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For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2003

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SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.
(Name of Small Business Issuer as Specified in Its Charter)

Connecticut
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

06-1594123
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

215 Church Street
New Haven, Connecticut
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

06510
(Zip Code)

(203) 782-1100

(Issuer's Telephone Number)

The number of shares of the issuer's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share,
outstanding as of November 10, 2003: 966,667

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PART I Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
September 30, 2003 (unaudited) and December 31, 2002

Assets

Cash and due from banks

2003

\$ 815,790

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Federal funds sold	-
Short-term investments	369,307

Cash and cash equivalents	1,185,097

Available for sale securities	8,746,851
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	21,500
Loans receivable (net of allowance for loan losses of \$353,209 in 2003 and \$232,000 in 2002)	35,329,196
Accrued interest receivable	204,105
Premises and equipment, net	3,501,151
Other assets	696,459

Total assets	\$ 49,684,359
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	
Liabilities	
Deposits	
Noninterest bearing deposits	\$ 11,914,037
Interest bearing deposits	27,860,694

Total deposits	39,774,731
Capital lease obligations	1,191,084
Repurchase agreements	1,158,674
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	215,923
Deferred tax liability	-

Total liabilities	42,340,412

Commitments and Contingencies	
-	
Stockholders' Equity	
Preferred stock, no par value; 500,000 shares authorized; none issued	
Common stock, par value \$.01; 5,000,000, shares authorized; 966,667 shares issued and outstanding	9,667
Additional paid-in capital	10,705,382
Accumulated deficit	(3,126,788)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income - net unrealized (loss) gain on available for sale securities	(244,314)

Total stockholders' equity	7,343,947

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 49,684,359
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002 (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30	
	2003	2002
Interest Income	-----	-----
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 600,932	\$ 214,271
Interest on securities	66,218	83,759
Interest on federal funds sold and short-term investments	6,935	21,760
Total interest income	674,085	319,790
Interest Expense		
Interest on deposits	91,468	83,950
Interest on capital lease obligations	42,268	32,179
Interest on repurchase agreements	1,117	2,463
Total interest expense	134,853	118,592
Net interest income	539,232	201,198
Provision for Loan Losses	57,100	36,000
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	482,132	165,198
Noninterest Income:		
Deposit service charges and fees	34,734	9,420
Other noninterest income	13,952	2,210
Gains on sales of securities available for sale	-	-
Total noninterest income	48,686	11,630
Noninterest Expense		
Salaries and benefits	375,123	242,236
Professional services	62,519	100,255
Occupancy and equipment	99,923	41,220
Advertising and promotional expense	27,160	20,000
Data processing and other outside services	53,617	25,265
Postage & communications	18,425	8,852
Forms, printing and supplies	13,012	8,792
Travel & entertainment	14,502	7,762
Other operating expenses	77,762	36,953
Total noninterest expenses	742,043	491,335
Net loss	\$ (211,225)	\$ (314,507)
Basic and Diluted Loss per Share	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.33)
Dividends per Share	\$ -	\$ -

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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
 For the Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002 (unaudited)

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002

	Number of Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit
Balance June 30, 2002	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$ 10,705,382	\$ (1,733,65
Comprehensive Loss:				
Net Loss and total comprehensive loss		-	-	(314,50
Balance September 30, 2002	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$ 10,705,382	\$ (2,048,16
Balance June 30, 2003	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$ 10,705,382	\$ (2,915,56
Comprehensive Loss:				
Net Loss	-	-	-	(211,22
Unrealized holding loss on available for sale securities	-	-	-	
Total comprehensive loss				
Balance September 30, 2003	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$ 10,705,382	\$ (3,126,78

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002

	Number of Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit
Balance December 31, 2001	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$ 10,705,382	\$ (1,118,90
Net Loss and total comprehensive loss		-	-	(929,26
Balance September 30, 2002	966,667	\$ 9,667	\$ 10,705,382	\$ (2,048,16

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Balance December 31, 2002	966,667	\$	9,667	\$ 10,705,382	\$(2,502,91
Comprehensive Loss:					
Net Loss	-		-	-	(623,87
Unrealized holding loss on available for sale securities	-		-	-	
Total comprehensive loss					
Balance September 30, 2003	966,667	\$	9,667	\$ 10,705,382	\$(3,126,78

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002 (unaudited)

Cash Flows From Operations

Net Loss	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities	
Amortization and accretion of premiums and discounts on investments, net	
Gains on sales of available for sale securities	
Provision for loan losses	
Depreciation and amortization	
Changes in assets and liabilities	
Increase (decrease) in deferred loan fees	
Increase in accrued interest receivable	
Increase in other assets	
Increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities	
Net cash used in operating activities	

Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Purchases of available for sale securities	
Proceeds from maturities of available for sale securities	
Principal repayments on available for sale securities	
Proceeds from sales of available for sale securities	
Purchases of Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	
Purchase of life insurance policy	
Net increase in loans receivable	
Purchases of premises and equipment	
Net cash used in investing activities	

