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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**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, 2010

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: 001-15375

**CITIZENS HOLDING COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>MISSISSIPPI</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>64-0666512</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>521 Main Street, Philadelphia, MS</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>39350</b> (Zip Code)
<b>601-656-4692</b> (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

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     No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).     Yes     No

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

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller Reporting Company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of November 5, 2010:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>Common Stock, \$0.20 par value</b>	<b>4,838,411</b>

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CITIZENS HOLDING COMPANY****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CONDITION****(Unaudited)**

	<b>September 30, 2010</b>	<b>December 31, 2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 21,346,850	\$ 15,365,612
Interest bearing deposits with other banks	22,168,769	5,232,723
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value	318,356,411	318,403,999
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$6,295,579 in 2010 and \$5,525,903 in 2009	423,268,923	441,694,562
Premises and equipment, net	19,532,682	18,124,109
Other real estate owned, net	3,011,376	3,229,180
Accrued interest receivable	5,521,248	6,048,718
Cash value of life insurance	19,260,457	18,783,333
Intangible assets, net	3,457,475	3,595,994
Other assets	6,909,675	9,525,598
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 842,833,866</b>	<b>\$ 840,003,828</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$ 90,424,866	\$ 87,116,776
Interest-bearing NOW and money market accounts	170,189,911	183,971,551
Savings deposits	38,397,679	34,466,029
Certificates of deposit	259,455,374	264,248,229
Total deposits	558,467,830	569,802,585
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	111,492,563	114,753,010
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	84,400,000	74,400,000
Accrued interest payable	751,397	778,989
Deferred compensation payable	4,217,068	3,870,344
Other liabilities	2,121,435	1,801,436
Total liabilities	761,450,293	765,406,364
<b>STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Common stock; \$.20 par value, 22,500,000 shares authorized, 4,838,411 shares outstanding at September 30, 2010 and 4,838,187 shares outstanding at December 31, 2009	967,682	967,637
Additional paid-in capital	3,061,221	3,087,738

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Retained earnings	73,819,252	71,412,383
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax expense (benefit) of \$2,103,207 in 2010 and (\$517,734) in 2009	3,535,418	(870,294)
Total stockholders' equity	81,383,573	74,597,464
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 842,833,866</b>	<b>\$ 840,003,828</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**CITIZENS HOLDING COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(Unaudited)

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>				
Loan income, including fees	\$ 6,982,131	\$ 7,368,838	\$ 21,247,055	\$ 22,007,962
Investment securities	2,459,128	3,100,773	7,487,294	8,702,289
Other interest	20,962	5,454	54,924	18,929
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>9,462,221</b>	<b>10,475,065</b>	<b>28,789,273</b>	<b>30,729,180</b>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>				
Deposits	1,274,676	1,796,697	4,061,406	6,270,269
Other borrowed funds	906,420	854,059	2,670,169	2,492,463
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>2,181,096</b>	<b>2,650,756</b>	<b>6,731,575</b>	<b>8,762,732</b>
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>7,281,125</b>	<b>7,824,309</b>	<b>22,057,698</b>	<b>21,966,448</b>
<b>PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES</b>	<b>397,200</b>	<b>1,123,297</b>	<b>1,717,411</b>	<b>2,263,642</b>
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES</b>	<b>6,883,925</b>	<b>6,701,012</b>	<b>20,340,287</b>	<b>19,702,806</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
Service charges on deposit accounts	991,121	1,081,059	2,976,894	3,009,826
Other service charges and fees	400,299	395,370	1,146,696	1,064,555
Other income	329,216	604,398	985,869	1,447,587
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>1,720,636</b>	<b>2,080,827</b>	<b>5,109,459</b>	<b>5,521,968</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
Salaries and employee benefits	3,465,713	3,281,090	10,314,413	9,646,435
Occupancy expense	1,017,538	1,099,080	2,955,888	3,061,057
Other operating expense	1,886,498	2,229,742	5,291,809	5,624,037
<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>6,369,749</b>	<b>6,609,912</b>	<b>18,562,110</b>	<b>18,331,529</b>
<b>INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>2,234,812</b>	<b>2,171,927</b>	<b>6,887,636</b>	<b>6,893,245</b>
<b>PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>453,263</b>	<b>434,506</b>	<b>1,434,426</b>	<b>1,457,133</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,781,549</b>	<b>\$ 1,737,421</b>	<b>\$ 5,453,210</b>	<b>\$ 5,436,112</b>

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NET INCOME PER SHARE

-Basic	\$	0.37	\$	0.36	\$	1.13	\$	1.12
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-Diluted	\$	0.37	\$	0.35	\$	1.12	\$	1.11
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DIVIDENDS PAID PER SHARE	\$	0.21	\$	0.20	\$	0.63	\$	0.60
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**CITIZENS HOLDING COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Net income	\$ 1,781,549	\$ 1,737,421	\$ 5,453,210	\$ 5,436,112
Other comprehensive income, net of tax				
Unrealized holding gains (losses)	1,864,923	(1,253,730)	3,770,253	(3,325,903)
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income	17,446	308,765	635,459	527,828
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	1,882,369	(944,965)	4,405,712	(2,798,075)
Comprehensive income	\$ 3,663,918	\$ 792,456	\$ 9,858,922	\$ 2,638,037

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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 11,672,663	\$ 9,298,253
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from maturities of securities available for sale	156,278,394	91,333,533
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	30,089,646	20,872,131
Purchases of investment securities available for sale	(180,842,931)	(148,170,397)
Net change in securities sold under agreement to repurchase	(3,260,447)	56,284,037
Purchases of bank premises and equipment	(2,363,088)	(2,360,698)
Increase in interest bearing deposits with other banks	(16,936,046)	(4,836,738)
Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	(529,300)	(435,100)
Proceeds from sale of other real estate acquired by foreclosure	1,096,609	432,430
Net decrease (increase) in loans	15,334,054	(20,414,396)
Net cash used by investing activities	(1,133,109)	(7,295,198)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net (decrease) increase in deposits	(11,334,755)	14,642,645
Proceeds from exercising stock options	189,161	485,748
Increase (decrease) in Federal Home Loan Bank advances	10,000,000	(5,000,000)
Repurchase of stock	(366,381)	(339,449)
Decrease in federal funds purchased		(18,200,000)
Payment of dividends	(3,046,341)	(2,914,986)
Net cash used by financing activities	(4,558,316)	(11,326,042)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and due from banks	5,981,238	(9,322,987)
Cash and due from banks, beginning of period	15,365,612	28,844,221
Cash and due from banks, end of period	\$ 21,346,850	\$ 19,521,234

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010**

**(Unaudited)**

**Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

These interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). However, these financial statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. The interim consolidated financial statements are unaudited and reflect all adjustments and reclassifications, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations and financial condition as of and for the interim periods presented. All adjustments and reclassifications are of a normal and recurring nature. Results for the period ended September 30, 2010, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any other interim periods or for the year as a whole.

The interim consolidated financial statements of Citizens Holding Company include the accounts of its wholly-owned subsidiary, The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia (the Bank) and collectively with Citizens Holding Company, the Corporation). All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

For further information and significant accounting policies of the Corporation, see the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of Citizens Holding Company included in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2010.

