$7.1 million increase in non-interest income partly offset by a \$31.4 million increase in non-interest expense, a \$3.5 million increase in the provision for possible loan losses and a \$12.0 million increase in income tax expense.

Net income for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$1.5 million, or 3.0%, from the second quarter of 2006. The increase was primarily the result of a \$1.6 million increase in net interest income and a \$3.4 million decrease in the provision for possible loan losses offset by a \$2.7 million increase in non-interest expense, a \$369 thousand decrease in non-interest income and a \$385 thousand increase in income tax expense.

Details of the changes in the various components of net income are further discussed below.

### Net Interest Income

Net interest income is the difference between interest income on earning assets, such as loans and securities, and interest expense on liabilities, such as deposits and borrowings, which are used to fund those assets. Net interest income is the Corporation's largest source of revenue, representing 65.8% of total revenue during the first nine months of 2006. Net interest margin is the ratio of taxable-equivalent net interest income to average earning assets for the period. The level of interest rates and the volume and mix of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities impact net interest income and net interest margin.

The Federal Reserve Board influences the general market rates of interest, including the deposit and loan rates offered by many financial institutions. The Corporation's loan portfolio is significantly affected by changes in the prime interest rate. The prime interest rate, which is the rate offered on loans to borrowers with strong credit, began 2005 at 5.25% and increased 50 basis points in each of the four quarters to end the year at 7.25%. During the first nine months of 2006, the prime interest rate increased 50 basis points in the first quarter and 50 basis points in the second quarter to end the period at 8.25%. The federal funds rate, which is the cost of immediately available overnight funds, has moved in a similar manner, beginning 2005 at 2.25%. During 2005, the federal funds rate increased 50 basis points in each of the four quarters to end the year at 4.25%. During the first nine months of 2006, the federal funds rate increased 50 basis points in the first quarter and 50 basis points in the second quarter to end the period at 5.25%.

The Corporation's balance sheet is asset sensitive, meaning that earning assets generally reprice more quickly than interest-bearing liabilities. Therefore, the Corporation's net interest margin is likely to increase in sustained periods of rising interest rates and decrease in sustained periods of declining interest rates. The Corporation is primarily funded

by core deposits, with non-interest-bearing demand deposits historically being a significant source of funds. This lower-cost funding base is expected to have a positive impact on the Corporation's net interest income and net interest margin in a rising interest rate environment. Since 2004, there has been an upward trend in the prime interest rate and the federal funds rate. The Corporation does not currently expect this upward trend to continue in the foreseeable future; however, there can be no assurance to that effect as changes in market interest rates are dependent upon a variety of factors that are beyond the Corporation's control. Further analysis of the components of the Corporation's net interest margin is presented below.

The following table presents the changes in taxable-equivalent net interest income and identifies the changes due to differences in the average volume of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities and the changes due to changes in the average interest rate on those assets and liabilities. The changes in net interest income due to changes in both average volume and average interest rate have been allocated to average volume or average interest rate change in proportion to the absolute amounts of the change in each. The comparisons between the quarters include an additional change factor that shows the effect of the difference in the number of days in each period, as further discussed below.

	Third	l Quarter		hird arter	Firs	st Nine
	20	06 vs.	200	06 vs.		ths 2006 vs.
	Third	l Quarter		cond arter	Firs	st Nine
	2	2005	2	006	Mont	ths 2005
Due to changes in average volumes	\$	15,895	\$	790	\$	47,594
Due to changes in average interest rates		3,943		(322)		18,554
Due to difference in the number days in each of the comparable periods		-		1,316		
Total change	\$	19,838	\$	1,784	\$	66,148

Taxable-equivalent net interest income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$19.8 million, or 19.6%, and \$66.1 million, or 22.9%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increases primarily resulted from increases in the average volume of earning assets combined with increases in the net interest margin. The average volume of earning assets for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$1.3 billion compared to the third quarter of 2005. Over the same time frame, the net interest margin increased 17 basis points from 4.52% in 2005 to 4.69% in 2006. The average volume of earning assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$1.3 billion compared to the same period in 2005. Over the same time frame, the net interest margin increased 27 basis points from 4.41% in 2005 to 4.68% in 2006. The increases in the average volume of earning assets were due in part to recent acquisitions (see Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions). The increases in the net interest margin were partly due to the increases in market interest rates discussed above. Additionally, the relative proportion of loans, which generally carry higher yields compared to other types of earning assets, increased from 62.3% of total average earning assets during the first nine months of 2006.

Taxable-equivalent net interest income for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$1.8 million, or 1.5%, from the second quarter of 2006. The increase primarily resulted from an increase in the average volume of earning assets combined with an increase in the number of days in the third quarter. The average volume of earning assets for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$90.5 million compared to the second quarter of 2006. Taxable-equivalent net interest income for the third quarter of 2006 included 92 days of interest accrual compared to 91 days for the second quarter of 2006. The additional day added approximately \$1.3 million to taxable-equivalent net interest income during the third quarter of 2006. Excluding the impact of the additional day during the third quarter of 2006 results in an effective increase in taxable-equivalent net interest income of approximately \$468 thousand compared to the second quarter of 2006. This effective increase was the result of the aforementioned increase in average earning assets partly offset by the impact of a decrease in the net interest margin. The net interest margin decreased one basis point from 4.70% in the second quarter of 2006 to 4.69% in the third quarter of 2006.

The average volume of loans, the Corporation's primary category of earning assets, increased \$1.0 billion during the first nine months of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. The average yield on loans was 7.70% during the first nine months of 2006 compared to 6.25% during the same period in 2005. As stated above, the Corporation had a larger proportion of average earning assets invested in loans during the first nine months of 2006 compared to the first nine months of 2005. Such investments have significantly higher yields compared to securities and federal funds sold and resell agreements and, as such, have a more positive effect on the net interest margin. The average volume of securities increased \$48.7 million during the first nine months of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. The average yield on securities was 4.97% during the first nine months of 2006 compared to 4.82% during the first nine months of 2005. Average federal funds sold and resell agreements during the first nine months of 2006 increased \$235.5 million compared to the same period in 2005. The average yield on federal funds sold and resell agreements was 4.98% during the first nine months of 2006 compared to 3.02% during the first nine months of 2005.

Average deposits increased \$1.1 billion during the first nine months of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. The increase in the average volume of deposits was due in part to recent acquisitions (see Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions). Average interest-bearing deposits for the first nine months of 2006 increased \$725.1 million compared to the same period in 2005. The ratio of average interest-bearing deposits to total average deposits was 63.6% for the first nine months of 2006 compared to 63.4% during the first nine months of 2005. The average cost of interest-bearing deposits and total deposits was 2.55% and 1.62% during the first nine months of 2006 compared to 1.40% and 0.89% during the first nine months of 2005. The increase in the average cost of interest-bearing deposits was primarily the result of increases in interest rates offered on deposit products due to increases in market interest rates.

The Corporation's net interest spread, which represents the difference between the average rate earned on earning assets and the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities, was 3.75% during the first nine months of 2006 compared to 3.85% during the first nine months of 2005. The net interest spread, as well as the net interest margin, will be impacted by future changes in short-term and long-term interest rate levels, as well as the impact from the competitive environment. A discussion of the effects of changing interest rates on net interest income is set forth in Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk included elsewhere in this report.

The Corporation's hedging policies permit the use of various derivative financial instruments, including interest rate swaps, swaptions, caps and floors, to manage exposure to changes in interest rates. Details of the Corporation's derivatives and hedging activities are set forth in Note 10 - Derivative Financial Instruments in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report. Information regarding the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on the Corporation's derivative financial instruments is set forth in Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk included elsewhere in this report.

#### **Provision for Possible Loan Losses**

The provision for possible loan losses is determined by management as the amount to be added to the allowance for possible loan losses after net charge-offs have been deducted to bring the allowance to a level which, in management's best estimate, is necessary to absorb probable losses within the existing loan portfolio. The provision for possible loan losses totaled \$1.7 million and \$10.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$2.7 million and \$7.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. See the section captioned "Allowance for Possible Loan Losses" elsewhere in this discussion for further analysis of the provision for possible loan losses.

#### Non-Interest Income

The components of non-interest income were as follows:

_	Three Months Ended							Nine Months Ended			
_	Septeml	per 30, 2006	J	June 30, 2006	Sep	tember 30, 2005	Sep	2006	Sep	otember 30, 2005	
Trust fees	\$	15,962	\$	15,744	\$	14,463	\$	47,460	\$	43,294	
Service charges on deposit accounts		19,301		19,566		20,173		57,974		59,002	
Insurance commissions and fees		7,204		6,144		7,389		22,323		22,192	
Other charges, commissions and fees		6,558		8,196		6,135		20,668		17,008	
Net loss on securities transactions		-		-		-		(1)		-	
Other		10,871		10,615		9,894		32,495		32,330	
Total	\$	59,896	\$	60,265	\$	58,054	\$	180,919	\$	173,826	

Total non-interest income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$1.8 million, or 3.2%, and \$7.1 million, or 4.1%, compared to the same periods in 2005. Total non-interest income for the third quarter of 2006 decreased \$369 thousand, or 0.6%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. Changes in the components of non-interest income are discussed below.

