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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-Q

IXIOUARTERI Y REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT

OF 1934	OK 13(d) OF THE SECT	DRITIES EXCHANGE ACT
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008		
or		
[]TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 1934	OR 15(d) OF THE SECU	RITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
For the transition period	from to	
Commission File Number: 001-33652		
FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC. Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter		
Washington	26-0610707	
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer I.D. Number)	
201 Wells Avenue South, Renton, Washington (Address of principal executive offices)	98057 (Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephone number, including area code:	(425) 255-4400	
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has fill of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to Yes [X] No []	g 12 months (or for such sh	orter period that the registrant
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large acce or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "larg company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.		
Large accelerated filer []] Smaller reporting company []	Accelerated filer []	Non-accelerated filer [X
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell com-	pany (as defined in Rule 12	2b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: As of May 9, 2008, 22,852,800 shares of the issuer's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, were outstanding.

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Item 1. Financial Statements

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in thousands, except share data) (Unaudited)

		March 31,		December
Assets		2008		31, 2007
Cash on hand and in banks	\$	6,718	\$	3,675
Interest-bearing deposits		72,434		787
Federal funds sold		6,055		7,115
Investments available for sale		146,488		119,837
Investments held to maturity (fair value				
of \$0 and \$81,545)			-	80,410
Loans receivable, net of allowance of \$7,971 and \$7,971		923,593		880,664
Premises and equipment, net		13,156		13,339
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost		4,850		4,671
Accrued interest receivable		4,915		5,194
Deferred tax assets, net		6,146		7,093
Goodwill		14,206		14,206
Prepaid expenses and other assets		4,397		3,897
Total assets	\$	1,202,958	\$	1,140,888
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Deposits	\$	765,265	\$	729,494
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	Ψ	110,000	Ψ	96,000
Advance payments from borrowers for taxes		110,000		70,000
and insurance		5,528		2,092
Accrued interest payable		84		132
Federal income tax payable		1,814		726
Other liabilities		4,828		3,158
Total liabilities		887,519		831,602
Total Habilities		007,517		031,002
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders' Equity				
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized				
10,000,000				
shares, no shares issued or outstanding			-	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized				
90,000,000				
shares; issued and outstanding 22,852,800				
at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007		229		229
Additional paid-in capital		224,170		224,181
Retained earnings, substantially restricted		107,241		102,769

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Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	313	(1,180)
Unearned Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)	(16,514)	(16,713)
shares		
Total stockholders' equity	315,439	309,286
Total liabilities and	\$ 1,202,958	\$ 1,140,888
stockholders' equity		

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Income (Dollars in thousands, except share data) (Unaudited)

		Three Months March 31		ed
		2008		2007
Interest income Loans, including fees Investments available for sale Investments held to maturity Tax-exempt investments held to maturity Federal funds sold and interest bearing deposits with banks	\$	15,069 1,653 — — 536	\$	12,699 1,604 73 882 211
Dividends on Federal Home Loan Bank stock		11		5
Total interest income	\$	17,269	\$	15,474
Interest expense Deposits Federal Home Loan Bank advances		8,079 1,029		8,708 2,066
Total interest expense	\$	9,108	\$	10,774
Net interest income		8,161		4,700
Provision for loan losses		_		600
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	\$	8,161	\$	4,100
Noninterest income Net gain on sale of investments Other	•	1,373 (10)	.	30
Total noninterest income	\$	1,363	\$	30
Noninterest expense Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy and equipment Professional fees Data processing Other general and administrative		1,761 294 295 113 423		972 248 129 137 338

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	Total noninterest expense	\$ 2,886	\$ 1,824
	Income before provision for federal income taxes	6,638	2,306
Provision for federal	income taxes	2,166	548
	Net income	\$ 4,472	\$ 1,758
	Basic earnings per share (1)	\$ 0.21	\$ N/A
	Diluted earnings per share (1)	\$ 0.21	\$ N/A

(1) The Company completed its mutual to stock conversion on October 9, 2007.