**Note 2. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

In the ordinary course of business, the Corporation enters into commitments to extend credit to its customers. The unused portion of these commitments is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. As of September 30, 2010, the Corporation had entered into loan commitments with certain customers with an aggregate unused balance of \$39,567,607 compared to an aggregate unused balance of \$35,605,204 at December 31, 2009. There were \$3,171,959 of letters of credit outstanding at September 30, 2010, and \$8,592,050 at December 31, 2009. The fair value of such contracts is not considered material because letters of credit and loan commitments often are not used in their entirety, if at all, before they expire. The balances of such letters and commitments should not be used to project actual future liquidity requirements. However, the Corporation does incorporate expectations about the level of draws under its credit-related commitments into its asset and liability management program.

The Corporation is a party to lawsuits and other claims that arise in the ordinary course of business, all of which are being vigorously contested. In the regular course of business, management evaluates estimated losses or costs related to litigation, and provisions are made for anticipated losses whenever management believes that such losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. At the present time, management believes, based on the advice of legal counsel, that the final resolution of pending legal proceedings will not have a material impact on the Corporation's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

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Net income per share - basic has been computed based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during each period. Net income per share - diluted has been computed based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during each period plus the dilutive effect of outstanding stock options using the treasury stock method. Earnings per share was computed as follows:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	4,838,411	4,862,784	4,834,657	4,855,028
Dilutive effect of granted options	12,633	76,336	27,903	61,659
<b>Diluted weighted average shares outstanding</b>	<b>4,851,044</b>	<b>4,939,120</b>	<b>4,862,560</b>	<b>4,916,687</b>
Net income	\$ 1,781,549	\$ 1,737,421	\$ 5,453,210	\$ 5,436,112
Net income per share-basic	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.12
Net income per share-diluted	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.11

**Note 4. Stock Option Plan**

At September 30, 2010, the Corporation had one stock-based compensation plan, which is the 1999 Directors' Stock Compensation Plan (the "Directors' Plan"). Prior to its expiration, the Corporation also had the 1999 Employees' Long-Term Incentive Plan, or the "Employees' Plan". The Corporation accounts for these plans under the stock compensation topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC"). This topic provides guidance related to share-based payment transactions, including valuation methods (including assumptions such as expected volatility and expected term), the classification of compensation expense, non-GAAP financial measures, first-time adoption in an interim period and disclosure in Management's Discussion and Analysis subsequent to adoption.

To determine the expected term of the options granted, the Corporation chose to use the simplified method for plain vanilla options as detailed in the stock compensation topic of the ASC for those options granted prior to December 31, 2007. Beginning with options granted after that date, the Corporation uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Volatility is determined by using the standard deviation of the differences of the closing stock price of the Corporation's common stock as quoted on the American Stock Exchange (through November 15, 2006, the date of the transfer of the listing of the Corporation's common stock to The NASDAQ Global Market) or The NASDAQ Global Market (since November 16, 2006) on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month starting January 15, 2002. Stock prices prior to that date experienced volatility that is not representative of the volatility experienced since that time and therefore are not used in this calculation.

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Although the option grants are not subject to an explicit vesting schedule, the Corporation recognizes that the restriction on exercising options lapse six months and one day after the grant date, which constitutes a de facto vesting schedule, and must be considered. The stock compensation topic of the ASC states that a requisite service period may be explicit, implicit or derived and that an implicit service period is one that may be inferred from an analysis of the award's terms. Based on an analysis of the terms of the option awards, management concluded that the restriction on exercising options until six months and one day have passed since the date of grant constitutes a service period and the compensation costs should be amortized over that six-month period.

On April 28, 2010, the members of the Board of Directors were granted a total of 13,500 options as specified in the Directors' Plan. These options were granted at an exercise price of \$25.72 per option, which was the closing price of Citizens Holding Company stock on that day. These options are first exercisable on October 29, 2010, and must be exercised no later than April 28, 2020. No options were granted to officers during 2010.

The fair value of each option granted is estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following assumptions were used in estimating the fair value of the options granted to the directors in the second quarter of 2010.

<b>Assumption</b>	<b>Directors</b>
Dividend Yield	4.86%
Risk-Free Interest Rate	2.24%
Expected Life	7.9 years
Expected Volatility	69.40%
Calculated Value per Option	\$ 11.17
Forfeitures	0.00%

Using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the foregoing assumptions, it was determined that the cost of options granted under the Directors' Plan in April 2010 was \$150,748 and should be recognized as an expense of \$25,124 per month over the six-month requisite service period, beginning in April 2010. This was recorded as salary expense with a credit to paid-in capital. A deferred tax on these options was recorded in the aggregate amount of \$51,254, or \$8,542 per month, over the six-month requisite service period, beginning in April 2010.

On April 29, 2009, the members of the Board of Directors were granted a total of 13,500 options as specified in the Directors' Plan. These options were granted at an exercise price of \$21.75 per option, which was the closing price of Citizens Holding Company stock on that day. These options were first exercisable on October 30, 2009, and must be exercised no later than April 29, 2019. No options were granted to officers during 2009.

The fair value of each option granted is estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following assumptions were used in estimating the fair value of the options granted to the directors in the second quarter of 2009.

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<b>Assumption</b>	<b>Directors</b>
Dividend Yield	3.70%
Risk-Free Interest Rate	2.23%
Expected Life	7.8 years
Expected Volatility	64.24%
Calculated Value per Option	\$ 9.96
Forfeitures	0.00%

Using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the foregoing assumptions, it was determined that the cost of options granted under the Directors Plan in April 2009 was \$134,952 and should be recognized as an expense of \$22,492 per month over the six-month requisite service period, beginning in April 2009. This was recorded as salary expense with a credit to paid-in capital. A deferred tax on these options was recorded in the aggregate amount of \$49,932, or \$8,322 per month, over the six-month requisite service period, beginning in April 2009.

The following table below is a summary of the stock option activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

	<b>Directors Plan</b>	<b>Employees Plan</b>
	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>
	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	88,500	151,650
Granted	13,500	
Exercised	(9,000)	(7,350)
Expired		
Outstanding at September 30, 2010	93,000	144,300
	\$ 18.96	\$ 19.63
	25.72	
	11.64	11.49
	\$ 20.65	\$ 20.04

The intrinsic value of options granted under the Directors Plan at September 30, 2010, was \$80,370 and the intrinsic value of options granted under the Employees Plan at September 30, 2010, was \$164,410 for a total intrinsic value at September 30, 2010, of \$244,780.

**Note 5. Income Taxes**

The income tax topic of the ASC defines the threshold for recognizing the benefits of tax return positions in the financial statements as more-likely-than-not to be sustained by the taxing authority. This topic also provides guidance on the derecognition, measurement and classification of income tax uncertainties, along with any related interest and penalties, and includes guidance concerning accounting for income tax uncertainties in interim periods. As of September 30, 2010, the Corporation had no unrecognized tax benefits related to federal and state income tax matters. Therefore, the Corporation does not anticipate any material increase or decrease in the effective tax rate during 2010 relative to any tax positions taken. It is the Corporation's policy to recognize interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense.



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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

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**(Unaudited)**

The Corporation and its subsidiaries file a consolidated United States federal income tax return. The Corporation is currently open to audit under the statute of limitations by the Internal Revenue Service for the years ending December 31, 2007 through 2009. The Corporation and its subsidiaries' state income tax returns are open to audit under the statute of limitations for the years ended December 31, 2007 through 2009.