Trust Fees. Trust fee income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$1.5 million, or 10.4%, and \$4.2 million, or 9.6%, compared to the same periods in 2005. Investment fees are the most significant component of trust fees, making up approximately 69% and 70% of total trust fees for the first nine months of 2006 and 2005, respectively. Investment and other custodial account fees are generally based on the market value of assets within a trust account. Volatility in the equity and bond markets impacts the market value of trust assets and the related investment fees.

The \$1.5 million increase in trust fee income during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 was primarily the result of increases in investment fees (up \$769 thousand), oil and gas trust management fees (up \$344 thousand) and real estate fees (up \$260 thousand). The \$4.2 million increase in trust fee income during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 was primarily the result of increases in investment fees (up \$2.3 million), oil and gas trust management fees (up \$1.1 million), estate fees (up \$356 thousand) and custody fees (up \$317 thousand). The increases in investment fees were primarily due to higher equity valuations during first nine months of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 and growth in overall trust assets and the number of trust accounts. The increases in oil and gas trust management fees were partly due to increased market prices, new production and new lease bonuses.

Trust fee income for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$218 thousand, or 1.4% compared to the second quarter of 2006. Increases in investment fees (up \$645 thousand), real estate fees (up \$249 thousand), financial consulting fees (up \$128 thousand) and oil and gas trust management fees (up \$125 thousand) were partially offset by decreases in tax fees (down \$815 thousand) which are seasonally higher during the second quarter.

At September 30, 2006, trust assets, including both managed assets and custody assets, were primarily composed of fixed income securities (43.8% of trust assets), equity securities (38.5% of trust assets) and cash equivalents (11.2% of trust assets). The estimated fair value of trust assets was \$22.6 billion (including managed assets of \$8.9 billion and custody assets of \$13.7 billion) at September 30, 2006, compared to \$18.1 billion (including managed assets of \$8.3 billion and custody assets of \$9.8 billion) at December 31, 2005 and \$18.2 billion (including managed assets of \$8.3 billion and custody assets of \$9.9 billion) at September 30,2005.

Service Charges on Deposit Accounts. Service charges on deposit accounts for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 decreased \$872 thousand, or 4.3%, and \$1.0 million, or 1.7%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The decrease during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 was primarily related to service charges on commercial accounts (down \$1.0 million) and consumer accounts (down \$117 thousand) partly offset by increases in overdraft/insufficient funds charges on commercial accounts (up \$146 thousand). The decrease during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 was primarily related to service charges on commercial accounts (down \$2.9 million) and consumer accounts (down \$452 thousand) partly offset by increases in overdraft/insufficient funds charges on consumer accounts (up \$1.6 million) and commercial accounts (up \$481 thousand). The decreases in service charges on commercial accounts were primarily related to decreased treasury management fees. The decreased treasury management fees resulted primarily from a higher earnings credit rate. The earnings credit rate is the value given to deposits maintained by treasury management customers. Because interest rates have trended upwards since the first quarter of 2005, deposit balances have become more valuable and are yielding a higher earnings credit rate relative to 2005. As a result, customers are able to pay for more of their services with earning credits applied to their deposit balances rather than through fees. The decrease in treasury management fees resulting from the higher earnings credit rate was partly offset by the additional fees from an increase in billable services. The increases in overdraft/insufficient funds charges on both commercial and consumer accounts was partly the result of growth in deposit accounts.

Service charges on deposit accounts for the third quarter of 2006 decreased \$265 thousand, or 1.4%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in service charges on commercial accounts (down \$256 thousand) related to a higher earnings credit rate and overdraft/insufficient funds charges on consumer accounts (down \$213 thousand) partly offset by an increase in overdraft/insufficient funds charges on commercial accounts (up \$197 thousand).

Insurance Commissions and Fees. Insurance commissions and fees for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 decreased \$185 thousand, or 2.5%, and increased \$131 thousand, or 0.6%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The decrease for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily related to lower commission income (down \$155 thousand). The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily related to higher commission income (up \$355 thousand) partly offset by a decrease in contingent commissions (down \$223 thousand).

Insurance commissions and fees include contingent commissions totaling \$3.1 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and \$3.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Contingent commissions primarily consist of amounts received from various property and casualty insurance carriers related to the loss performance of insurance policies previously placed. Such commissions are seasonal in nature and are generally received during the first quarter of each year. These commissions totaled \$2.7 million and \$2.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. Contingent commissions also include amounts received from various benefit plan insurance companies related to the volume of business generated and/or the subsequent retention of such business. These commissions totaled \$348 thousand and \$530 thousand during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005.

Insurance commissions and fees for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$1.1 million, or 17.3%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. The increase was primarily related to higher commission income (up \$1.6 million) due to normal variation in the timing of renewals and in the market demand for insurance products. The increase in commission income was partly offset by a decrease in contingent commissions (down \$493 thousand).

Other Charges, Commissions and Fees. Other charges, commissions and fees for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$423 million, or 6.9%, and \$3.7 million, or 21.5%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily related to an increase in investment banking fees related to corporate advisory services (up \$1.1 million) and commission income related to the sale of money market accounts (up \$289 thousand). These increases were partially offset by decreases in the realization of deferred loan commitment fees (down \$686 thousand), letter of credit fees (down \$278 thousand) and commission income related to the sale of annuities (down \$259 thousand). The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily related to an increase in investment banking fees related to corporate advisory services (up \$3.6 million) and increases in commission income related to the sale of money market accounts (up \$531 thousand) and mutual funds (up \$416 thousand). These increases were partially offset by decreases in the realization of deferred loan commitment fees (down \$1.3 million) and letter of credit fees (down \$439 thousand). During the second quarter of 2006, the Corporation recognized investment banking fees related to corporate advisory services totaling \$2.8 million, which was primarily related to a single transaction. During the third quarter of 2006, the Corporation recognized investment banking fees related to corporate advisory services totaling \$1.3 million, which was primarily related to two transactions. Investment banking fees related to corporate advisory services are transaction based and can vary significantly from quarter to quarter.

Other charges, commissions and fees for the third quarter of 2006 decreased \$1.6 million, or 20%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. The decrease was primarily due to the aforementioned investment banking fees related to corporate advisory services recognized in the second quarter.

*Net Gain/Loss on Securities Transactions*. The Corporation sold available-for-sale securities with an amortized cost totaling \$25.7 million and \$2.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. The Corporation realized a net loss of \$1 thousand on the 2006 sales. No gain or loss was realized on the 2005 sales.

Other Non-Interest Income. Other non-interest income increased \$977 thousand, or 9.9%, during the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. Contributing to the increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 were increases in income from check card usage (up \$759 thousand) and earnings on cashier's check balances (up \$386 thousand), among other things. The impact of these increases was partly offset by a decrease in income from securities trading activities (down \$249 thousand) as well as decreases in various other categories of non-interest income.

Other non-interest income increased \$165 thousand, or 0.5%, during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. During the second quarter of 2005, the Corporation realized \$2.4 million in income from the net proceeds from the settlement of legal claims against certain former employees who were employed within the employee benefits line of business in the Austin region of Frost Insurance Agency. Also during 2005, the Corporation recognized \$2.0 million (\$1.7 million in the first quarter and \$294 thousand in the second quarter) in income related to a distribution received from the sale of the PULSE EFT Association whereby the Corporation and other members of the Association received distributions based in part upon each member's volume of transactions through the PULSE network. Excluding the income related to these items during the nine months ended September 30, 2005, other non-interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$4.5 million, or 16.3%, compared to the same period in 2005. Contributing to the effective increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 were increases in income from check card usage (up \$2.1 million), earnings on cashier's check balances (up \$1.3 million), mineral interest income (up \$295 thousand) and income from securities trading activities (up \$255 thousand).

Other non-interest income for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$256 thousand, or 2.4%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. Contributing to the increase were increases in income from check card usage (up \$118 thousand) and mineral interest income (up \$115 thousand), as well as increases in various other categories of non-interest income. Other non-interest income during the third quarter of 2006 also included approximately \$165 thousand in income related to a settlement. The impact of these increases was partly offset by a decrease in income from securities trading activities (down \$302 thousand) as well as decreases in various other categories of non-interest income.

