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MS. SMITH: Good morning everyone and welcome to Washington Mutual's meeting and conference call to discuss our combination with the Dime.

As a reminder, this call is being recorded. After the remarks by members of management we will open the call to questions from investors and analysts only.

You may place yourself in the queue by simply pressing 1 followed by the four on your push button phone.

If your question has already been answered, you can remove yourself from the queue by pressing the 1 followed by the 3 on your push button phone.

I would like to now call to Joann DeGrande, First Vice President of Investor Relations for Washington Mutual, please go ahead, ma'am.

MS. DeGRANDE: Thank you, good morning and welcome.

Thank you for joining us to hear

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about this morning's exciting merger announcement between Washington Mutual and Dime Bancorp.

In a moment I will introduce our Chairman, President and CEO, but first I have to start with the standard caveat, of course, this presentation contains some forward looking statements, including our expectations for the merger, actual results may vary.

For those on-site here today, please review the legends in your slide materials relating to the forward looking statements and proxy solicitations.

For those of you on the phone and joining us by webcast, we ask you to review the legends in the press release and the transaction details which can be downloaded from our website, www.wamu.com.

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Now I am pleased to introduce to you, Chairman, President and CEO of Washington Mutual, Kerry Killinger.

MR. KILLINGER: Thank you, Joanne. Thank you very much Joanne and good

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morning to everybody and thank you all for coming and special welcome to what I understand are more than 400 folks that are on the teleconference, as well as those attending this through our Internet broadcast capabilities.

Certainly very pleased to be here this morning and pleased to have my friends, joined by both Tony Terracciano, the Chairman of Dime, as well as Larry Toal, the CEO of Dime.

Also joining us this morning by telephone from Seattle will be our Chief Financial Officer of Washington Mutual, Bill Longbrake, so he can fill us in on any financial questions that might come up as well.

Certainly this is a very exciting morning for all of us, at Washington Mutual as well as the Dime.

We have announced an agreement to merge our companies together, the total purchase consideration in our merger will be \$5.2 billion and for us this makes a

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very important entry into the nation's largest consumer banking market.

Now, those of us who follow our company know that we have done many transactions, in fact about 28 of them over the past 15 years, and whenever you bring together companies and need to integrate companies from around the country as often as we have, you know that a real key to the success of any of those opportunities lies in how close is the fit.

Do the strategies fit?

Does the financial performance, financial potential fit?

Do the cultures and do the people fit and do the markets fit?

I believe that when we put Washington Mutual and the Dime together we are not only going to have a very good fit but it will actually be an excellent, excellent fit.

I think that we have companies that as you will hear as we go through are very

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similar in all of these respects of business strategies, cultures, employees and

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approaches and I think that will really work out very well for us.

Now, the questions that we want to answer for you today are going to include why the Greater New York metropolitan area?

Why do we want to continue to grow our businesses into this area?

We also want to address why Dime? Why its unique franchise.

Finally we want to put together all the financials to show you why this is a very positive transaction for all of our shareholders.

Before I get into that I would like to turn the podium over to my friends to the right from the Dime.

First I would like to ask Tony to take a few minutes to summarize his point of view and then ask him to pass that over to Larry.

MR. TERRACCIANO: It's tough getting old. Larry and I have

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been speaking with the investment community for the past year about the fact that the Dime's philosophy was to provide shareholders with two ways to win. We said that over and over again and just to make sure everyone heard it we put it in our annual report.

One of the things we learned in life however is that even if you know what would be the ideal transaction, even if you work as hard as you possibly can to prepare for it you still can't guarantee that you are going to get that outcome, and you certainly can't guarantee the timing of that outcome, so clearly we all struggle with the distinction between desirability and achievability.

The fact that this transaction bridges that gap between desirability and achievability, and reflects the fact that both of these CEOs have for years preparing and positioning their institutions for this type of transaction. Obviously, we think it's a great transaction for Dime shareholders. A very fair, a very fair price; it gives us access to the merchandising expertise of Washington Mutual, their focus on customer service; it gives us opportunities for greater productivity by leveraging off their critical mass; and it gives us the opportunity to benefit from their greater capacity to invest in the expansion of the franchise. When you take all that and add it to the financial performance of Washington Mutual over the long term, clearly we think our shareholders not only benefit from a fair price today, but have the opportunity for even greater benefits in the future.

We think obviously it's a great transaction for Washington Mutual, they are getting a clean bank with a very well-known franchise

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that's embedded in one of the most attractive financial markets in the United States.

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They are getting an institution that over the years has put together one of the best management teams amongst all the thrifts, with expertise not only in consumer banking, but also commercial banking and technology and mortgage banking.

And finally we think it's an excellent transaction for the market because sometimes in the middle of consolidation life can get very difficult for the average customer.

The consumer, the small business from the lower end of the middle market and sometimes feel lost and actually sometimes get lost in the midst of all the consolidation.

We think Washington Mutual is going to bring to this market a heightened competitive spirit. We know that there are laser like in their emphasis on customer service, we have done

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an awful lot of research on them and we are very comfortable with the product quality that they bring to bear on the market.