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2008
(Dollars in thousands, except share data)
(Unaudited)

Balances at December 31, 2007	\$ Common Stock 229	Additional Paid-in Capital \$ 224,181	Retained Earnings \$ 102,769	Com	oumulated Other prehensive me (Loss) (1,180)	Unearned ESOP Shares \$(16,713)	\$ \$	Total tockholders' Equity 309,286
Comprehensive income: Net income Change in fair value of investments	_	_	4,472		_	_		4,472
available for sale, net of	_	_	_		1,493	_		1,493
tax of \$769 Total comprehensive								5,965
income Allocation of 19,850 ESOP shares	_	(11)	_		_	199		188
Balances at March 31, 2008	\$ 229	\$ 224,170	\$ 107,241	\$	313	\$(16,514)	\$	315,439

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

			Three m Ma	onth rch	
			2008		2007
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income		\$	4,472	\$	1,758
Adjustments to reconcile net income					
net cash provided by operating a	ctivities:				
Provision for loan losses					600
Depreciation and amortizat					
premises and equipm			183		180
Net amortization of premiu	ms and				
discounts on investm	ents		157		275
ESOP expense			188		_
Net realized gain on investr	ments				
available for sale			(1,373)		
Mutual funds dividends			(69)		(72)
Loss from disposal of prem	ises and equipment		22		_
Deferred federal income tax	xes		178		(686)
Cash provided by (used in)	changes in operating				
assets and liabilities:					
Other assets			(500)		(105)
Accrued inter	rest receivable		279		(809)
Accrued inter	rest payable		(48)		(73)
Other liabiliti	ies		1,670		95
Federal incor	ne taxes		1,088		1,234
	et cash provided by erating activities	\$	6,247	\$	2,397
Cook flows from investing activities					
Cash flows from investing activities: Proceeds from sale of investmen	te		62,551		
Principal repayments on investment			02,331		
available for sale	CIIIS		0 060		7.570
	ants		8,868		7,579
Principal repayments on investm	ents				5.1
held to maturity Purchases of investments availab	do for colo		(14 112)		54
Net increase in loans receivable	ole for sale		(14,113)		(22 964)
	Doule stools		(42,929)		(33,864)
Purchases of Federal Home Loan			(179)		(240)
Purchases of premises and equip		Φ	(22)	φ	(249)
(u	et cash provided by sed in) investing tivities	\$	14,176	\$	(26,480)
Ва	alance, carried forward	\$	20,423	\$	(24,083)

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, continued (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three m	onth	is ended
	Ma	rch :	31,
	2008		2007
Balance, brought forward	\$ 20,423	\$	(24,083)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net increase in deposits	35,771		10,525
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	102,000		17,000
Repayments of advances from the Federal Home			
Loan Bank	(88,000)		(14,000)
Net increase in advance payments from borrowers			
for taxes and insurance	3,436		854
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 53,207	\$	14,379
Net increase (decrease) in cash	73,630		(9,704)
Cash and cash equivalents:			0.6.660
Beginning of period	11,577		26,663
End of period	\$ 85,207	\$	16,959
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
Cash paid during the period for:			
Interest	\$ 9,155	\$	10,846
Federal income taxes	\$ 900	\$	_
Noncash transactions:			
Transfer from investments held to maturity to			
investments available for sale	\$ 80,410	\$	

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

Note 1 – Nature of Business

First Financial Northwest, Inc. ("First Financial Northwest" or "the Company"), a Washington corporation, was formed on June 1, 2007 for the purpose of becoming the holding company for First Savings Bank Northwest ("First Savings Bank") in connection with the conversion from a mutual holding company structure to a stock holding company structure. The mutual to stock conversion was completed on October 9, 2007 through the sale and issuance of 22,852,800 shares of common stock by First Financial Northwest including 1,692,800 shares contributed to our charitable foundation, the First Financial Northwest Foundation, Inc. that was established in connection with the mutual to stock conversion. First Financial Northwest's business activities generally are limited to passive investment activities and oversight of its investment in First Savings Bank. Accordingly, the information set forth in this report, including the consolidated unaudited financial statements and related data, relates primarily to First Savings Bank.