#### Non-Interest Expense

The components of non-interest expense were as follows:

	Three Months Ended							Nine Months Ended			
•	Se	September 30, June 30, September 30,				Sep	tember 30,	Sep	tember 30,		
,		2006		2006		2005		2006		2005	
Salaries and wages	\$	48,743	\$	47,463	\$	41,818	\$	142,312	\$	122,272	
Employee benefits		10,882		11,434		9,973		35,492		32,325	
Net occupancy		8,964		8,512		8,111		25,909		22,863	
Furniture and equipment		6,553		6,357		6,202		19,212		17,929	
Intangible amortization		1,293		1,358		1,050		3,957		3,699	
Other		26,505		25,070		24,838		76,448		72,841	
Total	\$	102,940	\$	100,194	\$	91,992	\$	303,330	\$	271,929	

Total non-interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$10.9 million, or 11.9%, and \$31.4 million, or 11.5%, compared to the same periods in 2005. Total non-interest expense for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$2.7 million, or 2.7%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. Changes in the components of non-interest expense are discussed below.

Salaries and Wages. Salaries and wages for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$6.9 million, or 16.6%, and \$20.0 million, or 16.4%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increases were primarily related to normal, annual merit increases and increases in headcount. The increases in headcount were primarily related to the acquisition of Horizon Capital Bank during the fourth quarter of 2005 and the acquisitions of Texas Community Bancshares and Alamo Corporation of Texas during the first quarter of 2006. Also, effective January 1, 2006, the Corporation began recognizing compensation expense related to stock options in connection with the adoption of a new accounting standard, as further discussed in Note 12 - Stock-Based Compensation. Stock-based compensation expense related to stock options and non-vested stock awards totaled \$2.3 million and \$7.0 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$491 thousand and \$1.3 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005.

Salaries and wages expense for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$1.3 million, or 2.7%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. The increase was partly related to normal, annual merit increases, an increase in headcount and an increase in the incentive compensation accrual. The increase was also partly due to increased commissions related to higher insurance revenues.

Employee Benefits. Employee benefits expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$909 thousand, or 9.1%, and \$3.2 million, or 9.8%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily related to increases in medical insurance expense (up \$259 thousand), payroll taxes (up \$256 thousand), expenses related to the Corporation's 401(k) and profit sharing plans (up \$231 thousand) and expenses related to the Corporation's defined benefit retirement and restoration plans (up \$205 thousand). The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily related to increases in payroll taxes (up \$1.2 million), medical insurance expense (up \$719 thousand), expenses related to the Corporation's defined benefit retirement and restoration plans (up \$613 thousand) and expenses related to the Corporation's 401(k) and profit sharing plans (up \$522 thousand). The increases in employee benefits expense for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same periods in 2005 were also partly the result of increases in headcount related to the acquisition of Horizon Capital Bank during the fourth quarter of 2005 and the acquisitions of Texas Community Bancshares and Alamo Corporation of Texas during the first quarter of 2006.

Employee benefits expense for the third quarter of 2006 decreased \$552 thousand, or 4.8%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. The decrease is primarily due to decreases in payroll taxes (down \$350 thousand) and expenses related to the Corporation's 401(k) and profit sharing plans (down \$124 thousand).

The Corporation's defined benefit retirement and restoration plans were frozen effective as of December 31, 2001 and were replaced by the profit sharing plan. Management believes these actions reduce the volatility in retirement plan expense. However, the Corporation still has funding obligations related to the defined benefit and restoration plans and could recognize retirement expense related to these plans in future years, which would be dependent on the return earned on plan assets, the level of interest rates and employee turnover.

*Net Occupancy*. Net occupancy expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$853 thousand, or 10.5%, and \$3.0 million, or 13.3%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to increases in depreciation expense related to buildings

(up \$173 thousand), property taxes (up \$135 thousand), utilities expense (up \$125 thousand) and a decrease in rental income (down \$102 thousand) as well as increases in various other categories of occupancy expense. The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to increases in utilities expense (up \$726 thousand), lease expense (up \$466 thousand), property taxes (up \$434 thousand), depreciation expense related to buildings (up \$418 thousand) and a decrease in rental income (down \$293 thousand) as well as increases in various other categories of occupancy expense. These increases are partly related to the additional facilities added in connection with recent acquisitions during the fourth quarter of 2005 and the first quarter of 2006 (see Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions).

Net occupancy expense for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$452 thousand, or 5.3%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. The increase is primarily due to increases in lease expense (up \$258 thousand), utilities expense (up \$196 thousand) and service contracts (up \$102 thousand) partly offset by an increase in rental income (up \$192 thousand).

Furniture and Equipment. Furniture and equipment expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$351 thousand, or 5.7%, and \$1.3 million, or 7.2%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily related to increases in software maintenance expense (up \$478 thousand), service contracts expense (up \$327 thousand) and depreciation expense related to furniture and fixtures (up \$173 thousand). The impact of these items was partially offset by a decrease in software amortization expense (down \$641 thousand). The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily related to increases in software maintenance expense (up \$1.3 million), depreciation expense related to furniture and fixtures (up \$824 thousand) and service contracts expense (up \$628 thousand). The impact of these items was partially offset by a decrease in software amortization expense (down \$1.7 million).

Furniture and equipment expense for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$196 thousand, or 3.1%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. The increase is primarily related to increases in service contracts expense (up \$206 thousand) and software maintenance expense (up \$183 thousand) partly offset by a decrease in depreciation expense related to furniture and fixtures (down \$93 thousand).

Intangible Amortization. Intangible amortization is primarily related to core deposit intangibles and, to a lesser extent, intangibles related to non-compete agreements and customer relationships. Intangible amortization totaled \$1.3 million and \$4.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$1.1 million and \$3.7 million during the same periods in 2005 and \$1.4 million during the second quarter of 2006. The increase in intangible amortization during 2006 compared to 2005 was primarily due to the amortization of new intangible assets acquired in connection with recent acquisitions during the fourth quarter of 2005 and the first quarter of 2006 (see Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions and Note 6 - Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets).

Other Non-Interest Expense. Other non-interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$1.7 million, or 6.7%, and \$3.6 million, or 5.0%, compared to the same periods in 2005. Components of the increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 included professional service expense (up \$1.2 million), write-downs of other real estate owned (up \$758 thousand) and advertising/promotions expense (up \$452 thousand), among other things. The increases in professional services expense and advertising/promotions expense were partly related to acquisitions and integration activities. The increase in these items was partly offset by a decrease in outside computer service expense (down \$1.7 million). The reduction in outside computer services resulted as the Corporation is no longer outsourcing certain data processing functions. Other non-interest expense was also impacted by increased deferrals of expenses directly related to loan originations (up \$463 thousand) in part due to loan growth.

Components of the increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 included professional service expense (up \$3.0 million), check card expense (up \$959 thousand), travel expense (up \$854 thousand), stationery printing and supplies (up \$827 thousand), write-downs of other real estate owned (up \$743 thousand) and meals and entertainment (up \$705 thousand), among other things. The increase in these items was partly offset by a decrease in outside computer service expense outside computer service expense (down \$4.8 million). Other non-interest expense was also impacted by increased deferrals of expenses directly related to loan originations (\$1.4 million) in part due to loan growth.

Total other non-interest expense for the third quarter of 2006 increased \$1.4 million, or 5.7%, compared to the second quarter of 2006. Components of the increase included write-downs of other real estate owned (up \$900 thousand), professional service expense (up \$766 thousand) and advertising/promotions expenses (up \$518 thousand), among other things. Components of other non-interest expense with significant decreases during the third quarter compared to the second quarter included travel expenses (down \$196 thousand), donations (down \$161 thousand) and director fees (down \$148 thousand).

#### **Results of Segment Operations**

The Corporation's operations are managed along two operating segments: Banking and the Financial Management Group (FMG). A description of each business and the methodologies used to measure financial performance is described in Note 15 - Operating Segments in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report. Net income (loss) by operating segment is presented below:

	_	Three Months Ended						Nine Month	ıs En	ded
	Sep	otember 30, 2006	,	June 30, 2006	Sep	otember 30, 2005	Se	ptember 30, 2006	Sej	2005
Banking Financial Management Group	\$	47,109 6,089	\$	46,291 5,552	\$	40,836 4,592	\$	138,557 16,447	\$	116,485 12,079
Non-Banks		(3,196)		(3,293)		(2,973)		(9,775)		(8,058)
Consolidated net income	\$	50,002	\$	48,550	\$	42,455	\$	145,229	\$	120,506

#### **Banking**

Net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$6.3 million, or 15.4%, and \$22.1 million, or 19.0%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily the result of a \$17.3 million increase in net interest income, a \$1.0 million decrease in the provision for possible loan losses and a \$104 thousand increase in non-interest income partly offset by a \$9.1 million increase in non-interest expense and a \$3.0 million increase in income tax expense. The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily the result of a \$59.6 million increase in net interest income and a \$1.3 million increase in non-interest income partly offset by a \$25.3 million increase in non-interest expense, a \$3.5 million increase in the provision for possible loan losses and a \$10.0 million increase in income tax expense.