And I guess in essence what we are saying is that we couldn't think of a better transaction, and quite frankly, timing couldn't possibly be better for this transaction.

With that, I will turn it over to Larry.

MR. TOAL: Thank you, Tony and Kerry and good morning everyone.

I couldn't be more elated about this transaction.

Today, I think, marks an historic event, in the long history of the Dime and as well as in the New York banking market. We are absolutely delighted to be teaming up with a top notch organization, with one of premier financial institutions in the country and by uniting our two companies with very complementary strengths, we believe that we are creating value and opportunities for our shareholders, for

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our customers, for our employees and communities that we serve.

I have long felt that the greater New York market was due, perhaps overdue for consolidation and I think what Washington Mutual and Dime have done is really to seize upon an opportunity at a very unique point in time for the New York market, which I believe will change the landscape of banking in New York.

This really has -- this transaction has all of the ingredients for an ideal business combination.

Why do I say that? First of all, our strategies are consistent--we both

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focus on consumer and small medium sized businesses.

Secondly we have similar business philosophies--emphasize common lines of business, and have similar concepts for creating shareholder value, like re-mixing the balance sheet, diversifying revenue sources, stressing efficiency and managing interest rate risk. And we also have a very disciplined--both of us have a very disciplined--concept of risk management.

Thirdly, and equally importantly, we share similar cultures and values. We are customer-centric and emphasize service quality and are very committed to the communities we serve. So when I step back and look at the entire transaction, I believe that our complementary cultures and our similar business philosophies, together with the experience of both institutions in integrating successfully cultures, I believe that we have created a transaction with low integration risk, which of course is good news for shareholders and customers alike. We have

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already begun to see early indications of how good a fit this is in the due diligence process.

As you all know, due diligence could be a very stressful event for both parties, but in this case I was very pleased to see that people in each area not only cooperated but really connected. So in a very real sense, I think that the integration planning has really begun and I couldn't be more pleased about it.

MR. KILLINGER: Thank you very much, both Tony and Larry, for those comments.

What we are going to do now is turn to the slides--the company presentation--and I am going to take a few minutes to spell out why I believe this is a terrific deal. And frankly I have to do this to take care of my mother. I got an e-mail from her last night, she'd read something in the press, and said "Kerry, \$5 billion is a lot to spend. Good luck. Love, Mom." So this is for Mom, here we go. We are very excited about the Dime because we think this combination both fits perfectly together as we indicated before and that we can put together transaction economics that are attractive and we hope to show that the conservative assumptions we've used to make that happen. Now the combination is all about driving our mission and our key initiatives to enhance shareholder value. We are focused on building our premier banking and mortgage banking franchises with an emphasis on consumers and small to mid sized businesses and this expansion of our banking business into the greater and New York metropolitan market moves us forward in a big way

Equally important, our chief corporate initiatives, just a reminder on

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those, those are to reduce our interest rate mix, remix our balance sheet with a higher margin consumer and commercial assets, improving our operating efficiency and maintaining superior credit quality.

Now, if we accomplish all of these initiatives we believe we will

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continue to generate this solid double digit earnings per share growth that we have had for many years.

Now, this transaction does hit on all cylinders for us and provides a real strategic fit.

Now we acquire a strong retail banking presence in the nation's -- one of the nation's leading metropolitan markets. We can use this presence as a platform then to deliver our unique customer focused banking model to the largest concentrations of broad middle market consumers in the nation.

As you know, that is a real strategy that we have put forward.

Now, we also enhance our position

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as the nation's leading mortgage franchise by adding to our strong residential lending presence that we have already started to develop in the New York and east coast area with a much expanded national distribution system that Dime brings us through their North American Mortgage subsidiary.

We also acquire a sizable multi-billion dollar portfolio of high quality commercial and consumer loans that will help in our remixing process for our balance sheet.

Finally, we do all of this with attractive economics built on these conservative assumptions.

Now, the transaction is immediately accretive to cash earnings per share and it's break even to GAAP earnings per share in 2002, and it will be accretive to both GAAP earnings in 2003 as well as cash earnings.

We should generate an internal rate of return of 18 percent or better, which

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meets the hurdle rate of return that we have set for acquisitions.

Now, on this and the next slide you can see the highlights of the structure of our transaction.

Since you all presumably have had a chance to see the news release, I will just briefly summarize the key deal terms.

Now, we are providing a total transaction value in this purchase of about \$5.2 billion for stock and cash combination.

The exchange ratio at the time of announcement was 1.05 shares of Washington Mutual shares for each Dime share.

Now the stock component is fixed at 92.3 million Washington Mutual shares and the cash component is also fixed at approximately \$1.4 billion with

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the overall mix in of approximately 70 percent stock and 30 percent cash.

Now let me explain this just a bit further.

What's going to happen is

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Washington Mutual will contribute this 92.3 million shares of Washington Mutual stock and \$1.4 billion of cash into the pot, I am going to say for this.

The current value of this total amount today works out to \$40.84 a share.