**Note 6. Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2008, the FASB issued FAS FSP No. 132(R)-1, *Employers' Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets* ( FSP 132-1 ), codified in the Compensation-Retirement Benefits Topic of the ASC. FSP 132-1 requires further disclosures about the fair value measurements of an employer's benefit plan assets, including disclosures about the following: how investment allocation decisions are made, including the factors material to an understanding of investment policies and strategies; major categories of plan assets; information about inputs and valuation techniques, including the fair value hierarchy classifications, as defined by Fair Value Topic of the ASC, of the major categories of plan assets; the effect of fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs) on changes in plan assets; and significant concentrations of risk within plan assets. FSP 132-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2009, with early adoption permitted. The Corporation does not believe that the adoption of FSP 132-1 will have a material impact on its financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS 166, *Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets-an Amendment of FAS 140*, ( SFAS 166 ), codified in the Transfers and Servicing Topic of the ASC. The objective of this standard is to provide implementation guidance on accounting for a transfer of a financial asset and repurchase financing. The amendment presumes that an initial transfer of a financial asset and a repurchase financing are considered part of the same arrangement (linked transaction) under SFAS 166. However, if certain criteria are met, the initial transfer and repurchase financing shall not be evaluated as a linked transaction and shall not be evaluated under SFAS 166. SFAS 166 was effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009, and its adoption did not have a material effect on its financial position or results of operations.

In August 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) 2009-05, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, (Topic 820): Measuring Liabilities at Fair Value* ( ASU 2009-05 ) which provides additional guidance on the measurement of liabilities at fair value. Specifically, when a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability is not available, ASU 2009-05 requires that the fair value of a liability be measured using one or more of the valuation techniques that should maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. In addition, an entity is not required to include a separate input or adjustment to other inputs relating to the existence of a restriction that prevents the transfer of a liability. The Corporation adopted ASU 2009-05 effective October 1, 2009, and the adoption did not have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06, *Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures, (Topic 820): Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements* ( ASU 2010-06 ) which

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010**

**(Unaudited)**

requires the addition of new disclosures and clarifies existing disclosure requirements already included in the guidance for fair value measurements. The new disclosures related to significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and the reasons for the transfers, as well as the clarifications of existing disclosures are effective for interim or annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009. The new disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements are effective for interim or annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. ASU 2010-06 clarifies and increases the disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. Management does not anticipate that ASU 2010-06 will have a material effect on the Corporation's financial position, results of operations or stockholders' equity.

In July 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-20, *Receivables (Topic 310): Disclosure about the Credit Quality of Financing Receivables and the Allowance for Credit Losses* (ASU 2010-20). ASU 2010-20 requires additional disclosures that facilitate financial statement users' evaluation of the nature of credit risk inherent in the entity's portfolio of financing receivables, how that risk is analyzed and assessed in arriving at the allowance for credit losses and the changes and reasons for those changes in the allowance for credit losses. ASU 2010-20 makes changes to existing disclosure requirements and includes additional disclosure requirements about financing receivables, including credit quality indicators of financing receivables at the end of the reporting period by class of financing receivables, the aging of past due financing receivables at the end of the reporting period by class of financing receivables, and the nature and extent of troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the period by class of financing receivables and their effect on the allowance for credit losses. These disclosures as of the end of a reporting period are effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending on or after December 15, 2010. The disclosures about activity that occurs during a reporting period are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2010. We do not expect ASU 2010-20 to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements other than the new required disclosures.

**Note 7. Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Financial Instruments Topic of the ASC requires disclosure of financial instruments' fair values, as well as the methodology and significant assumptions used in estimating fair values. In cases where quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. Those techniques are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rate and estimates of future cash flows. In that regard, the derived fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets and, in many cases, could not be realized in immediate settlement of the instrument. The Financial Instruments Topic of the ASC excludes certain financial instruments from its disclosure requirements. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts presented do not represent the underlying value of the Corporation and may not be indicative of amounts that might ultimately be realized upon disposition or settlement of those assets and liabilities.



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The Fair Value Topic of the ASC establishes a framework for measuring fair value and required enhanced disclosures about fair value measurements. This topic clarifies that fair value is an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. This topic also requires disclosure about how fair value was determined for assets and liabilities and established a hierarchy for which these assets and liabilities must be grouped, based on significant levels of inputs as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Quoted prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability; or
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs, such as discounted cash flow models or valuations.

The determination of where assets and liabilities fall within this hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The fair value estimates, methods and assumptions used by the Corporation in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments were:

***Cash and Due from Banks and Interest Bearing Deposits with Banks***

The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for these instruments approximate fair value because of their immediate and shorter-term maturities.

***Securities Available-for-Sale***

Fair values for investment securities are based on quoted market prices, when available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable instruments. When neither quoted prices nor comparable instruments are available, unobservable inputs are needed to form an expected future cash flow analysis to establish fair values. Level 2 securities include debt securities such as obligations of United States government agencies and corporations, mortgage-backed securities and state, county and municipal bonds. Level 3 securities consist of a pooled trust preferred security.

The following table presents assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2010:

	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Securities available for sale	\$	\$ 316,222,579	\$ 2,133,832	\$ 318,356,411



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The following table presents assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Totals
Securities available for sale	\$	\$ 316,258,603	\$ 2,145,396	\$ 318,403,999

The following table reports the activity for 2010 in assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs.

	Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) Structured Financial Product
Balance at January 1, 2010	\$ 2,145,396
Total gains or losses (realized or unrealized)	
Other-than-temporary impairment included in earnings	
Other-than-temporary impairment included in other comprehensive income	
Other gains/losses included in other comprehensive income	(11,564)
Purchases, issuances and settlements	
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	
Balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 2,133,832

The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at reporting date

\$

As of September 30, 2010, management determined, based on the current credit ratings, known defaults and deferrals by the underlying banks and the degree to which future defaults and deferrals would be required to occur before the cash flow for the Corporation's tranche is negatively impacted, that no other than temporary impairment exists.

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The Corporation recorded no gains or losses in earnings for the period that were attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date.

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For variable-rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values. The fair values for other loans (i.e., commercial real estate and rental property mortgage loans, commercial and industrial loans, financial institution loans, and agricultural loans) are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. The carrying amount of accrued interest receivable approximates its fair value.

**Impaired Loans**

Loans considered impaired, as defined in the Receivables topic of the ASC, are reserved for at the time the loan is identified as impaired taking into account the fair value of the collateral less estimated selling costs. Collateral may be real estate and/or business assets including but not limited to, equipment, inventory and accounts receivable. The fair value of real estate is determined based on appraisals by qualified licensed appraisers. The fair value of the business assets is generally based on amounts reported on the business financial statements. Appraised and reported values may be adjusted based on management's historical knowledge, changes in market conditions from the time of valuation and management's knowledge of the client and the client's business. Since not all valuation inputs are observable, these nonrecurring fair value determinations are classified Level 3. Impaired loans are reviewed and evaluated on at least a quarterly basis for additional impairment and adjusted accordingly, based on the same factors previously identified.