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Cash Flows From Financing Activities

Net increase in demand, savings and money market deposits

Net increase in certificates of deposit

Increase in repurchase agreements

Principal payments on capital lease obligations

Net cash provided by financing activities

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents

Beginning

Ending

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: Cash paid during the period for:

Interest

Income taxes

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc.
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

Note 1. Nature of Operations

Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. ("Bancorp"), a Connecticut corporation, is a bank holding company incorporated on November 8, 2000 for the purpose of forming, and becoming the sole shareholder of, The Bank of Southern Connecticut (the "Bank"). The Bank provides a full range of banking services to commercial and consumer customers, primarily concentrated in the New Haven County area of Connecticut, through its main office in New Haven, Connecticut and branch offices in New Haven (Amity) and Branford, Connecticut.

Note 2. Basis of Financial Statement Presentation

The consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2002 has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Bancorp at that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements.

The accompanying consolidated unaudited financial statements as of and for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2003 and September 30, 2002 and related notes have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, certain

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information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been omitted. The accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of Bancorp and notes thereto as of December 31, 2002.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial information reflects, in the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of the interim periods presented. The results of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that may be expected for all of 2003.

Note 3. Available Borrowings

During the quarter ended March 31, 2003, Bancorp obtained secured and unsecured lines of credit with other financial institutions with total available borrowings of \$4,400,000. There are no borrowings against these lines as of September 30, 2003.

Note 4. Commitments and Contingencies

Bancorp entered into an employment agreement (the "President Agreement") with the new President of the Bank effective in February 2003, and expiring on December 31, 2004. The President Agreement provides for a base salary and an annual bonus as determined by the Board of Directors. The President Agreement also provides for vacation and various insurance benefits and reimbursement for automobile, travel, entertainment, club dues and Bank-related education and convention expenses. Also, under the President Agreement, the Company issued to the President options to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's stock under the terms of the Company's 2002 Stock Option Plan.

The Bank is involved in litigation with its former President and Chief Operating officer Gary D. Mullin for breach of contract in connection with Mr. Mullin's dismissal for cause. Pursuant to Mr. Mullin's employment agreement with the Bank, the matter is in arbitration. Mr. Mullin notified the Bank of his claim in March 2003. The only parties to the dispute are the Bank and Mr. Mullin. Mr. Mullin is seeking \$500,000 for alleged economic loss, plus attorney's fees. The Bank is seeking attorney's fees. The matter is currently pending. Bancorp believes that the former president's claims are without merit and Bancorp intends to defend this case vigorously.

On October 20, 2003, Bancorp amended its employment agreement with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bancorp and the Bank, which began in 2001, to extend the initial five-year term by one year.

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Note 5. Income (Loss) Per Share

Bancorp is required to present basic income (loss) per share and diluted income (loss) per share in its statements of operations. Basic per share amounts are computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted per share amounts assume exercise of all potential common stock in weighted average shares outstanding, unless the effect is antidilutive.

For the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2003 and

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2002, common stock equivalents have been excluded from the computation of the net loss per share because the inclusion of such equivalents is antidilutive. Weighted average shares outstanding for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002 are presented as follows:

	September 30,	
	2003	2002
Three month period ended	966,667	966,667
Nine month period ended	966,667	966,667

Note 6. Other Comprehensive Income

Other comprehensive income, which is comprised solely of the change in unrealized gains and losses on available for sale securities, is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2003		
	Before-Tax Amount	Taxes	Net- Am
Unrealized holding losses arising during the period	\$ (202,475)	\$ -	(
Less: Reclassification adjustment for gains recognized in net income	-	-	
Unrealized holding loss on available for sale securities, net of taxes	\$ (202,475)	\$ -	\$
	=====		
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003		
	Before-Tax Amount	Taxes	Net- Am
Unrealized holding losses arising during the period	\$ (302,259)	\$ 34,783	\$
Less: Reclassification adjustment for gains recognized in net income	(44,505)	5,122	
Unrealized holding loss on available for sale securities, net of taxes	\$ (346,764)	\$ 39,905	\$
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There were no elements of comprehensive income during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2002.

Note 7. Stock Based Compensation

During the nine months ended September 30, 2003, Bancorp granted 160,841 stock options to employees and directors at exercise prices ranging from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per share.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", encourages all entities to adopt a fair value based method of accounting for employee stock compensation plans, whereby compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the value of the award and is recognized over the service period, which is usually the vesting period. However, it also allows an entity to continue to measure compensation cost for those plans using the intrinsic value based method of accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," whereby compensation cost is the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the stock at the grant date (or other measurement date) over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. Stock options issued to employees and directors under Bancorp's stock option and warrant plans have no intrinsic value at the grant date, and under Opinion No. 25 no compensation cost is recognized for them. During 2002, Bancorp adopted SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure, an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 123." Bancorp has elected to continue with the accounting methodology in Opinion No. 25 and, as a result, has provided pro forma disclosures of net loss and earnings per share and other disclosures, as if the fair value based method of accounting had been applied.