Now what will happen at time of closing is the shares of Washington Mutual will be valued, and this in combination with the \$1.4 billion dollars of cash will produce a total value at that time which is then divided by the outstanding shares of Dime.

Now, this value at time of closing may be more or less than the \$40.84 depending on what happens with the Washington Mutual stock.

Washington Mutual stock goes up, the value in total would be more, if it goes down, it would be less.

Now, the Dime shareholders will be able to select between cash, Washington Mutual stock or some combination that reflects that total dollar value.

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I know this is a bit complicated, but it is a way for all Dime shareholders to receive the same value regardless if they are taking cash at time of closing or stock, or some combination thereof.

Now a detailed explanation of all this will be included in the SEC filings, so you will want to take a look at that.

Moving on to the next slide, this slide further summarizes the transaction.

We will account for the transaction on a purchase accounting basis and we are pleased that Warburg has agreed to vote their shares in favor of the merger.

We expect the transaction to close early in the first quarter of 2002, it is subject to approval by the Dime shareholders, as well as customary regulatory approval.

Finally, I would mention that we will be adding -- one of the Directors of Dime will be joining the Washington Mutual Board of Directors.

Now, these are the key questions I

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told you that I addressed just a few minutes ago, those are why New York, and why Dime?

Let's take a closer look at the answers and then, I will close with an overview of how we plan to fit these two companies together.

Now, first New York is the right market with more than 10 percent of all the United States deposits, we are confident there is a broad market of people in search of great service, a good deal and a friendly environment.

That's what the Dime has provided and that's what we intend to provide on an even greater scale.

This is a highly concentrated market, served primarily by commercial banks that frankly don't focus on the segment of the market that is our bread and butter, that market segment, of course is that broad middle market of consumers and small businesses, and it's also a market that we have found that through an

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efficient cost structure and tenacious focus on that we are able to sustain very strong growth, as well as achieve superior returns.

Now, our marketing research people have studied the markets very carefully and they have persuaded us that the Greater New York area is ripe for Washington Mutual's retail banking approach.

As an aside, let me note that we have done a bit of pump priming already.

In recent months we have taken significant steps to start to establish the Washington Mutual brand in the region through intensive advertising campaigns leveraging off our position in the lending front where we are now number 1 or number 2 in all of these areas of New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

Now, this next table provides a snapshot of the scale and importance of the New York market, illustrating how

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substantially the acquisition of the Dime franchise extends our national retail banking footprint.

Here is the key point, the New York metro area is the largest deposit market in the region, or in the nation, and as you can see here, we are a leader in some of the nation's other highly concentrated dense urban markets, we simply know how to enter an metro markets and do it successfully.

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On the next line we then drill down to take a close look at this market and its competitive dynamics, and we continue to see a tremendous opportunity.

The leaders in this market are money center banks, and much as we respect them, their primary focus is quite different than the consumer market to which we focus on, our service, friendly customer service focused products and the like.

In addition, you see here a market where only two players have more than
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percent of the deposit base.

As the previous slide illustrated, we like to be among the top two or three players in the market that we serve.

We built a position rapidly in other markets such as California and Texas and we intend to do the same into this market.

We do see lots of opportunities to do so in this market, both through organic growth, using our consumer friendly banking model, as well as potentially through acquisitions.

Now consider this on the next slide, our research tells us that 28 percent of New York banking customers today are ready to switch banks if they are given an alternative providing the characteristics that Washington Mutual has.

In our research work this is the highest propensity to switch banks from the major commercial banks that we have seen in any market that we serve.

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We believe this gives us an unusual opportunity.

It's primarily because New Yorkers are viewing many of our competitors as charging unfair fees, offering poor service, or perhaps having cold, unfriendly attitudes towards their consumer and small business markets.

I believe, again, this is a tremendous opportunity.

Finally let me take a minute to describe how we have done this elsewhere.

We know the Greater New York market, like every market we enter, is unique and must be served with a uniquely local touch, and that's part of the formula, but we also know how to win friends and build business in new markets as we prove through our experience in the major metro markets in California.

We entered California just five years ago as Washington Who? and in a

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very short period of time we established our name recognition as the top in those

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marketplaces, and we demonstrated that our brand of banking produces startling high endorsements from our customers as compared to our major commercial bank competitors.

In fact, our customers are 50 percent more likely to refer a friend to our bank than are those customers of our major commercial banking competitors.

Again, we think a similar experience and opportunity is here in New York.

Now let me turn to the next slide and give you one key example of how we plan to capitalize on this growth opportunity.

Frankly, the opportunities that get me really excited about the market are what we can potentially do through our project Occasio, that is our revolutionary new retail banking branch approach.

As those of you here or on the web who can see, these slides see a picture of our new Occasio stores.

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Those of us who are new to us are probably wondering what's an Occasio and how do you spell it, but if you were a customer of one of our Occasio stores in Las Vegas, Phoenix or a dozen or so other markets where we have now retrofitted our branches you would know the answer.

It's the most customer friendly new development in retail banking in years.