**Other real estate owned**

Other real estate owned ( OREO ) is comprised of commercial and residential real estate obtained in partial and total satisfaction of loan obligations. OREO acquired in settlement of indebtedness is recorded at fair value of the real estate, less costs to sell. Subsequently, it may be necessary to record nonrecurring fair value adjustments for decline in fair value. Fair value, when recorded, is determined based on appraisals by qualified licensed appraisers and adjusted for management's estimates of costs to sell. As such, values for OREO are classified as Level 3.

For assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during 2010 that were still held in the balance sheet at September 30, 2010, the following table provides the hierarchy level and the fair value of the related assets:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Totals
Impaired loans	\$	\$	\$ 12,146,370	\$ 12,146,370
Other real estate owned			3,011,376	3,011,376
	\$	\$	\$ 15,157,746	\$ 15,157,746



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For assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during 2009 that were still held in the balance sheet at December 31, 2009, the following table provides the hierarchy level and the fair value of the related assets:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Totals
Impaired loans	\$	\$	\$ 9,899,113	\$ 9,899,113
Other real estate owned			3,229,180	3,229,180
	\$	\$	\$ 13,128,293	\$ 13,128,293

Impaired loans with a carrying value of \$12,146,370 had an allocated allowance for loan losses of \$1,779,476 at September 30, 2010. The allocated allowance is based on the carrying value of the impaired loan and the fair value of the underlying collateral less estimated costs to sell.

The following table reports the activity for 2010 in impaired assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis using significant unobservable inputs.

	Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) Impaired Assets
Balance at January 1, 2010	\$ 13,128,293
Total gains or losses (realized or unrealized)	
Other-than-temporary impairment included in earnings	(419,376)
Other-than-temporary impairment included in other comprehensive income	
Other gains/losses included in other comprehensive income	
Purchases, issuances and settlements	
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	2,448,829

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Balance at September 30, 2010	\$	15,157,746
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The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at reporting date

\$	419,376
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During 2010, the Corporation evaluated the properties scheduled for auction and took an impairment charge on those properties in the amount of \$419,376.



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Due to the short term nature of these instruments, the carrying amount is equal to the fair value.

***Deposits***

The fair values for demand deposits, NOW and money market accounts and savings accounts are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). The carrying amounts for variable-rate, fixed-term money market accounts and time deposits approximate their fair values at the reporting date. Fair values for fixed-rate time deposits are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits. The carrying amount of accrued interest payable approximates its fair value.

***Federal Home Loan Bank Borrowings***

The fair value of FHLB advances is based on discounted cash flow analysis.

***Off-Balance Sheet Instruments***

The fair value of commitments to extend credit and letters of credit are estimated using fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements. The fees associated with these financial instruments are not material.

The following represents the carrying value and estimated fair value of the Corporation's financial instruments at September 30, 2010, and December 31, 2009:

	September 30, 2010		December 31, 2009	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and due from banks	\$ 21,346,850	\$ 21,346,850	\$ 15,365,612	\$ 15,365,612
Interest bearing deposits with banks	22,168,769	22,168,769	5,232,723	5,232,723
Securities available-for-sale	318,356,411	318,356,411	318,403,999	318,403,999
Net loans	423,268,923	423,402,004	441,694,562	442,075,445
Accrued interest receivable	5,521,248	5,521,248	6,048,718	6,048,718
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Deposits	\$ 558,467,830	\$ 558,789,771	\$ 569,802,585	\$ 570,022,820
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	84,400,000	88,962,802	74,400,000	77,219,245
Accrued interest payable	751,397	751,397	778,989	778,989
Securities Sold under Agreement to Repurchase	111,492,563	111,492,563	114,753,010	114,753,010

**Note 8. Subsequent Events**

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The Corporation has evaluated all subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through the date of issuance of the financial statements.

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**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.  
FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

In addition to historical information, this report contains statements which constitute forward-looking statements and information within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are based on management's beliefs, plans, expectations and assumptions and on information currently available to management. The words "may," "should," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "continue," "believe," "seek," "estimate" and similar expressions used in this report that do not refer to historical facts are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements appear in a number of places in this report, including, but not limited to, statements found in Item 1, "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" and in Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." The Corporation notes that a variety of factors could cause the actual results or experience to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations described or implied by such forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties that may affect the operation, performance, development and results of the Corporation's business include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) the risk of adverse changes in business conditions in the banking industry generally and in the specific markets in which the Corporation operates; (b) changes in the legislative and regulatory environment that negatively impact the Corporation through increased operating expenses; (c) increased competition from other financial institutions; (d) the impact of technological advances; (e) expectations about the movement of interest rates, including actions that may be taken by the Federal Reserve Board in response to changing economic conditions; (f) changes in asset quality and loan demand; (g) expectations about overall economic strength and the performance of the economies in the Corporation's market area; and (h) other risks detailed from time to time in the Corporation's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Corporation does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements subsequent to the date on which they are made.

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Management's discussion and analysis is intended to provide greater insight into the results of operations and the financial condition of Citizens Holding Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia (the Bank, and collectively with Citizens Holding Company, the Corporation). The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes appearing elsewhere in this report.

*LIQUIDITY*

The Corporation has an asset and liability management program that assists management in maintaining net interest margins during times of both rising and falling interest rates and in maintaining sufficient liquidity. A measurement of liquidity is the ratio of net deposits and short-term liabilities divided by the sum of net cash, short-term investments and marketable assets. This measurement for liquidity of the Corporation at September 30, 2010, was 24.96% and at December 31, 2009, was 12.36%. This increase in the liquidity percentage was due to a \$17 million increase in amount of cash held in due from bank accounts. Management believes it maintains adequate liquidity for the Corporation's current needs.

The Corporation's primary source of liquidity is customer deposits, which were \$558,467,830 at September 30, 2010, and \$569,802,585 at December 31, 2009. Other sources of liquidity include investment securities, the Corporation's line of credit with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) and federal funds lines with correspondent banks. The Corporation had \$318,356,411 invested in investment securities at September 30, 2010, and \$318,403,999 at December 31, 2009. The Corporation had secured and unsecured federal funds lines with correspondent banks in the amount of \$46,400,000 at September 30, 2010, and \$40,500,000 at December 31, 2009. In addition, the Corporation has the ability to draw on its line of credit with the FHLB. At September 30, 2010, the Corporation had unused and available \$119,733,743 of its line of credit with the FHLB and at December 31, 2009, the Corporation had unused and available \$154,754,830 of its line of credit with the FHLB. The decrease in the amount available under the Corporation's line of credit with the FHLB from the end of 2009 to September 30, 2010, was the result of a decrease in collateral available, as calculated quarterly by the FHLB, and the issuance of a \$12 million advance.

At September 30, 2010, and at December 31, 2009, the Corporation had no funds in federal funds sold. The Corporation usually invests its excess liquidity in federal funds sold on a daily basis but during these two periods left its excess funds on deposit at the Federal Reserve Bank. This placement was due to the Federal Reserve Bank paying a rate on deposits that was higher than the current Federal Funds Rate offered by commercial banks.

When the Corporation has more funds than it needs for its reserve requirements or short-term liquidity needs, the Corporation increases its investment portfolio, increases the balances in interest bearing due from accounts or sells federal funds. It is management's policy to maintain an adequate portion of its portfolio of assets and liabilities on a short-term basis to insure rate flexibility and to meet loan funding and liquidity needs. When deposits decline or do not grow sufficiently to fund loan demand, management will seek funding either through federal funds purchased or advances from the FHLB.