Net interest income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$17.3 million, or 17.4%, and \$59.6 million, or 20.9%, from the comparable periods in 2005. The increases primarily resulted from growth in the average volume of earning assets combined with increases in the net interest margin which resulted, in part, from a general increase in market interest rates and an increase in the relative proportion of higher-yielding loans as a percentage of total average earning assets. See the analysis of net interest income included in the section captioned "Net Interest Income" included elsewhere in this discussion.

The provision for possible loan losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 totaled \$1.7 million and \$10.7 million compared to \$2.7 million and \$7.2 million for the same periods in 2005. See the analysis of the provision for possible loan losses included in the section captioned "Allowance for Possible Loan Losses" included elsewhere in this discussion.

Non-interest income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$104 thousand, or 0.3%, and \$1.3 million, or 1.1%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to increases in other charges, commissions and fees partly offset by decreases in service charges on deposit accounts and other non-interest income. See the analysis of other charges, commissions and fees, service charges on deposit accounts and other non-interest income included in the section captioned "Non-Interest Income" included elsewhere in this discussion.

Non-interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$9.1 million, or 12.0%, and \$25.3 million, or 11.2%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increases were primarily related to increases in salaries and wages, employee benefits expense, net occupancy expense, furniture and equipment expense and other non-interest expnese. Combined, salaries and wages and employee benefits increased \$6.9 million and \$20.0 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same periods in 2005. These increases were primarily the result of normal, annual merit increases, increases in headcount, increases in expenses related to the Corporation's employee benefit plans, medical insurance and stock-based compensation. The increases in net occupancy expense were due to an increase in lease expense, utilities and depreciation expense related to buildings. The increases in furniture and equipment expense were primarily due to increases in software maintenance expense, depreciation expense related to furniture and fixtures and service contracts expense. The increases in net occupancy expense and furniture and equipment expense are partly related to the additional facilities added in connection with recent acquisitions during the fourth quarter of 2005 and the first quarter of 2006 (see Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions). See the analysis of these items included in the section captioned "Non-Interest Expense" included elsewhere in this discussion.

Frost Insurance Agency, which is included in the Banking operating segment, had gross commission revenues of \$7.2 million and \$22.4 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and \$7.4 million and \$22.3 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. Insurance commission revenues decreased \$184 thousand, or 2.5%, and increased \$139 thousand, or 0.6%, during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. The decrease during the three months ended September 30, 2006 is primarily related to lower commission income (down \$155 thousand) and contingent commission income (down \$29 thousand). The increases during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 is primarily related to higher commission income (up \$362 thousand) partly offset by a decrease in contingent commission income (down \$223 thousand). See the analysis of insurance commissions and fees included in the section captioned "Non-Interest Income" included elsewhere in this discussion.

Financial Management Group (FMG)

Net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$1.5 million and \$4.4 million compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to a \$2.6 million increase in net interest income and a \$1.7 million increase in non-interest income offset by a \$2.0 million increase in non-interest expense and a \$817 thousand increase in income tax expense. The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to a \$6.7 million increase in net interest income and a \$5.9 million increase in non-interest income offset by a \$6.0 million increase in non-interest expense and a \$2.3 million increase in income tax expense.

Net interest income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$2.6 million, or 71.9%, and \$6.7 million, or 70.9% from the comparable periods in 2005. The increases resulted from an increase in the average volume of repurchase agreements combined with an increase in average market interest rates, which impacted the funds transfer price paid on FMG's repurchase agreements.

Non-interest income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$1.7 million, or 9.4%, and \$5.9 million, or 11.2% from the comparable periods in 2005. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to increases in trust fees (up \$1.5 million). The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to increases in trust fees (up \$4.3 million), other charges, commissions and fees (up \$973 thousand) and other income (up \$611 thousand).

Trust fee income is the most significant income component for FMG. Investment fees are the most significant component of trust fees, making up approximately 69% and 70% of total trust fees for the first nine months of 2006 and 2005, respectively. Investment and other custodial account fees are generally based on the market value of assets within a trust account. Volatility in the equity and bond markets impacts the market value of trust assets and the related investment fees. FMG experienced an increase in investment fees in the first nine months of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 primarily due to higher equity valuations during the first nine months of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 and growth in overall trust assets and the number of trust accounts. See the analysis of trust fees included in the section captioned "Non-Interest Income" included elsewhere in this discussion.

The increases in other charges, commissions and fees during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 was primarily due to increases in commission income related to the sales of money market accounts, mutual funds and annuity products. The increase in other income during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 was primarily due to increases in earnings on cashier's check balances and income from securities trading activities.

Non-interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased \$2.0 million, or 13.7%, and \$6.0 million, or 13.7%, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to an increase in salaries and wages and employee benefits (up \$1.1 million on a combined basis) and other non-interest expense (up \$937 thousand). The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to salaries and wages and employee benefits (up \$3.0 million on a combined basis) and an increase in other non-interest expense (up \$3.0 million). The increase in salaries and wages and employee benefits was primarily the result of normal, annual merit increases and increases in expenses related to stock-based compensation and employee benefit plans. The increase in other non-interest expense was primarily due to general increases in the various components of other non-interest expense, including cost allocations.

Non-Banks

The \$223 thousand and \$1.7 million increases in the net loss for the Non-Banks operating segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 were primarily due to a decrease in net interest income due in part to the variable-rate junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures issued in February 2004. As market interest rates have increased, the Non-Banks segment has experienced a corresponding increase in interest cost related to this debt. Additionally, during 2006, the Corporation had added interest cost from the \$3.1 million of variable-rate junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures acquired in connection with the acquisition of Alamo Corporation of Texas.

#### Income Taxes

The Corporation recognized income tax expense of \$23.8 million and \$69.5 million, for effective tax rates of 32.2% and 32.4% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$20.2 million and \$57.6 million, for effective tax rates of 32.2% and 32.3% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. The effective income tax rates differed from the U.S. statutory rate of 35% during the comparable periods primarily due to the effect of tax-exempt income from loans, securities and life insurance policies.

## Average Balance Sheet

Average assets totaled \$11.4 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 representing an increase of \$1.5 billion, or 15.5%, compared to average assets for the same period in 2005. The increase was primarily reflected in earning assets, which increased \$1.3 billion, or 14.8%, during the first nine months of 2006 compared to the first nine months of 2005. The increase was primarily due to a \$1.0 billion, or 18.6%, increase in average loans. Total deposits averaged \$9.1 billion for the first nine months of 2006, increasing \$1.1 billion, or 14.1%, compared to the same period in 2005. Average interest-bearing accounts increased from 63.4% of average total deposits in 2005 to 63.6% of average total deposits in 2006. Growth in average loans and average deposits was due in part to recent acquisitions (see Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions). During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Corporation acquired loans totaling \$323.1 million and deposits totaling \$319.1 million in connection with the acquisition of Horizon Capital Bank. During the first quarter of 2006, the Corporation acquired loans totaling \$289.6 million and deposits totaling \$381.6 million in connection with the acquisitions of Texas Community Bancshares, Inc. and Alamo Corporation of Texas.

#### Loans

Loans were as follows as of the dates indicated:

	September 30,	June 30,	March 31,	December 31,	September 30,
	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005
Commercial and industrial					
Commercial	\$ 2,852,027	\$ 2,856,530	\$ 2,756,506	\$ 2,610,178	\$ 2,549,846
Leases	165,465	155,489	158,881	148,750	134,119
Asset-based	46,387	42,798	41,948	41,288	45,618
	3,063,879	3,054,817	2,957,335	2,800,216	2,729,583

Total commercial and industrial

Real estate:					
Construction:					
Commercial	607,749	562,935	610,084	590,635	498,762
Consumer	104,781	114,314	116,443	87,746	54,595
Land:					
Commercial	352,775	357,177	330,321	301,907	242,490
Consumer	4,323	6,502	13,341	10,369	5,560
Commercial real estate mortgages	1,494,114	1,559,510	1,540,404	1,409,811	1,334,096
1-4 family residential mortgages	97,453	103,533	104,478	95,032	72,002
Home equity and other consumer	470,088	474,286	501,069	460,941	439,367
Total real estate	3,131,283	3,178,257	3,216,140	2,956,441	2,646,872
Consumer:					
Indirect	2,150	2,364	2,614	2,418	2,665
Student loans held for sale	53,428	45,788	60,106	51,189	63,966
Other	276,219	279,919	273,880	265,038	256,358
Other	19,188	40,157	22,301	27,201	26,344
Unearned discount	(29,891)	(24,226)	(21,118)	(17,448)	(16,269)
Total	\$ 6,516,256	\$ 6,577,076	\$ 6,511,258	\$ 6,085,055	\$ 5,709,519

Loans totaled \$6.5 billion at September 30, 2006, an increase of \$431.2 million, or 7.1%, compared to December 31, 2005. During the first quarter of 2006, the Corporation acquired \$289.6 million in loans in connection with the acquisitions of Texas Community Bancshares, Inc. and Alamo Corporation of Texas. Excluding these acquired loans, total loans increased approximately \$141.6 million, or 2.3%.

