



National Credit Union Administration  
Office of Consumer Protection

**TO:** NCUA Board

**DATE** February 12, 2015

**FROM:** Gail Laster  
Director

**SUBJ:** Taunton Federal Credit Union's Proposed  
Community Charter Expansion

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approve the application for a community charter expansion for Taunton Federal Credit Union #05602 in Taunton, Massachusetts, under Section 109 of the Federal Credit Union Act and Appendix B to Part 701 of the NCUA Rules and Regulations.

**DATE ACTION REQUESTED:** February 19, 2015

**OTHER OFFICES CONSULTED:** Region I and Examination and Insurance

**VIEWS OF OTHER OFFICES CONSULTED:** Concur

**BUDGET IMPACT, IF ANY:** None

**SUBMITTED TO INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR REVIEW:** Not applicable

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF MEMBERS:** Director Gail W. Laster, Office of Consumer Protection; Deputy Director Matthew J. Biliouris, Office of Consumer Protection; Director Robert C. Leonard, Consumer Access Division; and, Consumer Access Analyst Susan M. Ryan.

**SUMMARY:** Taunton Federal Credit Union (Taunton) received a federal charter in 1947 and initially served employees of the City of Taunton, Massachusetts. Subsequently, the credit union added numerous employee and associational groups through merger activity and field of membership expansions. In December 1995, the NCUA Board approved a community charter conversion to serve persons who live, work (or regularly conduct business in), worship, or attend school in, and businesses and other legal entities located in the following cities and towns in Massachusetts: Berkley, Dighton, Lakeville, Middleborough, Norton, Raynham, Rehoboth or Taunton.

Management requests expanding its community charter to serve Bristol County, Massachusetts; the counties of Bristol, Kent, Newport, or Providence, Rhode Island; and the towns of Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingston, Richmond, or South Kingston, Rhode Island. The area comprises most of the Providence-Warwick RI-MA Metropolitan Statistical Area and has a population of 1,578,065.

As of September 30, 2014, Taunton had assets of \$132 million and served over 15,500 members. Taunton is a well-run credit union and offers a full complement of services consistent with the expectations of a community membership base. Management requests the proposed expansion to provide the credit union with greater diversification through access to additional members

who need lower cost financial services. They are convinced that managed growth and greater diversification, consistent with established principles of safety and soundness, is essential for the credit union to gain the benefits of economies of scale going forward.

Taunton's application meets all regulatory and policy requirements for expanding its community charter boundaries. Furthermore, Taunton's business and marketing plan demonstrates management's ability to serve residents throughout the community. The plan is comprehensive and demonstrates Taunton has the facilities, staff, and infrastructure to serve residents throughout the area.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve Taunton's application to expand its community charter boundaries.

**ATTACHMENT:** Supporting package.