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*CAPITAL RESOURCES*

The Corporation's equity capital was \$81,383,573 at September 30, 2010, as compared to \$74,597,464 at December 31, 2009. One of the reasons for the increase in equity capital was net earnings in excess of dividends paid. Equity capital was also positively impacted by the investment securities market value adjustment due to an increase in the market value of the Corporation's investment portfolio. This market value increase was due to general market conditions, specifically the decrease in short term interest rates, which caused an increase in the market price of the investment portfolio.

Certain employees and directors exercised stock options for 37,150 shares of stock in 2009. These option exercises brought the number of shares outstanding to 4,838,187 at December 31, 2009. In the first nine months of 2010, four directors and eight officers exercised stock options for 16,350 shares of stock.

Commencing May 1, 2008, the Corporation implemented a stock repurchase program under which the Corporation could repurchase up to 250,000 shares of the Company's common stock on the open market. At the end of the program, April 30, 2009, the Corporation had purchased 47,284 shares at an average price of \$21.17.

Commencing May 1, 2009, the Corporation renewed its stock repurchase program whereby the Corporation may purchase up to 250,000 shares of the Corporation's common stock on the open market. This plan terminated April 30, 2010, and the Corporation had purchased 49,326 shares at an average price of \$22.75. This reduced the number of shares outstanding at September 30, 2010, to 4,838,411.

Cash dividends in the amount of \$3,046,341, or \$0.63 per share, have been paid in 2010 as of the end of the third quarter.

Quantitative measures established by federal regulations to ensure capital adequacy require the Corporation to maintain minimum amounts and ratios of Total and Tier 1 capital (primarily common stock and retained earnings, less goodwill) to risk weighted assets, and of Tier 1 capital to average assets. Management believes that as of September 30, 2010, the Corporation meets all capital adequacy requirements to which it is subject.

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	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Actions Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of September 30, 2010						
Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets)	\$ 80,686,259	15.88%	\$ 40,655,618	>8.00%	\$ 50,819,522	>10.00%
Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets)	74,390,680	14.64%	20,327,809	>4.00%	30,491,713	>6.00%
Tier 1 Capital ( to Average Assets)	74,390,680	8.84%	33,666,089	>4.00%	42,082,611	>5.00%

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The following table sets forth for the periods indicated, certain items in the consolidated statements of income of the Corporation and the related changes between those periods:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Interest Income, including fees	\$ 9,462,221	\$ 10,475,065	\$ 28,789,273	\$ 30,729,180
Interest Expense	2,181,096	2,650,756	6,731,575	8,762,732
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>7,281,125</b>	<b>7,824,309</b>	<b>22,057,698</b>	<b>21,966,448</b>
Provision for Loan Losses	397,200	1,123,297	1,717,411	2,263,642
<b>Net Interest Income after Provision for Loan Losses</b>	<b>6,883,925</b>	<b>6,701,012</b>	<b>20,340,287</b>	<b>19,702,806</b>
Other Income	1,720,636	2,080,827	5,109,459	5,521,968
Other Expense	6,369,749	6,609,912	18,562,110	18,331,529
<b>Income before Provision For Income Taxes</b>	<b>2,234,812</b>	<b>2,171,927</b>	<b>6,887,636</b>	<b>6,893,245</b>
Provision for Income Taxes	453,263	434,506	1,434,426	1,457,133
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,781,549</b>	<b>\$ 1,737,421</b>	<b>\$ 5,453,210</b>	<b>\$ 5,436,112</b>
Net Income Per share - Basic	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.12
Net Income Per Share - Diluted	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.11

See Note 3 to the Corporation's Consolidated Financial Statements for an explanation regarding the Corporation's calculation of Net Income Per Share - basic and - diluted.

Annualized return on average equity ( ROE ) was 8.89% for the three months ended September 30, 2010, and 9.34% for the corresponding period in 2009. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, ROE was 9.29% compared to 9.86% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. In both instances, the decrease in ROE was caused by the increase in average equity being greater as a percentage than the net income for the three and nine months of 2010.

The book value per share increased to \$16.82 at September 30, 2010, compared to \$15.42 at December 31, 2009. The increase in book value per share reflects the increase in equity due to the amount of earnings in excess of dividends and the increase in other comprehensive income due to the increase in market value of the Corporation's investment securities. Average assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, were \$840,125,248 compared to \$806,213,076 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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*NET INTEREST INCOME / NET INTEREST MARGIN*

One component of the Corporation's earnings is net interest income, which is the difference between the interest and fees earned on loans and investments and the interest paid for deposits and borrowed funds. The net interest margin is net interest income expressed as a percentage of average earning assets.

The annualized net interest margin was 3.96% for the third quarter of 2010 compared to 4.34% for the corresponding period of 2009. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, annualized net interest margin was 4.04% compared to 4.20% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The decrease in net interest margin from 2009 to 2010 is the result of a larger decrease in yields on earning assets compared to the decrease in rates paid on deposits and borrowed funds, as detailed below. Earning assets averaged \$769,914,113 for the three months ended September 30, 2010. This represents an increase of \$21,057,810, or 2.8%, over average earning assets of \$748,856,303 for the three month period ended September 30, 2009. Earning assets averaged \$764,133,906 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. This represents an increase of \$38,118,832, or 5.3% over average earning assets of \$726,015,074 for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The increase in earning assets for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, is the result of the normal growth pattern of the Corporation and not due to any special investments or acquisitions.

Interest bearing deposits averaged \$472,688,213 for the three months ended September 30, 2010. This represents a decrease of \$6,138,095, or 1.3%, from the average of interest bearing deposits of \$478,826,308 for the three month period ended September 30, 2009. This was due to a decrease in interest bearing transaction accounts and in certificates of deposit outstanding partially offset by an increase in savings accounts.

Other borrowed funds averaged \$197,667,235 for the three months ended September 30, 2010. This represents an increase of \$20,069,542, or 11.3%, over the other borrowed funds of \$177,597,693 for the three month period ended September 30, 2009. This increase in other borrowed funds was due to a \$18,753,441 increase in the Commercial Repo Liability, a \$263,247 decrease in the ABE Loan Liability, a \$485,869 decrease in Federal Funds Purchased and an increase in the Federal Home Loan Bank advances of \$2,065,217 for the three month period ended September 30, 2010, when compared to the three month period ended September 30, 2009.

Interest bearing deposits averaged \$471,184,285 for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. This represents a decrease of \$5,966,032, or 1.3% from the average of interest bearing deposits of \$477,150,317 for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009. This was due to a decrease in certificates of deposit partially offset by an increase in interest bearing transaction accounts and savings accounts.

Other borrowed funds averaged \$195,216,396 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. This represents an increase of \$37,001,956, or 23.4% over the other borrowed funds of \$158,214,440 for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009. This increase in other borrowed funds was due to a \$32,429,531 increase in the Commercial Repo Liability, a \$252,483



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decrease in the ABE Loan Liability, a \$955,312 decrease in Federal Funds Purchased and an increase in the Federal Home Loan Bank advances of \$5,780,220 for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, when compared to the nine month period ended September 30, 2009.