Had compensation cost for issuance of such options and warrants been recognized based on the fair values of awards on the grant dates, in accordance with the method described in SFAS No. 123, reported net loss and per share amounts for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2003 would have been increased to the pro forma amounts shown below:

For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2003

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2003
Net loss as reported	\$ (211,225)
Deduct: total stock based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards	(72,679)
Pro forma net loss	\$ (283,904)
Basic diluted loss per share:	
As reported	\$ (0.22)
Pro forma	\$ (0.29)

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Note 8. Bank Application and Capital Raising

On June 10, 2003, the board of directors of Bancorp, approved the establishment of a new commercial bank in New London, Connecticut and plan to raise between \$10 million to \$15 million capital by Bancorp.

On July 2, 2003, Bancorp submitted an application to the State of Connecticut, Department of Banking ("Department"), for the establishment by Bancorp of a new commercial bank in New London, Connecticut. The application was subsequently temporarily withdrawn to complete additional information requested by the Department.

On August 7, 2003, the application, including the completed additional information, was resubmitted, and on October 2, 2003, the final application, including additional information, was submitted.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation

(a) Plan of Operation

Bancorp, a Connecticut corporation, was incorporated on November 8, 2000 to serve as a bank holding company. Bancorp owns one hundred percent of the capital stock of The Bank of Southern Connecticut ("Bank"), a state chartered bank in New Haven, Connecticut, which commenced operations on October 1, 2001 after receiving its Final Certificate of Authority from the Connecticut Banking Commissioner and its deposit insurance from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Bancorp invested \$10,000,000 of the net proceeds of its July 26, 2001 stock offering to purchase the capital stock of the Bank and an additional \$360,000 to cover the Bank's pre-opening deficit. The \$10,000,000 of initial equity capital for the Bank required under the Bank's Temporary Certificate of Authority substantially exceeded the statutory minimum equity capital for a new Connecticut bank of \$5,000,000. Bancorp chose a holding company structure because it provides flexibility that would not otherwise be available. For example, Bancorp could acquire additional banks, establish de novo banks and other businesses, including mortgage companies, leasing companies, insurance agencies and small business investment companies. Bancorp may in the future decide to engage in additional businesses permitted to bank holding companies or financial holding companies. Before Bancorp could acquire interests in other banks, establish de novo banks or expand into other businesses, it may need to obtain regulatory approvals and might need additional capital.

Bancorp has leased a free-standing building located at 215 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut, located in the central business and financial district of New Haven. It has assigned this lease to the Bank, and the Bank has assumed all rights and obligations under this lease. Both Bancorp and the Bank operate from this facility. On October 7, 2002 the Bank opened a new branch office in Branford, Connecticut at West Main Street and Summit Place. On August 15, 2002 the Bank also purchased a building at 1475 Whalley Avenue in the Westville section of New Haven for a branch office site which was opened on March 24, 2003.

The following table sets forth the location of the Bank's branch offices and other related information:

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Office -----	Location -----	Status -----
Main Office	215 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut	Leased
Branford Office	445 West Main Street, Branford, Connecticut	Leased
Amity Office	1475 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	Owned

On July 2, 2003, Bancorp submitted an application to the State of Connecticut, Department of Banking ("Department"), for the establishment by Bancorp of a new commercial bank in New London, Connecticut. The application was subsequently temporarily withdrawn to complete additional information requested by the Department, including a three year balance sheet and income statement forecast for the proposed new bank.

On August 7, 2003, The application, including the completed additional information, was resubmitted to the Department, and on October 2, 2003, the final application, including additional information, was submitted. Bancorp expects the new bank to be operating by the end on the third quarter of 2004.

Bancorp expects to raise \$10 to \$15 million in new capital of which \$6 million will be used to fund the start up of the new bank.

Management believes that Bancorp's short-term assets have sufficient liquidity to cover potential fluctuations in deposit accounts and loan demand and to meet other anticipated operating cash requirements.

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For a more detailed discussion of Bancorp's liquidity, see Liquidity on page 17 of this Form 10-QSB. Currently, other than the potential start up of a new bank in 2004, as previously discussed, there are no plans involving the significant purchase or sale of property or equipment in the next twelve months. Outside of staffing the new branches, Bancorp does not anticipate a significant change in the number of its employees.

The Bank does not expect to compete with large institutions for the primary banking relationships of large corporations, but it competes for niches in this business segment and for the consumer business of employees of such entities. The Bank focuses on small to medium-sized businesses, professionals and individuals and their employees. This focus includes retail, service, wholesale distribution, manufacturing and international businesses. The Bank attracts these customers based on relationships and contacts which the Bank's directors and management have within and beyond the Bank's primary service area.