Our initiative that we have in this area and the innovation that we have been able to put in place is dramatic, some would say revolutionary in helping redesign the experience for both customers and small business.

It is customer centered, it's rooted in extensive customer research from a financial standpoint, it's a lower cost channel of delivery because we are able to actually put up the construction of these at lower cost than traditional bank branches, yet it's also a growth engine in that it generates deposits and checking accounts at about twice the pace of

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traditional retail bank branches, and they are great contributors to our growth of higher margin fee based businesses and services.

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It's our intention then to roll these out in greater quantities throughout the country, and we clearly expect to do that in the New York marketplace.

On the next slide here you get another view of an Occasio branch and our current roll out plans.

We should have between 100 and 120 new stores in the next couple of years, which demonstrates how fast we can deploy this model, and we intend, as I mentioned before, to make New York our fourth new Occasio market.

Now, let me just sum it up this way. If you are like most of us and didn't take Latin while you were in school, Occasio does mean favorable opportunity, and that's what we believe this is.

Now, in moving on, of course it's

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not enough to enter the right market, you've also got to enter it with the right partner and the right platform, and the Dime is definitely the right partner and the right platform for us.

This is a very impressive company, the Dime has a broad regional banking franchise with leading share in key sub markets.

It's a franchise that gives us significant future growth opportunities.

I will come back to those in a few minutes.

Now just as important, our two companies do have similar strategies and have for quite some time.

Dime is a strong retail consumer bank, they have an excellent mortgage banking business, they have a high quality growing commercial line of businesses, and like Washington Mutual they use their commercial lending to help remix their balance sheet.

Compatible strategies, if they are

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working well, as they are at the Dime and Washington Mutual translate into opportunities.

One immediate opportunity presented by this transaction is the potential to achieve some significant cost saves as a result of the good fit between Dime's sizable mortgage banking operation and our own as well as the other businesses.

These are all businesses that do require scale, and Dime puts scale to help us out into all of these businesses.

I am also pleased that for the folks in the mortgage origination group

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of Dime through North American they are going to be able to now tap into Washington Mutual's substantial capital resources, which allow us to be a major portfolio lender and will give them a much broader product line than they have had in the past.

We are very optimistic for those consultants that are with the North American that we will be able to broaden

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their abilities to serve more and more customers and ultimately to be both more profitable for the company and potentially far more rewarding for them individually.

From the Dime we also have a great fit between our strategies and our execution, our fits are they are very well from a financial standpoint as Dime has been moving progressively to stronger and stronger financial profitability in various ratios, and at the same time they have been doing this they have been maintaining excellent asset quality, and they have done a great job of remixing their assets.

They have moved that bar along faster than what Washington Mutual has, so that's something we really appreciate, and they also provide a very strong credit culture which we believe will be quite compatible with ours.

Next, every presentation of course needs a map or two, and here is one we will show you, this is a snapshot of the broad

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retail banking footprint that we will acquire in our combination with Dime.

The Dime branches are in the right markets for our formula, which is that broad middle income market of both consumers and the small business.

I think this again gives us a wonderful platform from which to build.

In fact, I should mention that we do not envision any closures of Dime branches.

We will need virtually every branch that Dime has, plus we will quickly enter into an expansion campaign with our Occasio and other branches to expand throughout the area.

On the next slide you will see why we think this is an excellent platform from which to extent our retail position in the region with a \$14.6 billion deposit base and an average cost of deposits is actually lower than Washington Mutual's and with more than 1 million households, I think we have a platform for strong growth

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and an improving financial condition.

On the next slide you can see some clear opportunities for Washington Mutual to apply the clear banking formula we know how to execute so well.

This is showing a case study that we had when we entered the California market.

Again, another major urban market. You can see that we have enjoyed exceptional growth in our same store sales as Californians took to our consumer friendly approach to consumer banking.

We believe this suggests similar opportunity in New York.

Now, as I conclude this growth opportunities discussion let me pause for a moment to underscore one important point.

We know there are revenue opportunities here and our past experience bears this out, but in line with our conservative discipline on acquisitions, you won't find any of our views on revenue

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opportunities factored into our pro forma earning per share estimates, but you can be assured that management has revenue growth at the top of their list, and all of my executive and senior managers are busily working out how we are going to turn this into a revenue machine.

Let me now turn to the superb retail banking opportunity from the retail banking opportunity to our other major lines of business, first in the mortgage business area.

We are now the number one originator and number one servicer of mortgage loans in the country.

The focus of our strategy in recent years has been building scale in a scale required business.

At the same time, we have worked to broaden our mortgage product line, diversify our revenue base, achieving the economies of scale and diversifying our geographic risk.

The strategy that has been working

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well in the Dime as an established player fits this strategy very well.

Dime's North American Mortgage company subsidiary is the nation's number 8 mortgage originator and number 14 servicer.

It does offer a full line of single family mortgage products, is a skilled originator of home equity loans and enhances our presence in each of the key mortgage business channels; which would be retail, wholesale and and

correspondent.