Net interest income was \$7,281,125 for the three month period ended September 30, 2010, a decrease of \$543,184 from \$7,824,309 for the three month period ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to changes in both volume and rate. The changes in volume in earning assets and in deposits and in borrowed funds are discussed above. As to changes in rate, in the three month period ended September 30, 2010, the yield on earning assets decreased faster than the rates paid on deposits and borrowed funds as compared to the changes in rates and yields in the same period in 2009. The yield on all interest bearing assets decreased 65 basis points to 5.10% in the third quarter of 2010 from 5.75% for the same period in 2009. At the same time, the rate paid on all interest bearing liabilities for the third quarter of 2010 decreased by 40 basis points to 1.22% from 1.62% in the same period of 2009. Net interest income was \$22,057,698 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, an increase of \$91,250 from the \$21,966,448 for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to changes in both rate and volume. The changes in volume in earning assets and in deposits and in borrowed funds are discussed above. As to changes in rate, in the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, the rates paid on deposits and borrowed funds decreased less than the yield on earning assets as compared to the changes in rates and yields in the same period of 2009. The yield on all interest bearing assets decreased 59 basis points to 5.21% in the first nine months of 2010 from 5.80% for the same period in 2009. At the same time, the rate paid on all interest bearing liabilities for the first nine months of 2010 decreased 49 basis points to 1.35% from 1.84% in the same period in 2009. As longer term interest bearing assets and liabilities mature and reprice, management believes that the yields on interest bearing assets and rates on interest bearing liabilities will both decrease.

The following table shows the interest and fees and corresponding yields for loans only.

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Interest and Fees	\$ 6,982,132	\$ 7,368,838	\$ 21,247,055	\$ 22,007,962
Average Loans	432,742,314	442,035,406	441,440,344	439,619,343
Annualized Yield	6.45%	6.67%	6.42%	6.67%

The decrease in interest rates in the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, reflects the decrease in all loan interest rates for both new and refinanced loans in the period.

**CREDIT LOSS EXPERIENCE**

As a natural corollary to the Corporation's lending activities, some loan losses are to be expected. The risk of loss varies with the type of loan being made and the overall creditworthiness of the borrower over the term of the loan. The degree of perceived risk is taken into account in establishing the structure of, and interest rates and security for, specific loans and for various types of loans. The Corporation attempts to minimize its credit risk exposure by use of thorough loan application and approval procedures.

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The Corporation maintains a program of systematic review of its existing loans. Loans are graded for their overall quality. Those loans, which the Corporation's management determines require further monitoring and supervision, are segregated and reviewed on a regular basis. Significant problem loans are reviewed on a monthly basis by the Corporation's Board of Directors.

The Corporation charges off that portion of any loan that management has determined to be a loss. A loan is generally considered by management to represent a loss in whole or in part when exposure beyond the collateral value is apparent, servicing of the unsecured portion has been discontinued or collection is not anticipated based on the borrower's financial condition. The general economic conditions in the borrower's industry influence this determination. The principal amount of any loan that is declared a loss is charged against the Corporation's allowance for loan losses.

The Corporation's allowance for loan losses is designed to provide for loan losses that can be reasonably anticipated. The allowance for loan losses is established through charges to operating expenses in the form of provisions for loan losses. Actual loan losses or recoveries are charged or credited to the allowance for loan losses. Management of the Corporation determines the amount of the allowance. Among the factors considered in determining the allowance for loan losses are the current financial condition of the Corporation's borrowers and the value of security, if any, for their loans. Estimates of future economic conditions and their impact on various industries and individual borrowers are also taken into consideration, as are the Corporation's historical loan loss experience and reports of banking regulatory authorities. As these estimates, factors and evaluations are primarily judgmental, no assurance can be given as to whether the Corporation will sustain loan losses in excess or below its allowance or that subsequent evaluation of the loan portfolio may not require material increases or decreases in such allowance.

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The following table summarizes the Corporation's allowance for loan losses for the dates indicated:

	Quarter Ended September 30, 2010	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent of Increase (Decrease)
<b>BALANCES:</b>				
Gross Loans	\$ 429,808,619	\$ 447,519,944	\$ (17,711,325)	-3.96%
Allowance for Loan Losses	6,295,579	5,525,903	769,676	13.93%
Nonaccrual Loans	11,957,182	9,899,113	2,058,069	20.79%
<b>Ratios:</b>				
Allowance for loan losses to gross loans	1.46%	1.23%		
Net loans charged off to allowance for loan losses	15.05%	35.60%		

The provision for loan losses for the three months ended September 30, 2010, was \$397,200, a decrease of \$726,097 from the \$1,123,297 provision for the same period in 2009. The provision for loan losses was \$1,717,411 for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, compared to a provision of \$2,263,642 for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The decrease in our loan loss provisions for the three and nine month periods is a result of changes in outstanding loans, loan losses recorded for the respective periods and management's assessment of inherent loss in the loan portfolio, including the impact caused by current local and national economic conditions. The Corporation's model used to calculate the provision is based on the percentage of historical charge-offs applied to the current loan balances by loan segment and specific reserves applied to certain impaired loans. Nonaccrual loans increased during this period due to the condition of the local and national economies.

For the three months ended September 30, 2010, net loan losses charged to the allowance for loan losses totaled \$115,969, a decrease of \$357,162 from the \$473,131 charged off in the same period in 2009. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, net loan losses charged to the allowance for loan losses totaled \$947,760, a decrease of \$266,768 from the \$1,214,528 charged off in the same period in 2009. These decreases were due to a decreased number of charge offs in 2010 when compared to the same period in 2009 and not the result of any one loan segment.

Management reviews with the Board of Directors the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses on a quarterly basis. The loan loss provision is adjusted when specific items reflect a need for such an adjustment. Management believes that there were no material loan losses during the first nine months of 2010 that have not been charged off. Management also believes that the Corporation's allowance will be adequate to absorb probable losses inherent in the Corporation's loan portfolio. However, in light of overall economic conditions in the Corporation's geographic area and the nation as a whole, it is possible that additional provisions for loan loss may be required.

**NON-INTEREST INCOME**

Non-interest income includes service charges on deposit accounts, wire transfer fees, safe deposit box rentals and other revenue not derived from interest on earning assets. Non-interest income

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for the three months ended September 30, 2010, was \$1,720,636, a decrease of \$360,191, or 17.3%, from the same period in 2009. This decrease was due mainly to a \$291,319 decrease in income from sales of investment securities. Service charges on deposit accounts decreased by \$89,938, or 8.3%, to \$991,121 in the three months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$1,081,059 for the same period in 2009. Other service charges and fees increased by \$4,929, or 1.2%, in the three months ended September 30, 2010, compared to the same period in 2009. The difference in fee income was the result of fluctuations in volume and not a direct result of fee changes.

Non-interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, was \$5,109,459, a decrease of \$412,509, or 7.5%, compared to \$5,521,968 for the same period in 2009. This decrease was due mainly to a decrease in the income from sales of other real estate and a decrease in income from bank owned life insurance. Service charges on deposit accounts decreased \$32,932, or 1.1%, to \$2,976,894 in the nine months ended September 30, 2010, as compared to the same period in 2009. Other service charges and fees increased \$82,141, or 7.7%, in the nine months ended September 30, 2010, as compared to the same period in 2009. The difference in fee income was the result of fluctuations in volume and not a direct result of fee changes.