Greater New Haven is currently served by approximately 70 offices of commercial banks, none of which is headquartered in New Haven. In addition, New Haven Savings Bank, a mutual savings bank, has 17 branches in the New Haven market. All of these banks are substantially larger than the Bank expects to be in the near future and are able to offer products and services which may be impracticable for the Bank to provide at this time.

There are numerous banks and other financial institutions serving the communities surrounding New Haven which also draw customers from New Haven, posing significant competition for the Bank to attract deposits and loans. The Bank also experiences competition from out-of-state financial institutions. Bancorp will have to obtain customers from the customer base of such existing

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banks and financial institutions and from growth in New Haven and the surrounding area. Many of such banks and financial institutions are well established and well capitalized, allowing them to provide a greater range of services (including trust services) than the Bank will be able to offer in the near future.

Intense market demands, economic pressures and significant legislative and regulatory actions have eroded banking industry classifications which were once clearly defined and have increased competition among banks and other financial institutions. Market dynamics and legislative and regulatory changes impacting banks and other financial institutions have resulted in a number of new competitors offering services historically offered only by commercial banks; non-bank corporations offering services traditionally offered only by banks; increased customer awareness of product and service differences among competitors; and increased merger activity.

Additional legislative and regulatory changes may affect the Bank in the future; however, the nature of such changes and the effect of their implementation cannot be assessed. New rules and regulations may, among other things, revise limits on interest rates on various categories of deposits and may limit or influence interest rates on loans. Monetary and fiscal policies of the United States government and its instrumentalities, including the Federal Reserve, significantly influence the growth of loans, investments and deposits. The present bank regulatory scheme is undergoing significant change both as it affects the banking industry itself and as it affects competition between banks and non-bank financial institutions.

The Bank currently offers products and services described as "core" products and services which are more completely described below. Through correspondent and other relationships, it is expected that the Bank will be able to help our customers meet all of their banking needs, including obtaining services which the Bank may not offer directly.

The Bank is seeking to establish a sound base of core deposits, including checking accounts, money market accounts, savings accounts, sweep accounts, NOW accounts and a variety of certificates of deposits and IRA accounts. To attract deposits, the Bank is employing an aggressive marketing plan in its service area and features a broad product line and rates and services competitive with those offered in the New Haven market.

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The primary sources of deposits have been and are expected to be, residents of, and businesses and their employees located in, New Haven and the surrounding communities. The Bank is obtaining these deposits through personal solicitation by its officers and directors, outside programs and advertisements published and / or broadcasted in the local media.

Deposits and the Bank's equity capital are the sources of funds for lending and investment activities. Repayments on loans, investment income and proceeds from the sale and maturity of investment securities will also provide additional funds for these purposes. While scheduled principal repayments on loans and investment securities are a relatively predictable source of funds, deposit flows and loan prepayments are greatly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions and competition. The Bank expects to manage the pricing of deposits to maintain a desired deposit balance. The Bank offers drive-in teller services, wire transfers and safe deposit services.

The Bank's loan strategy is to offer a broad range of loans to

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businesses and individuals in its service area, including commercial and business loans, personal loans, mortgage loans, home equity loans, automobile loans and education loans. The Bank has received lending approval status from the Small Business Administration ("SBA") to enable it to make SBA loans to both the Greater New Haven business community and companies throughout the State of Connecticut. Our marketing focus on small to medium-size businesses and professionals may result in an assumption of certain lending risks that are different from or greater than those which would apply to loans made to larger companies or consumers. Commercial loans generally entail certain additional risks because repayment is usually dependent on the success of the enterprise. The Bank seeks to manage the credit risk inherent in its loan portfolio through credit controls and loan diversification. Prior to approving a loan the Bank evaluates: the credit histories of potential borrowers; the value and liquidity of available collateral; the purpose of the loan; the source and reliability of funds for repayment and other factors considered relevant in the circumstances.

Loans are made on a variable or fixed rate basis with fixed rate loans limited to five year terms. All loans are approved by the Bank's management and the Loan Committee of the Bank's Board of Directors. At the present time, the Bank is not purchasing participation in loans nor is it syndicating or securitizing loans. The Bank may consider participation in multi-bank loans for companies in its service area. Commercial loans and commercial real estate loans may be written for terms of up to twenty years. Loans to purchase or refinance commercial real estate are collateralized by the subject real estate. Loans to local businesses are generally supported by the personal guarantees of the principal owners and are carefully underwritten to determine appropriate collateral and covenant requirements.

Other services provided currently or to be provided include, cashier's checks, money orders, travelers checks, bank by mail, lock box, direct deposit and U. S. Savings Bonds. The Bank is associated with a shared network of automated teller machines that its customers are able to use throughout Connecticut and other regions. The Bank does not currently expect to offer trust services but may offer trust services through a joint venture with a larger institution. To offer trust services in the future, the Bank would need the approval of the Connecticut Banking Commissioner.