The Corporation stopped originating mortgage and indirect consumer loans during 2000, and as such, these portfolios are excluded when analyzing the growth of the loan portfolio. Student loans are similarly excluded because the Corporation primarily originates these loans for resale. Accordingly, student loans are classified as held for sale. Excluding 1-4 family residential mortgages, the indirect lending portfolio and student loans, loans increased \$426.8 million, or 7.2% from December 31, 2005.

The majority of the Corporation's loan portfolio is comprised of commercial and industrial loans and real estate loans. Commercial and industrial loans made up 47.0% and 46.0% of total loans while real estate loans made up 48.1% and 48.6% of total loans at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. Real estate loans include both commercial and consumer balances. Of the \$289.6 million of loans acquired in connection with the acquisitions of Texas Community Bancshares, Inc. and Alamo Corporation of Texas, approximately 30.4% were commercial and industrial loans and approximately 63.2% were real estate loans.

Commercial and industrial loans increased \$263.7 million, or 9.4%, from \$2.8 billion at December 31, 2005 to \$3.1 billion at September 30, 2006. During the first quarter of 2006, the Corporation acquired approximately \$88.1 million of commercial and industrial loans in connection with the acquisitions of Texas Community Bancshares, Inc. and Alamo Corporation of Texas. The Corporation's commercial and industrial loans are a diverse group of loans to small, medium and large businesses. The purpose of these loans varies from supporting seasonal working capital needs to term financing of equipment. While some short-term loans may be made on an unsecured basis, most are secured by the assets being financed with collateral margins that are consistent with the Corporation's loan policy guidelines. The commercial and industrial loan portfolio also includes the commercial lease and asset-based lending portfolios.

Purchased shared national credits ("SNC"s) are participations purchased from upstream financial organizations and tend to be larger in size than the Corporation's originated portfolio. The Corporation's purchased SNC portfolio totaled \$345.0 million at September 30, 2006, increasing \$13.4 million, or 4.0%, from \$331.6 million at December 31, 2005. At September 30, 2006, 48.8% of outstanding purchased SNCs was related to the energy industry and 15.6% was related to the beer and liquor distribution industry. The remaining purchased SNCs were diversified throughout various other industries, with no other single industry exceeding more than 10% of the total purchased SNC portfolio. Additionally, approximately 96.4% of the total outstanding balance of purchased SNCs was included in the commercial and industrial portfolio, with the remainder included in the commercial real estate category. SNC participations are originated in the normal course of business to meet the needs of the Corporation's customers. As a matter of policy, the Corporation generally only participates in SNCs for companies headquartered in or which have significant operations within the Corporation's market areas. In addition, the Corporation must have direct access to the company's management, an existing banking relationship or the expectation of broadening the relationship with other banking products and services within the following 12 to 24 months. SNCs are reviewed at least quarterly for credit quality and business development successes.

Real estate loans totaled \$3.1 billion at September 30, 2006 increasing \$174.8 million, or 5.9%, from \$3.0 billion at December 31, 2005. Real estate loans include both commercial and consumer balances. During the first quarter of 2006, the Corporation acquired approximately \$182.9 million of real estate loans in connection with the acquisitions of Texas Community Bancshares, Inc. and Alamo Corporation of Texas. Excluding 1-4 family residential mortgage loans, which are discussed below, total real estate loans increased \$172.4 million, or 6.0%, from December 31, 2005. Commercial real estate loans totaled \$2.5 billion at September 30, 2006 and represented 78.4% of total real estate loans. The majority of this portfolio consists of commercial real estate mortgages, which includes both permanent and intermediate term loans. The Corporation's primary focus for its commercial real estate portfolio has been growth in loans secured by owner-occupied properties. These loans are viewed primarily as cash flow loans and secondarily as loans secured by real estate. Consequently, these loans must undergo the analysis and underwriting process of a commercial and industrial loan, as well as that of a real estate loan.

The consumer loan portfolio as of September 30, 2006, including all consumer real estate, increased \$35.7 million, or 3.7%, from December 31, 2005. During the first quarter of 2006, the Corporation acquired approximately \$69.2 million of consumer loans (including consumer real estate loans totaling \$50.8 million and consumer non-real estate loans totaling \$18.4 million) in connection with the acquisitions of Texas Community Bancshares, Inc. and Alamo Corporation of Texas. Excluding 1-4 family residential mortgages, indirect loans and student loans, total consumer loans increased \$31.3 million, or 3.8%, from December 31, 2005.

As the following table illustrates as of the dates indicated, the consumer loan portfolio has five distinct segments,

including consumer real estate, consumer non-real estate, student loans held for sale, indirect consumer loans and 1-4 family residential mortgages.

	Sept	September 30,		June 30,		March 31,		December 31,		ptember 30,
_		2006		2006		2006		2005		2005
_										
Consumer real estate:										
Construction	\$	104,781	\$	114,314	\$	116,443	\$	87,746	\$	54,595
Land		4,323		6,502		13,341		10,369		5,560
Home equity loans		227,579		232,259		237,053		237,789		236,053
Home equity lines of credit		75,087		79,097		80,610		78,401		76,219
Other consumer real estate		167,422		162,930		183,406		144,751		127,095
Total real estate		579,192		595,102		630,853		559,056		499,522
Consumer non-real estate		276,219		279,919		273,880		265,038		256,358
Student loans held for sale		53,428		45,788		60,106		51,189		63,966
Indirect		2,150		2,364		2,614		2,418		2,665
1-4 family residential mortgages		97,453		103,533		104,478		95,032		72,002
Total	\$	1,008,442	\$	1,026,706	\$	1,071,931	\$	972,733	\$	894,513

The consumer non-real estate loan portfolio primarily consists of automobile loans, unsecured revolving credit products, personal loans secured by cash and cash equivalents and other similar types of credit facilities. The Corporation also discontinued originating 1-4 family residential mortgage loans and indirect consumer loans in 2000. The increase in 1-4 family residential mortgage loans at September 30, 2006 compared to December 31, 2005 was the result of loans acquired in connection with the acquisitions of Texas Community Bancshares, Inc. and Alamo Corporation of Texas.

### **Non-Performing Assets**

Non-performing assets and accruing past due loans are presented in the table below. The Corporation did not have any restructured loans as of the dates presented.

	Septemb	per 30,	J	Tune 30,	March 31,	De	cember 31,	Sep	otember 30,
	2	006		2006	2006		2005		2005
Non-accrual loans:	\$	22,864	\$	24,628	\$ 26,770	\$	25,556	\$	27,110

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Commercial and industrial										
Real estate		5,722		4,551		5,381	4,963		5,243	
Consumer and other		1,459		1,645		1,876	2,660		2,079	
Total non-accrual loans		30,045		30,824		34,027	33,179		34,432	!
Foreclosed assets:										
Real estate		4,940		6,423		6,700	4,403		4,972	
Other		31		38		66	1,345		1,422	_
Total foreclosed assets		4,971		6,461		6,766	5,748		6,394	
Total non-performing assets	\$	35,016	\$	37,285	\$	40,793	\$ 38,927	\$	40,826	•
Non-performing assets as a percentage of:										
Total loans and foreclosed assets		0.54	%	0.57	%	0.63 %	0.64 %	%	0.71	%
Total assets		0.30		0.33		0.35	0.33		0.40	
Accruing past due loans:										
30 to 89 days past due	\$	46,759	\$	30,790	\$	28,737	\$ 32,908	\$	37,829	
90 or more days past due		7,906		7,719		7,073	7,921		8,658	_
Total accruing loans past due	\$	54,665	\$	38,509	\$	35,810	\$ 40,829	\$	46,487	
Accruing past due loans as a total loans:	a percentag	ge of								
30 to 89 days past due		0.72	%	0.47	%	0.44 %	0.54	%	0.66	%
90 or more days past		0.12		0.12		0.11	0.13		0.15	
due										
_		0.84	%	0.59	%	0.55 %	0.67	%	0.81	%

Non-performing assets include non-accrual loans and foreclosed assets. Generally, loans are placed on non-accrual status if principal or interest payments become 90 days past due and/or management deems the collectibility of the principal and/or interest to be in question, as well as when required by regulatory requirements. Once interest accruals are discontinued, accrued but uncollected interest is charged to current year operations. Subsequent receipts on non-accrual loans are recorded as a reduction of principal, and interest income is recorded only after principal recovery is reasonably assured.