The following is a detail of the other major income classifications that are included in Other Income under Non-Interest Income on the income statement:

Other Income	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
BOLI Insurance	\$ 108,225	\$ 123,998	\$ 328,540	\$ 486,816
Mortgage Loan Origination Income	167,757	100,679	271,369	236,523
Income from Security Sales, net	17,446	308,765	635,459	527,828
Gain (loss) on sale of ORE	(14,284)		(419,376)	
Other Income	50,072	70,956	169,877	196,420
Total Other Income	\$ 329,216	\$ 604,398	\$ 985,869	\$ 1,447,587

**NON-INTEREST EXPENSE**

Non-interest expenses include salaries and employee benefits, occupancy and equipment, and other operating expenses. Aggregate non-interest expenses for the three month period ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$6,369,749 and \$6,609,912, respectively, a decrease of \$240,163, or 3.6%, from 2009 to 2010. Salaries and benefits increased to \$3,465,713 for the three months ended September 30, 2010, from \$3,281,090 for the same period in 2009. This represents an increase of \$184,623, or 5.6%. This increase was the result of an increase in employees related to expansion of administration functions and normal yearly salaries increases. Occupancy expense decreased by \$81,542, or 7.4%, to \$1,017,538 for the three months ended September 30, 2010, when compared to the same period of 2009. This also reflects the decrease in expenses due to repair costs.

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Total non-interest expenses for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$18,562,110 and \$18,331,529, respectively, an increase of \$230,581, or 1.3%, from 2009 to 2010. Salaries and benefits increased to \$10,314,413 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, from \$9,646,435 for the same period in 2009. This represents an increase of \$667,978, or 6.9%. This increase was the result of an increase in employees related to expansion of administration functions and normal yearly salaries increases. Occupancy expense decreased \$105,169, or 3.4%, to \$2,955,888 in the nine months ended September 2010 when compared to the same period in 2009. This decrease was the result of a decrease in expenses related to repair costs.

The following is a detail of the major expense classifications that make up the other operating expense line item in the income statement:

Other Operating Expense	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Intangible Amortization	\$ 46,173	\$ 46,173	\$ 138,518	\$ 138,518
Advertising	201,519	171,491	490,867	493,030
Office Supplies	107,812	134,133	333,921	404,206
Legal and Audit Fees	110,950	92,213	348,726	333,853
Telephone expense	131,937	229,159	409,287	521,271
Postage and Freight	109,220	118,241	296,949	269,172
Loan Collection Expense	170,903	93,750	412,722	209,336
Other Losses	41,710	389,783	58,083	541,776
FDIC and State Assessment	257,348	213,985	765,388	799,278
Debit Card/ATM expense	148,126	126,331	423,982	374,349
Travel and Convention	45,564	64,400	183,884	236,206
Other expenses	515,236	550,083	1,429,482	1,303,042
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,886,498</b>	<b>\$ 2,229,742</b>	<b>\$ 5,291,809</b>	<b>\$ 5,624,037</b>

The Corporation's efficiency ratio for the three months ended September 30, 2010, was 68.30% compared to the 64.61% for the same period in 2009. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, the Corporation's efficiency ratio was 65.95% and 64.55%, respectively. The efficiency ratio is the ratio of non-interest expenses divided by the sum of net interest income (on a fully tax equivalent basis) and non-interest income.

**Table of Contents***BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS*

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent of Increase (Decrease)
Cash and Due From Banks	\$ 43,515,619	\$ 20,598,335	\$ 22,917,284	111.26%
Investment Securities	318,356,411	318,403,999	(47,588)	-0.01%
Loans, net	423,268,923	441,694,562	(18,425,639)	-4.17%
Total Assets	842,833,866	840,003,828	2,830,038	0.34%
Total Deposits	558,467,830	569,802,585	(11,334,755)	-1.99%
Total Stockholders Equity	81,383,573	74,597,464	6,786,109	9.10%

*CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS*

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash, balances at correspondent banks and items in process of collection. The balance at September 30, 2010, was \$43,515,619, an increase of \$22,917,284 from the balance of \$20,598,335 at December 31, 2009, due to an increase in the availability of cash letters sent for collection on the last day of the period and an increase in interest bearing accounts. The rate paid on deposit at the Federal Reserve Bank was greater than the Federal Funds Sold rate paid by correspondent banks.

*PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT*

During the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, premises and equipment increased by \$1,408,573, or 7.8%, to \$19,532,682 when compared to \$18,124,109 at December 31, 2009. The increase was due to the addition of property and equipment exceeding the amount of depreciation in the normal course of business. During this time, additions were made for interim construction costs on a new branch building in Hattiesburg and the renovation of a building for additional office space in Philadelphia.

*INVESTMENT SECURITIES*

The investment securities portfolio consists of United States Agency debentures, mortgage-backed securities, obligations of states, counties and municipal governments and FHLB stock. Investments at September 30, 2010, decreased \$47,588, or 0.01%, to \$318,356,411 from the balance at December 31, 2009. This decrease is due to sales, maturities and calls of securities in our investment portfolio that were not reinvested, as a strategy to reallocate some funds to more liquid assets as part of our on-going management of liquidity sources and needs.

*LOANS*

The loan balance decreased by \$18,425,639 during the nine months ended September 30, 2010, to \$423,268,923 from \$441,694,562 at December 31, 2009. Loan demand, especially in the commercial and industrial loan and consumer categories, was weak during the first nine months of 2010. No material changes were made to the loan products offered by the Corporation during this period.

**Table of Contents***DEPOSITS*

The following table shows the balance and percentage change in the various deposits:

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent of Increase (Decrease)
Noninterest-Bearing Deposits	\$ 90,424,866	\$ 87,116,776	\$ 3,308,090	3.80%
Interest-Bearing Deposits	170,189,911	183,971,551	(13,781,640)	-7.49%
Savings Deposits	38,397,679	34,466,029	3,931,650	11.41%
Certificates of Deposit	259,455,374	264,248,229	(4,792,855)	-1.81%
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 558,467,830</b>	<b>\$ 569,802,585</b>	<b>\$ (11,334,755)</b>	<b>-1.99%</b>

Interest-bearing deposits and certificates of deposit decreased while noninterest-bearing deposits and savings increased during the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Management continually monitors the interest rates on loan and deposit products to ensure that the Corporation is in line with the rates dictated by the market.

*OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS*

Refer to Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this report for a discussion of the nature and extent of the Corporation's off-balance sheet arrangements, which consist of commitments to fund loans and letters of credit.

*CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS*

There have been no material changes outside of the ordinary course of the Corporation's business to the contractual obligations set forth in Note 12 to the Corporation's financial statements contained in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.**

The following discussion outlines specific risks that could affect the Corporation's ability to compete, change the Corporation's risk profile or eventually impact the Corporation's financial results. The risks the Corporation faces generally are similar to those experienced, to varying degrees, by all financial services companies.

The Corporation's strategies and its management's ability to react to changing competitive and economic environments has enabled the Corporation historically to compete effectively and manage risks to acceptable levels. The Corporation has outlined potential risk factors below that

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it presently believe could be important; however, other risks may prove to be important in the future. New risks may emerge at any time and the Corporation cannot predict with certainty all potential developments which could affect the Corporation's financial performance. The following discussion highlights potential risks which could intensify over time or shift dynamically in a way that might change the Corporation's risk profile.