Another significant activity for the Bank is maintaining an investment portfolio. Although granting a variety of loans to generate interest income and loan fees is an important aspect of the Bank's business plan, the aggregate amount of loans will be subject to maintaining a satisfactory loan-to-deposit ratio. The Bank's overall portfolio objective is to maximize the long-term total rate of return through active management of portfolio holdings taking into consideration estimated asset/liability and liquidity needs, tax equivalent yields and maturities. Permissible investments include debt securities such as U. S. Government securities, government sponsored agency securities, municipal bonds, domestic certificates of deposit that are insured by the FDIC, mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations. The Bank expects that investments in equity securities will be very limited. The Bank's current investment portfolio is limited to U. S.

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government obligations which have been classified as available for sale. Accordingly, the principal risk associated with the Banks current investing activities is market risk (variations in value resulting from general changes in interest rates) rather than credit risk.

Overall, the Bank's plan of operation is focused on responsible growth

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and pricing of deposits and loans, and investment in high quality U. S. government securities to achieve a net interest margin sufficient to cover operating expenses, achieve profitable operations and maintain liquidity.

Currently, the Bank has 22 full-time employees and one part-time employee. Most routine day-to-day banking transactions are performed at the Bank by its employees. However, the Bank has entered into a number of arrangements for banking services such as correspondent banking, data processing and armored carriers.

(b) Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Summary

Bancorp had a net loss of \$211,000 (or a loss per share of \$0.22) for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, compared to a net loss of \$315,000 (or a loss per share of \$0.33) for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. On a year-to-date basis, Bancorp had a net loss of \$624,000 (or a loss per share of \$0.65) for the nine months ended September 30, 2003, compared to a net loss of \$929,000 (or a loss per share of \$0.96) for the nine months ended September 30, 2002.

Financial Condition

Assets

Since commencing operations on October 1, 2001, Bancorp has reached total assets of \$49.7 million at September 30, 2003, an increase of \$14.2 million (40%) from \$35.5 million in assets as of December 31, 2002. Earning assets reached \$44.8 million, increasing \$14.2 million (47%) during the first nine months of 2003.

Bancorp has maintained liquidity by maintaining balances in overnight Federal funds sold and money market mutual funds to provide funding for higher yielding loans as they are approved and closed. As of September 30, 2003, there were no Federal funds sold and money market mutual fund balances were \$369,000. In addition, Bancorp has invested \$8.7 million in U.S. Government Agency and mortgage backed securities classified as available for sale with maturities ranging from 3 years to 15 years.

Investments

Available for sale securities decreased \$.8 million from December 31, 2002 to partially fund the increase in loans.

During the three months and the nine months ended September 30, 2003, unrealized losses on the available for sale securities portfolio totaled \$202,000 and \$307,000 respectively. These losses were the result of volatility in market rates and yield curve changes and impacted the market prices in government agency bonds and mortgage-backed securities. Management does not believe these losses are other than temporary, and Bancorp has the ability to hold these securities to maturity if necessary. As a result, management believes that these unrealized losses will not have a negative impact on future earnings and capital.

Loans

The net loan portfolio increased \$16.3 million (86%) from \$19.0 million at December 31, 2002 to \$35.3 million at September 30, 2003. The increase in loans is due to expected growth in the early stages of operations, and was funded primarily by increases in deposits. The loan to deposit ratio as of

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September 30, 2003 was 90%. As this ratio has reached its target level, it is expected that the higher yielding loans versus Federal funds sold, money market funds and investments will produce an increasingly positive impact on net interest spread. No significant loan concentrations have developed during this early stage of building the loan portfolio.

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Critical Accounting Policy

In the ordinary course of business, Bancorp has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to reporting results of operations and financial condition in preparing its financial statements in conformity with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates under different assumptions and conditions. Bancorp believes the following discussion addresses Bancorp's only critical accounting policy, which is the policy that is most important to the portrayal of Bancorp's financial condition and results and requires management's most difficult, subjective and complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses, a material estimate susceptible to significant change in the near-term, is established as losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for losses charged against operations, and is maintained at a level that management considers adequate to absorb losses in the loan portfolio. Management's judgment in determining the adequacy of the allowance is inherently subjective and is based on the evaluation of individual loans, pools of homogeneous loans, the known and inherent risk characteristics and size of the loan portfolios, the assessment of current economic and real estate market conditions, estimates of the current value of underlying collateral, past loan loss experience, review of regulatory authority examination reports and evaluations of specific loans and other relevant factors. Loans, including impaired loans, are charged against the allowance for loan losses when management believes that the uncollectibility of principal is confirmed. Any subsequent recoveries are credited to the allowance for loan losses when received. In connection with the determination of the allowance for loan losses, management obtains appraisals for significant properties, when considered necessary.

Based on this evaluation, management believes the allowance for loan losses of \$353,000 at September 30, 2003, which represents .99% of gross loans outstanding, is adequate, under prevailing economic conditions, to absorb losses on existing loans. At December 31, 2002, the allowance for loan losses was \$232,000 or 1.20% of gross loans outstanding.