Now, here you are going to see the rank number 1 in the country, that we are currently the number 1 in terms of ranking of mortgage servicing, and by combining with Dime we measurably extend our lead in this business, again in a business that does require scale.

On the next slide we have our rankings as the top U.S. mortgage originators, and again with the aid of the Dime's position you will see that we have moved our leadership position even

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further.

I should also point out that with Dime, Washington Mutual has a chance to become the first company in the United States to achieve double digit market share in national residential single family loan originations, and we have the opportunity to exceed the \$500 billion threshold in residential loan service.

Next, the pie charts show you at a glance how balanced the sources of new loans are between our two companies and how mature each of the three principal channels is.

The combination reinforces this balance in addition to adding North American's \$9.7 billion in first quarter loan originations to Washington Mutual's \$32.6 billion.

Now, the third key component in Washington Mutual's revenue generating engine is commercial real estate, consumer finance and specialty commercial lending, a line of business that has helped us

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further remix our balance sheet, enhance our margins and diversify our assets.

Now, the Dime can make a solid incremental contribution to this strategy as you can see here. It is a successful commercial lender, with a strong multi-billion dollar portfolio of commercial loans and we find it doubly attractive because they also have fostered a strong credit culture, I mentioned earlier, producing these loans while holding nonperformers to just 19 basis points on assets.

Now, at the end of the day we see a pro forma commercial lending portfolio of about \$32 billion or 21 percent of the loans as a result of this transaction and as you know our goal is to remix our assets over time, and this move certainly helps us in that direction.

Next slide, as you can see much of the same point that was made on this slide which illustrates what a good job the Dime has done of remixing its earning assets

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away from its over dependence on single family mortgages; inject these assets

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into Washington Mutual's picture and again it will certainly help the remixing of our balance sheet.

Of course, when it comes to terrific franchise that Tony and Larry and all the good people at the Dime have built, the rubber really meets the road with financial performance, and you have it here, returns on average, assets moving up nicely well over 100 basis points, returns on equity in the high teens, nonperforming assets at only 26 basis points for the whole company, and again consistent levels of loan loss reserves.

The Dime has been doing a great job and I think Dime shareholders will be pleased how the Washington Mutual comparable metrics measure up as well.

Let me move on to a brief overview of the transaction details.

First, our assumptions. We've used first call estimates for our 2002 base

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case and assuming an 11 and 13 percent percent growth rates for the Dime and Washington Mutual thereafter.

We anticipate cost saves of approximately \$150 million with a 65 percent phase in in 2002 and 100 percent in 2003.

Those cost saves represent just 25 percent of Dime's estimated expenses, a number we think is quite achievable.

For example, when we announced the Bank United acquisition we assumed 30 percent cost saves with very modest in market branch consolidations into the Texas marketplace.

We are now coming in ahead of that schedule that we laid out to the capital markets on Bank United.

I think we may be able to do the same here, particularly in light of the potential for integration efficiencies offered both at North American as well as in the rest of the banking operations.

We believe we have made

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conservative assumptions and that they appropriately reflect a market entry opportunity.

Now, the core deposit intangibles that we calculate are at about \$475 million and we will amortize these over 7 years consistent with our usual practice in acquisitions.

As I said earlier, we assumed no revenue enhancement in this model.

There is a restructuring charge of about \$308 million pretax and it does include a \$77 million charge related to determination of the Hudson United Bancorp merger payable at the time of closing.

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Finally, I talked earlier about our projected cash internal rate of return of over 18 percent, that's based on a 12 times terminal multiple.

Now, this slide walks you through our pro forma earnings projections for 2002 and 2003, illustrating the impact of good will amortization, expected cost

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saves, amortization expense and financing cost to get to a pro forma net income figure.

Now, this then leads into the summary of our own pro forma EPS analysis.

This sets forth our view that we have a transaction that is immediately accretive to cash earnings by about five cents per share in year one and six cents in year two.

You also see that from a GAAP earnings per share standpoint that it's break even in 2002 and accretive by about a penny in 2003.

Next, we like the franchise, we like the economics, and just as important we like our ability to put these two companies together in a way that has, we believe, very modest execution risk.

These institutions are quite similar, we have performed due diligence, in fact an estimated 4,000 hours worth, and we have made very reasonable cost save assumptions, absolutely no revenue

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enhancement assumption.

We plan to keep the Dime's branches up and running with essentially the same staff these customers already know and trust and our current integration efforts on Bank United, PNC Mortgage and Fleet Mortgage will be virtually completed by the time we turn our acquisition team's full attention into the Dime.

In fact, the deposit conversions for Bank United is now completed.

The PNC Mortgage system's conversions will be completed by the end of next month, the systems integrated for Fleet Mortgage have already begun and the final conversions will be done by the first quarter of 2002 and everything again on all of these are right on target and should fit a very convenient schedule for rolling resources then directly into the conversion schedule for the Dime.

Finally, I think those of you who know us well know that we do have a lot of expertise in acquisitions, having

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completed 28 in the last 15 years with deal sizes that have ranged up to more than twice the size of the transaction that we are talking about today.