### ***Competition Risks***

The market in which the Corporation competes is saturated with community banks seeking to provide a service oriented banking experience to individuals and businesses compared with what the Corporation believes is the more rigid and less friendly environment found in large banks. This requires the Corporation to offer most, if not all, of the products and conveniences that are offered by the larger banks with a service differentiation. In doing so, it is imperative that the Corporation identify the lines of business that the Corporation can excel in, prudently utilize the Corporation's available capital to acquire the people and platforms required thereof and execute on the strategy.

### ***Credit Risks***

Like all lenders, the Corporation faces the risk that the Corporation's customers may not repay their loans and that the realizable value of collateral may be insufficient to avoid a loss of principal. In the Corporation's business, some level of credit loss is unavoidable and overall levels of credit loss can vary over time. Our ability to manage credit risks depends primarily upon the Corporation's ability to assess the creditworthiness of customers and the value of collateral, including real estate. The Corporation controls credit risk by diversifying the Corporation's loan portfolio and managing its composition, and by recording and managing an allowance for expected loan losses in accordance with applicable accounting rules. At the end of September 2010, the Corporation had \$6.296 million of available reserves to cover such losses. The models and approaches the Corporation uses to originate and manage loans are regularly updated to take into account changes in the competitive environment, in real estate prices and other collateral values, and in the economy, among other things based on the Corporation's experience originating loans and servicing loan portfolios.

### ***Financing, Funding and Liquidity Risks***

One of the most important aspects of management's efforts to sustain long-term profitability for the Corporation is the management of interest rate risk. Management's goal is to maximize net interest income within acceptable levels of interest-rate risk and liquidity.

The Corporation's assets and liabilities are principally financial in nature and the resulting earnings thereon are subject to significant variability due to the timing and extent to which the Corporation can reprice the yields on interest-earning assets and the costs of interest bearing liabilities as a result of changes in market interest rates. Interest rates in the financial markets affect the Corporation's decisions on pricing its assets and liabilities which impacts net interest income, an important cash flow stream for the Corporation. As a result, a substantial part of the Corporation's risk-management activities are devoted to managing interest-rate risk. There is



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also focus on managing the risks associated with the volatility of fair value in both mortgage loan servicing rights and mortgage banking assets. Currently, the Corporation does not have any significant risks related to foreign exchange, commodities or equity risk exposures.

### ***Interest Rate and Yield Curve Risks***

A significant portion of the Corporation's business involves borrowing and lending money. Accordingly, changes in interest rates directly impact the Corporation's revenues and expenses, and potentially could compress the Corporation's net interest margin. The Corporation actively manages its balance sheet to control the risks of a reduction in net interest margin brought about by ordinary fluctuations in rates.

The Corporation's mortgage lending and servicing businesses also are affected by changes in interest rates. Generally, when rates increase demand for mortgage loans decreases (and the Corporation's revenues from new originations fall), and when rates decrease, demand increases (and the Corporation's origination revenues increase). In a contrary fashion, when interest rates increase the value of mortgage servicing rights (MSR) that the Corporation retains generally increases, and when rates decline the value of MSR declines. Within the Corporation's mortgage businesses, therefore, there is a partial natural hedge against ordinary interest rate changes.

Like all financial services companies, the Corporation faces the risks of abnormalities in the yield curve. The yield curve simply shows the interest rates applicable to short and long term debt. The curve is steep when short-term rates are much lower than long-term rates: it is flat when short-term rates are equal, or nearly equal, to long-term rates: and it is inverted when short-term rates exceed long-term rates. Historically, the yield curve is positively sloped. A flat or inverted yield curve tends to decrease net interest margin, as funding costs increase relative to the yield on assets. Currently, the yield curve is positively sloped.

### ***Regulatory and Legal Risks***

The Corporation operates in a heavily regulated industry and therefore is subject to many banking, deposit, and consumer lending regulations in addition to the rules applicable to all companies publicly traded in the U.S. securities markets. Failure to comply with applicable regulations could result in financial, structural, and operational penalties. In addition, efforts to comply with applicable regulations may increase the Corporation's costs and, or limit the Corporation's ability to pursue certain business opportunities. Federal and state regulations significantly limit the types of activities in which the Corporation, as a financial institution, may engage. In addition, the Corporation is subject to a wide array of other regulations that govern other aspects of how the Corporation conducts the Corporation's business, such as in the areas of employment and intellectual property. Federal and state legislative and regulatory authorities occasionally consider changing these regulations or adopting new ones. Such actions could limit the amount of interest or fees the Corporation can charge, could restrict the Corporation's ability to collect loans or realize on collateral or could materially affect us in other ways. Additional federal and state consumer protection regulations also could expand the privacy protections afforded to customers of financial institutions, restricting the Corporation's ability to share or receive customer information and increasing the Corporation's costs. In addition, changes in accounting rules can significantly affect how the Corporation records and reports assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and earnings.

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The Corporation also face litigation risks from customers (singly or in class actions) and from federal or state regulators. Litigation is an unavoidable part of doing business, and the Corporation manages those risks through internal controls, personnel training, insurance, litigation management, the Corporation's compliance and ethics processes and other means. However, the commencement, outcome and magnitude of litigation cannot be predicted or controlled with certainty.

### ***Accounting Estimate Risks***

The preparation of the Corporation's consolidated financial statements in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make significant estimates that affect the financial statements. Two of the Corporation's most critical estimates are the level of the allowance for credit losses and the valuation of mortgage servicing rights. However, other estimates occasionally become highly significant, especially in volatile situations such as litigation and other loss contingency matters. Estimates are made at specific points in time; as actual events unfold, estimates are adjusted accordingly. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, it is possible that, at some time in the future, the Corporation may significantly increase the allowance for credit losses or sustain credit losses that are significantly higher than the provided allowance, or the Corporation may recognize a significant provision for impairment of the Corporation's mortgage servicing rights, or the Corporation may make some other adjustment that will differ materially from the estimates that the Corporation make today.

### ***Expense Control***

Expenses and other costs directly affect the Corporation's earnings. The Corporation's ability to successfully manage expenses is important to its long-term profitability. Many factors can influence the amount of the Corporation's expenses, as well as how quickly they grow. As the Corporation's businesses change or expand, additional expenses can arise from asset purchases, structural reorganization evolving business strategies, and changing regulations, among other things. The Corporation manages expense growth and risk through a variety of means, including actual versus budget management, imposition of expense authorization, and procurement coordination and processes.

## **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

The management of the Corporation, with the participation of our principal executive and financial officers, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures in ensuring that the information required to be disclosed in our filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, including ensuring that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Corporation's management as appropriate to allow timely decision regarding required disclosure. Based on such evaluation, our principal executive and financial officers have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2010 (the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q).

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There were no changes to the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting that occurred in the three months ended September 30, 2010, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.**

Information regarding risk factors appears in Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors, of the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. There have been no material changes in the risk factors previously disclosed in such Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.**

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**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.

CITIZENS HOLDING COMPANY

BY: /s/ GREG L. MCKEE  
**Greg L. McKee**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**

BY: /s/ ROBERT T. SMITH  
**Robert T. Smith**  
**Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer**  
**(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)**

DATE: November 5, 2010

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