Analysis of Allowance for Loan Losses

The following represents the activity in the allowance for loan losses for the nine months ended September 30:

	2003	2002
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Balance at beginning of period	\$232,000	\$ 12,000

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Charge-offs	(22,291)	-
Recoveries	-	-
Provision charged to operations	143,500	106,000
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Balance at end of period	\$353,209	\$118,000
	=====	=====

Non-Accrual, Past Due and Restructured Loans

The following table presents non-accruing and past due loans:

(Thousands of dollars)	September 30, 2003	December 31, 2002
	-----	-----
Loss delinquent over 90 days still accruing	\$ 60,354	
Non-accruing loans	-	
	-----	-----
Total	\$ 60,354	
	=====	=====
% of Total Loans		0.17%
% of Total Assets		0.12%

Potential Problem Loans

At September 30, 2003, the Bank had no loans, other than disclosed in the table above, as to which management has significant doubts as to the ability of the borrower to comply with the present repayment terms.

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Deposits

The earning asset growth for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 has been funded primarily by deposit growth within Bancorp's market area. Deposits reached \$39.8 million at September 30, 2003, an increase of \$14.8 million (59%) from \$25.0 million as of December 31, 2002. The mix of deposits as of September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002 appears in the table below. Bancorp does not have any brokered deposits.

	September 30, 2003		December 31, 2002	
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	Balance	Mix	Balance	
Noninterest bearing deposits:	\$ 11,914,037	30.0%	\$6,401,759	25

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Interest bearing deposits:				
Checking	3,237,697	8.1%	2,351,847	9
Money Market	15,412,633	38.7%	8,858,585	35
Savings	2,406,244	6.1%	1,029,433	4
Checking, money market & savings	21,056,574	52.9%	12,239,865	49
CD'S under \$100,000	2,837,162	7.1%	2,610,756	10
CD'S of \$100,000 or more	3,966,958	10.0%	3,740,551	15
Time deposits	6,804,120	17.1%	6,351,307	25
Interest bearing deposits	27,860,694	70.0%	18,591,172	74
Total deposits	\$ 39,774,731	100.0%	\$ 24,992,931	100

Other

The \$448,000 increase in premises and equipment, net, from December 31, 2002 primarily reflects the building improvements and the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Amity branch which opened in March 2003.

Repurchase agreements increased \$336,000 from December 31, 2002 due to more activity in these customer accounts.

Results of Operations

De Novo banks in Connecticut have reached profitability on average within three to four years after commencement of operations. Bancorp anticipates that the Bank will reach profitability within that time frame.

Net Interest Income

For the quarter ended September 30, 2003, net interest income was \$539,000 versus \$201,000 for the same period in 2002, a \$338,000 or 168% increase. This was the result of a \$16.4 million increase in average earning assets, primarily increases in average loans of \$18.5 million and average investments of \$600,000 partially offset by a decrease in lower yielding short term investments of \$1.8 million and federal funds sold of \$900,000.

The yield on average interest earning assets for the three months ended September 30, 2003 was 6.26% versus 4.80% for same period in 2002. The cost of average interest bearing liabilities was 1.74% for the three months ended September 30, 2003 versus 2.89% for the same period in 2002.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2003, net interest income was \$1.4 million versus \$459,000 for the same period in 2002, a \$900,000 or 198% increase. This was the result of a \$16.8 million increase in average earning assets, primarily loans of \$19.4 million and investments of \$1.6 million, partially offset by a decrease in lower yielding short term investments of \$2.8 million and federal funds sold of \$1.4 million.

The yield on average interest earning assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 was 6.06% versus 4.54% for same period in 2002. The increase in the average interest earning asset yield was the result of a \$19.4 million increase in average higher yielding loans coupled with a \$2.7 million decrease in average lower yielding investments over that same period.

The cost of average interest bearing liabilities was 1.94% for the first nine months of 2003 versus 3.15% for the same period in 2002. The decrease in the cost of average interest bearing liabilities was the result of a \$13.6 million increase in average lower cost funds partially offset by a \$1.5 million increase in average higher cost funds over that same period.

Provision for Loan Losses

The \$21,000 increase in the provision for loan losses from \$36,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2002 to \$57,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 is due primarily to the increase in the Bank's loan volume.

The \$37,000 increase in the provision for loan losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 versus the six months ended June 30, 2002 is also due primarily to the increase in loan volume.

Noninterest Income

The \$37,000 increase in noninterest income for the third quarter of 2003 versus 2002 is primarily the result of fees from increased deposit volume and activity of \$25,000, increased ATM fees of \$5,000 and an increase in insurance referral commissions of \$5,000.

The \$122,000 increase in noninterest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 versus 2002 is the result of fees from increased deposit volume and activity of \$49,000, increased ATM fees of \$16,000, an increase in insurance referral commissions of \$5,000 and a \$44,000 gain on the sale of securities.