Foreclosed assets represent property acquired as the result of borrower defaults on loans. Foreclosed assets are recorded at estimated fair value, less estimated selling costs, at the time of foreclosure. Write-downs occurring at foreclosure are charged against the allowance for possible loan losses. On an ongoing basis, properties are appraised as required by market indications and applicable regulations. Write-downs are provided for subsequent declines in value and are included in other non-interest expense along with other expenses related to maintaining the properties.

Potential problem loans consist of loans that are performing in accordance with contractual terms but for which management has concerns about the ability of an obligor to continue to comply with repayment terms because of the obligor's potential operating or financial difficulties. Management monitors these loans closely and reviews their performance on a regular basis. At September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the Corporation had \$34.0 million and \$12.1 million in loans of this type that were not included in either of the non-accrual or 90 days past due loan categories. Of the total outstanding balance at September 30, 2006, approximately 68.3% was related to a customer that owns/manages student housing facilities, approximately 23.7% was related to a customer in the insurance industry and approximately 6.9% related to a customer that operates as a retailer of musical instruments. Weakness in these companies' operating performance has caused the Corporation to heighten the attention given to these credits.

The after-tax impact (assuming a 35% marginal tax rate) of lost interest from non-performing assets was approximately \$541 thousand and \$1.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to \$451 thousand and \$1.3 million for the same periods in 2005.

#### Allowance for Possible Loan Losses

Activity in the allowance for possible loan losses is presented in the following table.

	Three Months Ended							Nine Month	Months Ended				
· ·	•	ember 30, 2006		June 30, 2006	Sep	otember 30, 2005	Sep	September 30, 2006		otember 30, 2005			
Balance at beginning of period	\$	85,552	\$	84,142	\$	77,103	\$	80,325	\$	75,810			
Provision for possible loan losses		1,711		5,105		2,725		10,750		7,300			
Allowance for possible loan losses acquired		-		-		-		2,373		-			
Charge-offs:													
Commercial and industrial		(1,781)		(4,090)		(2,298)		(8,652)		(5,397)			
Real estate		(14)		(219)		(105)		(308)		(350)			
Consumer and other		(1,642)		(1,787)		(1,703)		(4,838)		(4,614)			
Total charge-offs		(3,437)		(6,096)		(4,106)		(13,798)		(10,361)			

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Recoveries:					
Commercial and industrial	715	964	280	2,299	1,607
Real estate	16	381	16	442	169
Consumer and other	1,110	1,056	1,099	3,276	2,592
Total recoveries	1,841	2,401	1,395	6,017	4,368
Net charge-offs	(1,596)	(3,695)	(2,711)	(7,781)	(5,993)
Balance at end of period	\$ 85,667	\$ 85,552	\$ 77,117	\$ 85,667	\$ 77,117
Ratio of allowance for possible loan losses to:					
Total loans	1.31 %	1.30 %	1.35 %	1.31 %	1.35 %
Non-accrual loans	285.14	277.55	223.97	285.14	223.97
Ratio of annualized net charge-offs to average total loans	0.10	0.23	0.19	0.16	0.15

The allowance for possible loan losses is maintained at a level considered appropriate by management, based on estimated probable losses within the existing loan portfolio. The Corporation's allowance for possible loan loss methodology is based on guidance provided in SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 102, "Selected Loan Loss Allowance Methodology and Documentation Issues," and includes allowance allocations calculated in accordance with SFAS No. 114, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan," as amended by SFAS 118, and allowance allocations calculated in accordance with SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies." Accordingly, the methodology is based on historical loss experience by type of credit and internal risk grade, specific homogeneous risk pools, and specific loss allocations, with adjustments for current events and conditions. The Corporation's process for the determination of the appropriate level of the allowance for possible loan losses is designed to account for credit deterioration as it occurs. The provision for possible loan losses reflects loan quality trends, including the levels of and trends related to non-accrual loans, past due loans, potential problem loans, criticized loans and net charge-offs or recoveries, among other factors. The provision for possible loan losses also reflects the totality of actions taken on all loans for a particular period. In other words, the amount of the provision reflects not only the necessary increases in the allowance for possible loan losses related to newly identified criticized loans, but it also reflects actions taken related to other loans including, among other things, any necessary increases or decreases in required allowances for specific loans or loan pools.

The provision for possible loan losses totaled \$1.7 million and \$10.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to \$2.7 million and \$7.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in the provision for possible loan losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to growth in the loan portfolio. The ratio of the allowance for possible loan losses to total loans at September 30, 2006 decreased one basis point from December 31, 2005 primarily due to the overall growth in the loan portfolio. Despite the decline in this ratio, management believes the level of the allowance for possible loan losses continues to remain adequate. Should any of the factors considered by management in evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for possible loan losses change, the Corporation's estimate of probable loan losses could also change, which could affect the level of future provisions for possible loan losses.

#### Capital and Liquidity

Capital. At September 30, 2006, shareholders' equity totaled \$1.1 billion compared to \$982.2 million at December 31, 2005 and \$896.8 million at September 30, 2005. In addition to net income of \$145.2 million, other significant changes in shareholders' equity during the first nine months of 2006 included \$54.4 million of dividends paid, \$37.3 million in proceeds from stock option exercises and the related tax benefits of \$14.6 million, \$7.0 million related to stock-based compensation and \$3.6 million in treasury stock purchases. The accumulated other comprehensive loss component of shareholders' equity totaled \$57.4 million at September 30, 2006 compared to \$50.4 million at December 31, 2005. This fluctuation was primarily related to the after-tax effect of changes in the unrealized gain/loss on securities available for sale. Under regulatory requirements, the unrealized gain or loss on securities available for sale does not increase or reduce regulatory capital and is not included in the calculation of risk-based capital and leverage ratios. Regulatory agencies for banks and bank holding companies utilize capital guidelines designed to measure Tier 1 and total capital and take into consideration the risk inherent in both on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet items. See Note 9 - Regulatory Matters in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report.

The Corporation paid quarterly dividends of \$0.30, \$0.34 and \$0.34 per common share during the first, second and third quarters of 2006 and quarterly dividends of \$0.265, \$0.30 and \$0.30 per common share during the first, second and third quarters of 2005. This equates to a dividend payout ratio of 37.9% and 37.4% during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 37.2% and 37.5% during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005.

The Corporation has maintained several stock repurchase plans authorized by the Corporation's board of directors. In general, stock repurchase plans allow the Corporation to proactively manage its capital position and return excess capital to shareholders. Shares purchased under such plans also provide the Corporation with shares of common stock necessary to satisfy obligations related to stock compensation awards. Under the most recent plan, which expired on April 29, 2006, the Corporation was authorized to repurchase up to 2.1 million shares of its common stock from time to time over a two-year period in the open market or through private transactions. Under the plan, during 2005, the Corporation repurchased 300 thousand shares at a cost of \$14.4 million, all of which occurred during the first quarter. No shares were repurchased during 2006. Over the life of the plan, the Corporation repurchased a total of 833.2 thousand shares at a cost of \$39.9 million. Also see Part II, Item 2 - Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds, included elsewhere in this report.

Liquidity. Liquidity measures the ability to meet current and future cash flow needs as they become due. The liquidity of a financial institution reflects its ability to meet loan requests, to accommodate possible outflows in deposits and to take advantage of interest rate market opportunities. The ability of a financial institution to meet its current financial obligations is a function of balance sheet structure, the ability to liquidate assets, and the availability of alternative sources of funds. The Corporation seeks to ensure its funding needs are met by maintaining a level of liquid funds through asset/liability management.

Asset liquidity is provided by liquid assets which are readily marketable or pledgeable or which will mature in the near future. Liquid assets include cash, interest-bearing deposits in banks, securities available for sale, maturities and cash flow from securities held to maturity, and federal funds sold and securities purchased under resell agreements.

Liability liquidity is provided by access to funding sources which include core deposits and correspondent banks in the Corporation's natural trade area that maintain accounts with and sell federal funds to Frost Bank, as well as

federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements from upstream banks.

Since Cullen/Frost is a holding company and does not conduct operations, its primary sources of liquidity are dividends from Frost Bank and borrowings from outside sources. Banking regulations require the maintenance of certain capital and net income levels that may limit the amount of dividends that may be paid by the Corporation's bank subsidiaries. Approval by regulatory authorities is required if the effect of dividends declared would cause the regulatory capital of the Corporation's bank subsidiaries to fall below specified minimum levels. Approval is also needed if dividends declared exceed the net profits for that year combined with the retained net profits for the two preceding years. These limitations do not currently prevent the Corporation's bank subsidiaries from paying normal dividends to Cullen/Frost. At September 30, 2006, Cullen/Frost had liquid assets, including cash and securities purchased under resell agreements, totaling \$232.5 million. Cullen/Frost also had outside funding sources available, including a \$25.0 million short-term line of credit with another financial institution. The line of credit matures annually and bears interest at a fixed LIBOR-based rate or floats with the prime rate. There were no borrowings outstanding on this line of credit at September 30, 2006.