So we speak -- we are very comfortable and very confident that we can execute everything that we are putting in front of you at this meeting.

Finally, we further met -- I think that we can pair a strong capacity to generate organic growth with a disciplined approach to strategic compelling acquisitions, to produce solid compounded annual growth in earnings over many years.

Throughout the period on this slide you can see that despite going through the acquisitions of American Savings, Great Western, Ahmanson and more recently Bank United and PNC's mortgage operations, and were enduring changes in the interest rate environment that were quite substantial over that period, we have been able to sustain a compounded annual growth rate in our earnings per share over that period of

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18.6 percent, which exceeded the targets that we had laid out to the capital markets.

On the next slide, just a reminder that an investment in Washington Mutual stock about a decade ago, if you had invested \$100 in our stock, today it would have grown to about \$2,000, working out to a compounded annual growth rate of about 33.9 percent.

As the slide clearly shows, this is a record which has produced total returns far in excess of Standard and Poor's 500 or the Standard and Poor's Financial Index.

Finally, we intend to apply these proven disciplines in our thoroughly tested business model to the exceptional opportunity we have with the Dime.

We are confident the results will be good for the shareholders of Washington Mutual and the shareholders of the Dime.

Why do I think this?

First, because the economics are conservative and workable.

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Second, because we capture a strong retail banking presence in the nation's largest banking market.

Third, because this market is ready for a customer friendly approach.

Fourth, because we enhance our residential lending presence throughout the eastern United States.

Fifth, because we expand our leadership in the national mortgage business as well.

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Finally, we continue our progress towards remixing the balance sheet over time.

Put simply, this deal fits. The New York strategy fits.

The Dime fits and we are confident Washington Mutual will fit New York.

That's why we are putting together this combination.

We appreciate the comments of both Larry and Tony and now we would be very pleased to take your questions, so let's move on to that.

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We will take questions from the audience first.

Q This acquisition is a little bit different from the others, in that you are buying a brand name, but the second one from slide 17, whether or not that was gross or net assets.

A Let me answer the first question. First, Washington Mutual we will be changing the name into this marketplace for all the operations to Washington Mutual.

This is the practice that we have done in all of our other markets.

As I mentioned, when we entered California we had to think very carefully about that, as we had very strong brand names in Great Western and Home Savings which was H.F. Ahmanson, as well as American Savings.

What we found was the consumers said the name is not important to them, what's important is what the brand stands for, and we are able to establish the strong consumer friendly, high service

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component brand very quickly, and our name recognition went right to the top in just a very short period of time.

We realize that the Dime brand is very strong, but the most important thing is not the name, it's what the brand stands for and the compatibility of what that brand stands for and how it will relate into the Washington Mutual brand.

The other element I will mention about branding is it's very important as we develop our national footprint in the national plans that we have -- that we do have a single common brand everywhere that we operate.

The second question was on Page 17 and I've got to find Page 17, and it has to do with which line in it -- help me again?

On the checking accounts, those are net. Yes at the back.

Q Hi. Two questions on mortgage banking. You have said you want to expand your branch network from 300 to 500, here

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we have 200 branches, does that change the net 200 as you are expecting before.

Two, now as you get bigger I assume the overlaps of acquisitions get potentially bigger.

Are there overlaps in correspondent and wholesale businesses between North American and Washington Mutual?

A: Well, again we will go through a very thoughtful process of looking at North American's operations and our own.

Naturally there will be some areas where the offices can be put together, some other areas where North American has offices where we wanted to expand, we will obviously take those and grow them.

Frankly we will grow new offices in addition to those as part of our overall growth plan.

So it's hard for me to give the specification on day one, but we will go through a very thoughtful process over the next few months to figure out how to put these together.

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It's all about how do we achieve Washington Mutual's long term goals in the mortgage base, which is to be consistently in that 10 and then ultimately approaching 15 percent of the nationwide market share which we believe the leading position in that industry will need to achieve.

Let's take a couple on the line first then we will come back here.

Q Good morning, congratulations. In the slides it says that you plan to expand in the New York area through your Occasio branches.

Can we conclude from that that the Dime acquisition basically satisfies your appetite in the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut area?

Second, since mergers are becoming, or happen and continue to be just part of your ongoing business, are there other areas that you are looking at?

Thanks.

A Thank you, Charlotte. I think the

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first thing I would mention is we see the Greater New York area, I am just going to use this as a region and not get to the defining New York, New Jersey and so forth, but the whole region, again it is a huge market, our market research says

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that we should do extremely well.

We believe we can serve the market and grow the market with the combination of Dime and internal expansion and that will be our first priority.

Point one is that we do not feel that our success in this region is necessarily dependent on any additional acquisitions.

On the other side, I have to always say that we are always looking for all the smart ways to expand the company and we have always had that on the criteria for acquisitions, they have to meet those criteria, being accretive to earnings within a short period of time, they have to be operationally integrated in a timely manner, they have to fit us strategically

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and cannot present any asset quality or capital kind of issues.