Noninterest Expense

Total noninterest expense was \$742,000 for the third quarter of 2003 versus \$491,000 for the same period in 2002, an increase of \$251,000 or 51%. The increase in expense is due to the growth in the Bancorp's loan and deposit volume as well as the addition of the Branford office in late 2002 and the Amity office in March of 2003, requiring additional staffing and other operating expenses.

Total noninterest expense was \$2.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 versus \$1.3 million for the same period in 2002, an increase of \$700,000 or 53%. The increase in expense is due to the growth in the Bancorp's loan and deposit volume as well as the addition of the Branford office in late 2002 and the Amity office in March of 2003, requiring additional staffing and other operating expenses.

Professional services decreased for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2003 versus the same periods in 2002 by \$38,000 and \$88,000, respectively. The decrease is primarily the result of hiring Michael M. Ciaburri as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Bank as of February 12, 2003 who had worked up to that point as a consultant to the bank developing new

loan volume.

Liquidity

Bancorp's liquidity position as of September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002 consisted of liquid assets totaling \$9.9 million and \$12.6 million, respectively. This represents 20.0% and 35.4% of total assets at September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively. The 15.4% decrease is the result of the funding of the \$16.3 million in loan growth from December 31, 2002. The liquidity ratio is defined as the percentage of liquid assets to total assets. The following categories of assets as described in the accompanying balance sheet are considered liquid assets: Cash and due from banks, federal funds sold, short-term investments, held to maturity securities maturing in one year or less and securities available for sale. Liquidity is a measure of Bancorp's ability to generate adequate cash to meet financial obligations. The principal cash requirements of a financial institution are to cover downward fluctuations in deposits and increases in its loan portfolio.

As of September 30, 2003, the Bank was required to maintain collateral held for public deposits at 120% of all public deposits. As of October 1, 2003, the Bank has been in existence for two years and the requirements for collateral held for public deposits declined from 120% to 10% of all public deposits.

Capital

The following table illustrates the Bank's regulatory capital ratios at:

	September 30, 2003 -----	December -----
Leverage Ratio	15.45%	23
Tier 1 Risk - Based Capital Ratio	18.35%	31
Total Risk - Based Capital Ratio	19.21%	32

Capital adequacy is one of the most important factors used to determine the safety and soundness of individual banks and the banking system. Based on the above ratios, the Bank is considered to be "well capitalized" under applicable regulations. To be considered "well capitalized" an institution must generally have a leverage capital ratio of at least 5%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 6% and a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10%.

Bancorp is also considered to be well capitalized under the regulatory framework specified by the Federal Reserve Bank. Bancorp's actual and required ratios are not substantially different from those shown above.

Market Risk

Market risk is defined as the sensitivity of income to fluctuations in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices, commodity prices and

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other market-driven rates or prices. Based upon on the nature of the Company's business, market risk is primarily limited to interest rate risk, which is the impact that changing interest rates have on current and future earnings.

Bancorp's goal is to maximize long-term profitability, while minimizing its exposure to interest rate fluctuations. The first priority is to structure and price Bancorp's assets and liabilities to maintain an acceptable interest rate spread, while reducing the net effect of changes in interest rates. In order to reach an acceptable interest rate spread, Bancorp must generate loans and seek acceptable long-term investments to replace the lower yielding balances in Federal Funds sold and short-term investments. The focus also must be on maintaining a proper balance between the timing and volume of assets and liabilities re-pricing within the balance sheet. One method of achieving this balance is to originate variable loans for the portfolio to offset the short-term re-pricing of the liabilities. In fact, a number of the interest bearing deposit products have no contractual maturity. Customers may withdraw funds from their accounts at any time and deposits balances may therefore run off unexpectedly due to changing market conditions.

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The exposure to interest rate risk is monitored by the Asset and Liability Management Committee ("ALCO") consisting of senior management personnel and selected members of the Board of Directors. ALCO reviews the interrelationships within the balance sheet to maximize net interest income within acceptable levels of risk. ALCO reports to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis regarding the status of ALCO activities within the Company.

Impact of Inflation and Changing Prices

Bancorp's financial statements have been prepared in terms of historical dollars, without considering changes in relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. Unlike most industrial companies, virtually all of the assets and liabilities of a financial institution are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates have a more significant impact on a financial institution's performance than the effect of general levels of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or in the same magnitude as the prices of goods and services. Notwithstanding this fact, inflation can directly affect the value of loan collateral, in particular, real estate. Inflation, or disinflation, could significantly affect Bancorp's earnings in future periods.