The liquidity position of the Corporation is continuously monitored and adjustments are made to the balance between sources and uses of funds as deemed appropriate. Management is not aware of any events that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's liquidity, capital resources or operations. In addition, management is not aware of any regulatory recommendations regarding liquidity, which if implemented, would have a material adverse effect on the Corporation.

The Corporation's operating objectives include expansion, diversification within its markets, growth of its fee-based income, and growth internally and through acquisitions of financial institutions, branches and financial services businesses. The Corporation seeks merger or acquisition partners that are culturally similar and have experienced management and possess either significant market presence or have potential for improved profitability through financial management, economies of scale and expanded services. The Corporation regularly evaluates merger and acquisition opportunities and conducts due diligence activities related to possible transactions with other financial institutions and financial services companies. As a result, merger or acquisition discussions and, in some cases, negotiations may take place and future mergers or acquisitions involving cash, debt or equity securities may occur. Acquisitions typically involve the payment of a premium over book and market values, and, therefore, some dilution of the Corporation's tangible book value and net income per common share may occur in connection with any future transaction. As more fully discussed in Note 2 - Mergers and Acquisitions, on July 2, 2006, the Corporation entered into agreement to acquire Summit Bancshares, Inc. The consideration for the merger will consist of approximately 3.8 million shares of Cullen/Frost's common stock and approximately \$143.4 million in cash.

#### Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 16 - New Accounting Standards in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for details of recently issued accounting pronouncements and their expected impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

	Interest	Interest
(dollars in thousands - taxable-equivalent basis)	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Year-to-Date		
Consolidated Average Balance Sheet	s and Interest Income Analysis -	

	1	Average	Income/	Yield/	Average	Inc	come/	Yield/
	]	Balance	Expense	Cost	Balance	Ex	pense	Cost
Assets:								
Interest-bearing deposits	\$	4,332	\$ 153	4.73 %	<b>\$</b> ,664	\$	100	2.37 %
Federal funds sold and resell		644,915	24,027	4.98	409,437		9,380	3.02
agreements								
Securities:								
Taxable		2,668,654	99,159	4.83	2,632,390		91,965	4.66
Tax-exempt		270,444	13,037	6.46	257,980		12,250	6.49
Total securities		2,939,098	112,196	4.97	2,890,370	1	04,215	4.82
Loans, net of unearned discounts		6,471,045	372,794	7.70	5,455,120	2	255,191	6.25
Total Earning Assets and Average Rate Earned		10,059,390	509,170	6.72	8,760,591	3	68,886	5.63
Cash and due from banks		618,172			579,685			
Allowance for possible loan losses		(83,891	)		(76,637)			
Premises and equipment, net		197,342			173,405			
Accrued interest and other assets		625,276			450,450			
Total Assets	\$	11,416,289			9,88\$,494			
Liabilities:								
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits:								
Commercial and individual	\$	2,967,300			2,56 <b>\$</b> ,291			
Correspondent banks		287,456			297,635			
Public funds		49,763			43,894			
Total non-interest-bearing demand deposits		3,304,519			2,909,820			
Interest-bearing deposits:								
Private accounts								
Savings and interest checking		1,280,416	3,350	0.35	1,195,489		1,831	0.20
Money market deposit accounts		2,959,019	65,374	2.95	2,602,227		32,363	1.66
Time accounts		1,091,983	29,632	3.63	870,640		13,604	2.09
Public funds		432,073	11,603	3.59	370,041		4,861	1.76
Total interest-bearing deposits		5,763,491	109,959	2.55	5,038,397		52,659	1.40
Total deposits		9,068,010			7,948,217			
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements		757,106	23,008	4.06	576,719		10,825	2.48
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures		229,230	12,845	7.47	226,805		10,938	6.43
Subordinated notes payable and other notes		150,000	7,380	6.56	150,000		5,458	4.85

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Federal Home Loan Bank advances	25,715	859	4.46	781	35	6.02
Total Interest-Bearing Funds and Average						
Rate Paid	6,925,542	154,051	2.97	5,992,702	79,915	1.78
Accrued interest and other liabilities	153,920			131,799		
Total Liabilities	10,383,981			9,034,321		
Shareholders' Equity	1,032,308			853,173		
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 11,416,289			9,88\$,494		
Net interest income		35 <b>\$</b> ,119			\$ 288,971	
Net interest spread			3.75 %			3.85 %
Net interest income to total average earning assets			4.68 %			4.41 %

For these computations: (i) average balances are presented on a daily average basis, (ii) information is shown on a taxable-equivalent basis assuming a 35% tax rate, (iii) average loans include loans on non-accrual status, and (iv) average securities include unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale while yields are based on average amortized cost.

Consolidated Average Balance Sheets and Interest Income Analysis-By-Quarter

(dollars in thousands -

taxable-equivalent basis)	September 30, 2006				June 30, 2006		
		Interest			Interest		
	Average	Income/	Yield/	Average	Income/	Yield/	
	Balance	Expense	Cost	Balance	Expense	Cost	
Assets:							
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 4,680	\$ 61	5.17 %	\$,002	\$ 35	4.66 %	
Federal funds sold and resell agreements	755,366	10,114	5.31	600,929	7,529	5.03	
Securities:							
Taxable	2,581,825	32,404	4.86	2,677,703	33,320	4.82	
Tax-exempt	274,018	4,411	6.46	269,138	4,339	6.45	
Total securities	2,855,843	36,815	5.01	2,946,841	37,659	4.97	
Loans, net of unearned discounts	6,564,689	131,984	7.98	6,539,306	125,856	7.72	
Total Earning Assets and Average Rate Earned	10,180,578	178,974	6.93	10,090,078	171,079	6.74	
Cash and due from banks	580,673			588,212			

Allowance for possible loan losses Premises and equipment Accrued interest and other assets	(85,941) 202,770 644,020	)		(84,133) 201,826 654,163		
Total Assets	\$ 11,522,100			11,45\$0,146		
Liabilities:	ψ 11,522,100			11,15\$,140		
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits:						
Commercial and individual	\$ 3,021,123			2,99\$4,617		
Correspondent banks	239,895			259,399		
Public funds	47,878			46,000		
Total non-interest-bearing demand deposits	3,308,896			3,300,016		
Interest-bearing deposits:						
Private accounts						
Savings and interest checking	1,260,385	1,136	0.36	1,299,419	1,182	0.36
Money market deposit accounts	3,044,314	25,612	3.34	2,946,458	21,591	2.94
Time accounts	1,137,698	11,579	4.04	1,102,856	9,905	3.60
Public funds	386,750	3,950	4.05	419,927	3,896	3.72
Total interest-bearing deposits	5,829,147	42,277	2.88	5,768,660	36,574	2.54
Total deposits	9,138,043			9,068,676		
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	764,857	8,353	4.33	789,426	8,129	4.13
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures	229,898	4,439	7.72	229,898	4,298	7.48
Subordinated notes payable and other notes	150,000	2,558	6.82	150,000	2,482	6.62
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	22,187	254	4.54	25,510	287	4.51
Total Interest-Bearing Funds and Average						
Rate Paid	6,996,089	57,881	3.29	6,963,494	51,770	2.98
Accrued interest and other liabilities	148,443			162,664		
Total Liabilities	10,453,428			10,426,174		
Shareholders' Equity	1,068,672			1,023,972		
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 11,522,100			11,45\$,146		
Net interest income		12\$,093			\$ 119,309	
Net interest spread			3.64 9	<b>%</b>		3.76 %
-			4.69	<b>%</b>		4.70 %

Net interest income to total average earning assets

(dollars in thousands -

Interest-bearing deposits:
Private accounts

For these computations: (i) average balances are presented on a daily average basis, (ii) information is shown on a taxable-equivalent basis assuming a 35% tax rate, (iii) average loans include loans on non-accrual status, and (iv) average securities include unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale while yields are based on average amortized cost.