I think it's fair to say all of our businesses in all of our geographies will continue to review opportunities, so I've got to say on the east coast as we talk specifically around New York we are not dependent on any additional acquisitions, but on the other side, we certainly would not dismiss those as possibilities of consideration if they happen to fit all of our criteria.

Q Are there other areas then that you might be looking for now that you've done New York?

Q Are there any plans to restructure Dime's balance sheet, and if not, how do your financing costs roughly account for only about a quarter of the cash purchase price?

A The question, I hope you all heard, was around restructuring of the balance sheets.

Again, we don't have any immediate plans for restructuring of Dime's balance sheets.

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As I mentioned earlier, they have made more progress than we have in remixing some of the nonresidential assets and I would think as a general statement those -- we would view those in a positive way and would want to move in that direction.

Regarding the capital required for the cash portion of this purchase, we will have through internal generation of capital between now and closing and also augmented by the capital that we have in place, both with retention from the past as well as some recent capital offerings, we have all of the cash necessary to close the transaction.

We will not, specifically for this, require going out and doing any additional financing, nor will we require any significant balance sheet restructuring or shrinkage or so forth to make the transaction work.

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I would also just mention that over time I have talked to most of you, that we

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have a long term target of maintaining our tangible equity to asset ratio at about 5 percent or so, and we believe that with retention of our earnings and about the timing we have on this, that we should be right in line, we might dip just a tad bit below that right at closing, and then with the earnings that we anticipate would happen we would be right back at or above that 5 percent tangible equity to asset ratio.

Other questions?

Q Just kind of the 25 percent cost savings seems pretty aggressive to me at least, I was wondering if you could perhaps kind of walk us through some of your assumptions there on the breakout?

A The question again was on the 25 percent cost saves, again I want to first give you the perspective, as I mentioned in my prepared remarks that in the case of Bank United, where nearly all the cost saves were duplicate back office systems and operations, in the branch overlap

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saves were very, very nominal as part of that overall deal.

We felt that we could get 30 percent cost saves out of that and we have based on what we have seen to date feel very comfortable with that and are actually exceeding our targets in terms of net impact in changes and employment and all of those kind of things.

As we look at the Dime, we feel very comfortable that 25 percent is achievable, particularly with a very tight overlap that we have in both the mortgage business with how well North American fits with what we are doing in the mortgage base, and also in the banking platforms.

Again, most of the cost opportunities in bringing organizations like Dime and Washington Mutual together are not in branch closures, it tends to be in being able to put things together on common operating systems and there are just a lot of duplications around those, as well as some of the support areas

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around those.

So I would say that through our due diligence we did a very careful bottom up kind of approach to the cost saves.

If anything, we believe that the 25 percent we are putting out is a

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conservative number and our internal challenges are much higher.

Why don't we take one from back on the line here.

Q Good morning, I know that Dime Bank was selling its loans on a flow basis. Were you the recipient of that contract or can it be cancelled now with the acquisition?

A I'm sorry, who was selling the flow contract?

Q Dime was selling its mortgage loans on a flow basis?

A North American. I believe of course there are flow contracts that are going through all the time and I know that PNC Mortgage who we acquired had a flow contract with North American, and I think

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those contracts are all being revisited.

I think, again, it's pretty early in the process to know exactly some of those finite details, but we as a company again have plenty of capital and are very interested in correspondent relationships with mortgage folks all over the country, including what we have had with North American.

So it gets down to just what the price and what are the right strategies and what's fair and market competitive.

Any more questions in here?

Q Can you talk a little bit about your ability or your comfort level with all the integrations that you have to do at both the Dime, PNC, Fleet and also about the mortgage origination capacity that you have brought on in a short amount of time, kind of considering the economy that we are in and maybe a slowdown in the housing market.

A Good question.

Let me first focus on the

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integration.

I commented on those a little bit in my prepared remarks. I feel very comfortable that virtually all elements of the Bank United integration are complete now.

We have gone through the major systems conversions, the staff are all converted over, the productivity out of Texas looks very good, everything has been switched brand-wise to Washington Mutual, we have integrated and brought things in and they are progressing along very well.

So I think other than just a few tail end things that we can pretty well put the chapter of Bank United behind us.

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As I have tried to imply throughout this conversation, we are very comfortable that the cost saves that we put out of that 30 percent will be easily achieved and most likely exceeded through here.

On the other acquisition, first on the mortgage operations of PNC, that one came together very quickly and I think

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well.

The origination platform converted over to ours very quickly on in the process.

At the end of next month we will complete the loan servicing conversion schedules on that.

For all practical purposes, PNC will have been completed in terms of that integration activity.

In the case of Fleet's mortgage operations, we had a very tight window from announcement to closing, I think it was within 60 days, and we did meet that schedule and closed the transaction the 1st of February -- 1st of June, excuse me.

It is now being integrated into the company, the production people are coming across and they are getting all that right on schedule.

In that particular one we have scheduled the final loan servicing system conversion out into early part of next year.

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Everything is combined in an orderly pattern on that.

