

OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION


**APPROVAL OF A STOCK REPURCHASE APPLICATION
BY A MID-TIER HOLDING COMPANY**

Order No.: 99-58
Date: October 1, 1999

Provident Bancorp, Inc., Montebello, New York, has applied, pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 575.1(b), for a waiver of 12 C.F.R. § 575.11(c)(1), to repurchase, between now and January 7, 2000, up to 193,200 shares of its stock from shareholders other than Provident Bancorp, MHC. The repurchase would represent up to five percent of the stock sold in the minority stock offering.

Section 575.1(b) provides that the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS") may waive provisions of the OTS mutual holding company regulations for good cause. The OTS has considered the application, and, for the reasons set forth in the Northeast Regional Office's digest, a legal opinion from the Business Transactions Division, and a summary from the Office of Examination and Supervision, has determined that good cause exists to waive 12 C.F.R. § 575.11(c) to the extent proposed in the application. Accordingly, the application is hereby approved. The time period shall begin on the date of this Order.

By order of the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, effective
October 1, 1999.



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