Consolidated Average Balance Sheets and Interest Income Analysis-By-Quarter

taxable-equivalent basis)	March 31, 2006				December 31, 2005			
	Interest					In	terest	
	1	Average	Income/	Yield/	Average	Inc	come/	Yield/
	]	Balance	Expense	Cost	Balance	Ex	pense	Cost
Assets:								
Interest-bearing deposits	\$	5,320	\$ 57	4.34 %	<b>\$</b> ,583	\$	50	3.55 %
Federal funds sold and resell agreements		576,483	6,384	4.49	854,728		8,767	4.07
Securities:								
Taxable		2,748,262	33,435	4.80	2,451,928		29,412	4.73
Tax-exempt		268,112	4,288	6.46	266,814		4,271	6.47
Total securities		3,016,374	37,723	4.94	2,718,742		33,683	4.90
Loans, net of unearned discounts		6,307,478	114,955	7.39	6,008,005	1	06,113	7.01
Total Earning Assets and Average Rate Earned		9,905,655	159,119	6.47	9,587,058	1	48,613	6.14
Cash and due from banks		686,797			678,634			
Allowance for possible loan losses		(81,550)	)		(80,262)			
Premises and equipment		187,261			183,022			
Accrued interest and other assets		587,458			532,608			
Total Assets	\$	11,285,621			10,90\$,060			
Liabilities:								
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits:								
Commercial and individual	\$	2,884,660			2,84\$,101			
Correspondent banks		364,444			401,094			
Public funds		55,495			52,116			
Total non-interest-bearing demand deposits		3,304,599			3,302,311			

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Savings and interest checking	1,281,677	1,032	0.33	1,237,408	1,178	0.38
Money market deposit accounts	2,884,527	18,171	2.55	2,779,761	15,795	2.25
Time accounts	1,034,259	8,148	3.20	965,137	6,895	2.83
Public funds	490,686	3,757	3.11	395,856	2,407	2.41
Total interest-bearing deposits	5,691,149	31,108	2.22	5,378,162	26,275	1.94
Total deposits	8,995,748			8,680,473		
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	716,502	6,526	3.69	692,750	5,807	3.33
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures	t 227,870	4,108	7.21	226,805	3,970	7.00
Subordinated notes payable and other notes	150,000	2,340	6.24	150,000	2,148	5.73
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	29,529	318	4.37	40,558	446	4.36
Total Interest-Bearing Funds and Average						
Rate Paid	6,815,050	44,400	2.64	6,488,275	38,646	2.37
Accrued interest and other liabilities	162,395			148,322		
Total Liabilities	10,282,044			9,938,908		
Shareholders' Equity	1,003,577			962,152		
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 11,285,621			10,90\$,060		
Net interest income		11 <b>\$</b> ,719			\$ 109,967	
Net interest spread			3.83	%		3.77 %
Net interest income to total average earning assets			4.66 %	<i>1</i> 0		4.54 %

For these computations: (i) average balances are presented on a daily average basis, (ii) information is shown on a taxable-equivalent basis assuming a 35% tax rate, (iii) average loans include loans on non-accrual status, and (iv) average securities include unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale while yields are based on average amortized cost.

Consolidated Average Balance Sheets and Interest Income Analysis-By-Quarter (dollars in thousands - taxable-equivalent basis)

September 30, 2005				
Interest				
Average	Income/	Yield/		
Balance	Expense	Cost		

Assets:			
Interest-bearing deposits	\$5,524	\$ 49	3.51 %
Federal funds sold and resell agreements	470,459	4,231	3.52
Securities:			
Taxable	2,580,291	30,137	4.66
Tax-exempt	266,875	4,237	6.49
Total securities	2,847,166	34,374	4.83
Loans, net of unearned discounts	5,592,943	93,514	6.63
Total Earning Assets and Average Rate Earned	8,916,092	132,168	5.89
Cash and due from banks	569,901		
Allowance for possible loan losses	(76,865)		
Premises and equipment	174,477		
Accrued interest and other assets	453,573		
Total Assets	10,0\$7,178		
Liabilities:			
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits:			
Commercial and individual	2,6\$8,248		
Correspondent banks	288,919		
Public funds	46,447		
Total non-interest-bearing demand deposits	2,963,614		
Interest-bearing deposits:			
Private accounts			
Savings and interest checking	1,189,282	769	0.26
Money market deposit accounts	2,629,250	12,446	1.88
Time accounts	889,510	5,504	2.45
Public funds	343,680	1,783	2.06
Total interest-bearing deposits	5,051,722	20,502	1.61
Total deposits	8,015,336		
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	623,987	4,557	2.86
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures	226,805	3,796	6.69
Subordinated notes payable and other notes	150,000	2,043	5.45
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	717	15	8.37
Total Interest-Bearing Funds and Average			
Rate Paid	6,053,231	30,913	2.03

Accrued interest and other liabilities	132,847		
Total Liabilities	9,149,692		
Shareholders' Equity	887,486		
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	10,0\$7,178		
Net interest income		\$ 101,255	
Net interest spread	_		3.86 %
Net interest income to total average earning assets			4.52 %

For these computations: (i) average balances are presented on a daily average basis, (ii) information is shown on a taxable-equivalent basis assuming a 35% tax rate, (iii) average loans include loans on non-accrual status, and (iv) average securities include unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale while yields are based on average amortized cost.

### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks

The disclosures set forth in this item are qualified by the section captioned "Forward-Looking Statements and Factors that Could Affect Future Results" included in Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of this report and other cautionary statements set forth elsewhere in this report.

Refer to the discussion of market risks included in Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks in the 2005 Form 10-K. There has been no significant change in the types of market risks faced by the Corporation since December 31, 2005.

The Corporation utilizes an earnings simulation model as the primary quantitative tool in measuring the amount of interest rate risk associated with changing market rates. The model quantifies the effects of various interest rate scenarios on projected net interest income and net income over the next 12 months. The model was used to measure the impact on net interest income relative to a base case scenario of rates increasing 100 and 200 basis points or decreasing 100 and 200 basis points over the next 12 months. These simulations incorporate assumptions regarding balance sheet growth and mix, pricing and the repricing and maturity characteristics of the existing and projected balance sheet. The impact of interest rate derivatives, such as interest rate swaps, caps and floors, is also included in the model. Other interest rate-related risks such as prepayment, basis and option risk are also considered.

As of September 30, 2006, the model simulations projected that 100 and 200 basis point increases in interest rates would result in positive variances in net interest income of 2.0% and 3.3%, respectively, relative to the base case (whereby interest rates do not fluctuate) over the next 12 months, while decreases in interest rates of 100 and 200 basis points would result in negative variances in net interest income of 2.1% and 4.7%, respectively, relative to the base case (whereby interest rates do not fluctuate) over the next 12 months. As of September 30, 2005, the model simulations projected that 100 and 200 basis point increases in interest rates would result in positive variances in net interest income of 2.0% and 4.0%, respectively, relative to the base case over the next 12 months, while decreases in interest rates of 100 and 200 basis points would result in negative variances in net interest income of 2.4% and 5.1%, respectively, relative to the base case over the next 12 months. The projected negative variance in net interest income resulting from the hypothetical 200 basis point decrease in interest rates decreased from 5.1%

as of September 30, 2005 to 4.7% as of September 30, 2006 partly due to the interest rate floors on variable-rate loans purchased during the fourth quarter of 2005. See Note 10 - Derivative Financial Instruments in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report.

The impact of hypothetical fluctuations in interest rates on the Corporation's derivative holdings was not a significant portion of these variances in any of the reported periods. As of September 30, 2006, the effect of a 200 basis point increase in interest rates on the Corporation's derivative holdings would result in a 0.03% positive variance in net interest income. The effect of a 200 basis point decrease in interest rates on the Corporation's derivative holdings would result in a 0.03% negative variance in net interest income.

The effects of hypothetical fluctuations in interest rates on the Corporation's securities classified as "trading" under SFAS 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities," are not significant, and, as such, separate quantitative disclosure is not presented.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, an evaluation was carried out by the Corporation's management, with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report. No change in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) occurred during the last fiscal quarter that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

#### Part II. Other Information

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The Corporation and its subsidiaries are subject to various claims and legal actions that have arisen in the normal course of conducting business. Management does not expect the ultimate disposition of these matters to have a material adverse impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

There has been no material change in the risk factors previously disclosed under Item 1A. of the Corporation's 2005 Form 10-K.

#### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table provides information with respect to purchases made by or on behalf of the Corporation or any "affiliated purchaser" (as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), of the Corporation's common stock during the three months ended September 30, 2006.

			Maximum
			Number of Shares
			Total Number of That May Yet Be
			Shares Purchased Purchased Under
	Total Number of	Average Price	as Part of Publicly the Plan at the
Period	Shares Purchased	Paid Per Share	Announced Plan End of the Period
July 1, 2006 to July 31, 2006	-	\$ -	-
August 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006	-	-	-
September 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006	151 (1)	58.84	
Total	151	\$ 58.84	-

<sup>(1)</sup> Repurchases of shares made in connection with the exercise of certain employee stock options and the vesting of certain share awards.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit				
Number	umber Description			
31. 1	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer			
31. 2	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer			
32. 1+	Section 1350 Certification of the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer			

#### 32. 2+ Section 1350 Certification of the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer

+ This exhibit shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

### Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: October 25, 2006 By: /s/ Phillip D. Green

Phillip D. Green
Group Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
(Duly Authorized Officer, Principal Financial
Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)