We have stepped back again and looked at the preliminary integration schedules with the Dime and feel that it dovetails very nicely with available resources that we can now free up from the ones that were working on the Bank United deals and so forth, and I think we will be able to handle this one very well.

I think in terms of the mortgage origination question, that was about capacity and on the speed of bringing things on.

I think first strategically we felt that now was the time to act in the mortgage space, that there were some properties available in the case of the mortgage operations of PNC and Fleet that were very important and we needed to move very quickly to do that to make those happen.

We also believed that the mortgage space is one that is going to go through

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dramatic consolidations, and you needed to get positioned early on or you had a risk of being potentially kind of left out and being a second tier player.

We needed to move fairly quickly and fairly boldly.

As I have tried to imply here, things have come together to either meet or exceed all of the expectations I had when we embarked on those.

We also think we needed to balance out our portfolio lending capabilities that we had with mortgage banking capabilities both on the origination of fixed rate loans for sale in the secondary market and servicing which they helped bulk us up a bit, and now North American will give us that additional opportunity.

We also wanted to balance out our distribution channels. Historically Washington Mutual had very little in the correspondent channel and we wanted to bulk that up, and we also will get something different from each one of these

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channels that is helpful on that.

I think again, fairly bold, but I think we have moved very expeditiously and I think it's going to work out very well.

We are going to take one from the line.

Q Could you just explain something to me, in the pro forma earnings impact, there is a line on Page 27, slide 27 that talks about other adjustments negative 8.7.

Can you walk me through, there has to be several pieces to that, obviously, because the cost of the cash is a pretty big number, and it turns out to be a pretty small one.

A Chad, of course it's a netting and kind of a relatively small number, I think I am going to suggest if you have an interest, maybe to check in with Bill Longbrake or the people out of our investor relations, we can give a couple of the minor details around that, but again, against the kind of income that we

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have and so forth, it's very, very de minimus, but I know there are a number of net figures that went into that.

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Q Thanks again very, very much, I was just wondering.

It sound like somebody is also talking.

Q: How you intend on achieving that.

A So the essence of most of the question was relative what are our long term growth targets and kind of market share that we would like to get to.

On a very broad basis we have indicated that in most of the markets we have gone into we have found a way over time through a combination of strong internal expansion and ultimately some acquisitions to find a way to get our market shares approaching 10 percent.

We know that in this marketplace we are a small fraction of that, we are very profitable at that, so I don't feel we have to get to any particular percent, but I will be very disappointed if five years

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from now Washington Mutual has 2.5 percent of the market share in this area on the overall deposit side.

And on the asset side of this, that is a very important element for us, the growth, and we will put emphasis behind growing the consumer portfolios, the commercial portfolios as well as the residential portfolios and again with North American we give ourselves even more production capability in the mortgage arena and by providing the adjustable rate loans that we are willing to hold in portfolio through that distribution channel I think that we will be able to accelerate our ability to originate and hold those kind of assets on the balance sheet as well.

Jonathan.

Q Kerry, your stunning series of acquisitions which created market share now about twice the size of your next largest competitor in terms of home mortgage

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lending, if scale really confers competitive advantage, do you think that your moves will prompt some sort of response from your larger mortgage lending competitors?

A Thank you, Jonathan. It's always difficult to judge what response a competitor will do, however we have -- our vision is that in the mortgage space, both origination and servicing, that the business will be dominated by at most a handful of players and that we think that long term that the threshold to being a player in originations will be approaching \$100 billion a year of originations and at least half a trillion dollars of servicing.

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So under that general scenario I think that the top tier players will be looking for ways to expand as that industry consolidates in.

So I wouldn't be surprised if there are some other competitors that do some things, but I think that definitely is a

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scale driven business, and you need that kind of size to hit the kind of returns.

Now some of you in the capital markets may let these guys have low returns, I don't know, but in our case we strive for the company a 20 percent return on equity.

I can tell you you don't get there in that business without huge scale and very, very smart and efficient operations, and we are there, and I think we will hopefully set the benchmark.

Q Any plans to change Dime's pricing strategy on the deposit size, Dime has been a bit more competitive to grow the base?

A The question was what about Dime's pricing strategy.

Well, based on their all-in costs of deposits which are lower than Washington Mutual, I may adopt some of theirs, but I think getting more focused on that question, we of course will look very carefully about what makes sense.

We are not -- I think you do all

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these things in a totality point of view.

You may want to go out and aggressively promote a particular deposit product, if that's part of a relationship and if that helps bring the checking accounts and the low cost balances, or some of the other things.

What we are most concerned about at the end of the day, what is that total, have you been able to increase the amount of deposits, and secondly what kind of all-in price, and it looks to me like they have done a darn good job of it, so we will keep looking and trying to pick the best of whatever they are doing, whatever we are doing, and those will be things we are talking about, I'm sure, over the next several months.

I think we are probably at about the appointed hour.

Again, we would be happy to take any other questions off line through our investor relations folks and others and I am sure the folks at Dime would as well,

so I appreciate your coming today and thank you very much.