"Safe Harbor" Statement Under Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

Certain statements contained in Bancorp's public reports, including this report, and in particular in this "Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation", may be forward looking and subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties. These factors include, but are not limited to, (1) changes in prevailing interest rates which would affect the interest earned on Bancorp's interest earning assets and the interest paid on its bearing liabilities, (2) the timing of re-pricing of Bancorp's interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities, (3) the effect of changes in governmental monetary policy, (4) the effect of changes in regulations applicable to Bancorp and the conduct of its business, (5) changes in competition among financial service companies, including possible further encroachment of non-banks on services traditionally provided by banks and the impact of recently enacted federal legislation, (6) the ability of competitors which are larger than Bancorp to provide products and services which it is impracticable for Bancorp to provide, (7) the effect of Bancorp's opening of branches, (8) the effect of any decision by Bancorp to

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engage in any business not historically permitted to it. Other such factors may be described in Bancorp's filings with the SEC.

Although Bancorp believes that it offers the loan and deposit products and has the resources needed for success, future revenues and interest spreads and yields cannot be reliably predicted. These trends may cause Bancorp to adjust its operations in the future. Because of the foregoing and other factors, recent trends should not be considered reliable indicators of future financial results or stock prices.

Item 3. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Bancorp's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer, and Vice President and Controller, and the Bank's President and Chief Operating Officer and Vice President and Controller, have concluded that Bancorp's disclosure controls and procedures are effective. This conclusion is based on the above-referenced officers' evaluation of such controls and procedures as of the end of the quarter for which this report is filed.

(b) Changes in Internal Controls

There have not been any changes in Bancorp's internal control over financial reporting that have materially effected or are reasonably likely to materially effect, the Bank's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Bancorp's wholly-owned subsidiary, The Bank of Southern Connecticut ("Bank"), is involved in litigation with its former President and Chief Operating officer Gary D. Mullin for breach of contract in connection with Mr. Mullin's dismissal for cause. Pursuant to Mr. Mullin's employment agreement with the Bank, the matter is in arbitration. Mr. Mullin notified the Bank of his claim in March 2003. The only parties to the dispute are the Bank and Mr. Mullin. Mr. Mullin is seeking \$500,000 for alleged economic loss, plus attorney's fees. The Bank is seeking attorney's fees. The matter is currently pending. Bancorp believes that the former president's claims are without merit and Bancorp intends to defend this case vigorously.

Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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Item 5. Other Information

None

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

No.	Description
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3(i)	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i) to Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB dated June 30, 2002)
3(ii)	By-Laws of the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(ii) to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.1	Lease, dated as of August 17, 2000, between 215 Church Street, LLC and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.2	Letter agreement dated January 3, 2001 amending the Lease between 215 Church Street, LLC and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.3	First Amendment to Lease dated March 30, 2001 between 215 Church Street, LLC and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.4	Second Amendment to Lease dated March 31, 2001 between 215 Church Street, LLC and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Issuer's Registration Statement Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.5	Assignment of Lease dated April 11, 2001 between the Issuer and The Bank of Southern Connecticut (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.6	Employment Agreement dated as of January 23, 2001, between The Bank of Southern Connecticut, the Issuer and Joseph V. Ciaburri (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.7	Employment Agreement dated as of March 29, 2001 between The Bank of Southern Connecticut, and Gary D. Mullin (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.8	Issuer's 2001 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
10.9	Issuer's 2001 Warrant Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))

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- 10.10 Sublease dated January 1, 2001 between Michael Ciaburri, d/b/a Ciaburri Bank Strategies and The Bank of Southern Connecticut (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
- 10.11 Sublease dated January 1, 2001 between Laydon and Company, LLC and The Bank of Southern Connecticut (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 333-59824))
- 10.12 Issuer's 2001 Supplemental Warrant Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB dated March 29, 2002)
- 10.13 Issuer's 2002 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to Issuer's Definitive Proxy Statement dated April 18, 2002).
- 10.14 Employment Agreement dated as of February 12, 2003, between The Bank of Southern Connecticut and Michael M. Ciaburri. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to Issuer's Form 10-QSB dated May 14, 2003).
- 10.15 Bancorp's Board of Directors approval of the establishment by Bancorp of a new commercial bank in New London, Connecticut and a capital raising by Bancorp.
- 10.16 Amendment to Employment Agreement dated as of October 20, 2003, between The Bank of Southern Connecticut and Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. and Joseph V. Ciaburri.
- 31.1 Section 302 Certification by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.
- 31.2 Section 302 Certification by President and Chief Operating Officer.
- 31.3 Section 302 Certification by Vice President and Controller.
- 32.1 Section 906 Certification by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.
- 32.2 Section 906 Certification by President and Chief Operating Officer.
- 32.3 Section 906 Certification by Vice President and Controller.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

The issuer filed no reports on Form 8-K during the quarter ended September 30, 2003.

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SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.

By: /S/ Joseph V. Ciaburri

Name: Joseph V. Ciaburri
Title: Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 12, 2003

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10.16	Amendment to Employment Agreement	Attached
31.1	Section 302 Certification by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.	(filed he
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31.3	Section 302 Certification by Vice President and Controller.	(filed he
32.1	Section 906 Certification by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.	(filed he
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