First Savings Bank was organized in 1923 as a Washington state chartered savings and loan association, converted to a federal mutual savings and loan association in 1935, and converted to a Washington state chartered mutual savings bank in 1992. In 2002, First Savings Bank reorganized into a two-tier mutual holding company structure, became a stock savings bank and became the wholly-owned subsidiary of First Financial of Renton, Inc. In connection with the conversion, First Savings Bank changed its name to First Savings Bank Northwest.

First Savings Bank is a community-based savings bank primarily serving King and to a lesser extent, Pierce and Snohomish counties, Washington through our full-service banking office and automated teller machine. Our recent business strategy has included an increased emphasis on the expansion of construction/land development and commercial real estate lending. Consistent with this strategy, in December 2005, we completed our acquisition of Executive House, Inc., a mortgage banking company. During 2006 and 2007, we continued to operate Executive House as a separate subsidiary, primarily originating loans on behalf of First Savings Bank. Effective January 1, 2008, the lending operations of Executive House were assumed by First Savings Bank, creating a commercial lending division within First Savings Bank while retaining Executive House's construction/land development and commercial real estate lending emphasis. First Savings Bank's business consists of attracting deposits from the public and utilizing these deposits to originate one-to-four family, multifamily, construction/land development, commercial and consumer loans.

Note 2 – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In our opinion, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") have been included. All significant inter-company balances and transactions among the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated in consolidation. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2008. In preparing the unaudited consolidated financial statements, we are required to make estimates and assumptions that

affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expense. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain amounts in the unaudited consolidated financial statements for prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current unaudited financial statement presentation.

Note 3 – Plan of Reorganization

On November 15, 2006, and as subsequently amended on April 18, 2007, July 18, 2007, and July 31, 2007, the Board of Directors of First Financial Holdings, MHC approved a plan of conversion and reorganization pursuant to which First Financial Holdings, MHC would convert from a mutual holding company to a stock holding company. The conversion to a stock holding company was approved by the depositors and borrowers of First Savings Bank, the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) and the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions and included the filing of a registration statement with

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the Securities and Exchange Commission. Upon the completion of the conversion and reorganization on October 9, 2007, First Financial Holdings, MHC and First Financial of Renton, Inc. ceased to exist as separate legal entities and First Financial Northwest, Inc. became the holding company for First Savings Bank. At the time of the conversion, First Savings Bank of Renton changed its name to First Savings Bank Northwest. First Savings Bank along with First Financial Diversified, Inc. became wholly owned subsidiaries of First Financial Northwest, Inc. On October 9, 2007, the Company also issued and sold shares of capital stock to eligible depositors and borrowers of First Savings Bank.

The gross proceeds of the issuance of capital stock were \$211.6 million. The cost of conversion and the issuance of capital stock was approximately \$4.1 million which was deducted from the proceeds of the offering.

As part of the conversion and reorganization, First Savings Bank elected to be treated as a savings association rather than as a bank for holding company purposes. First Financial Northwest, Inc. is subject to regulation by the OTS. First Savings Bank is also regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions.

Additionally, in accordance with OTS regulations, at the time of the conversion from a mutual holding company to a stock holding company, First Savings Bank substantially restricted its retained earnings by establishing a liquidation account. The liquidation account is maintained for the benefit of eligible account holders and supplemental eligible account holders who continue to maintain their accounts at First Savings Bank subsequent to the conversion. The liquidation account will be reduced annually to the extent that eligible account holders and supplemental eligible account holders have reduced their qualifying deposits. Subsequent increases will not restore an eligible account holder's or supplemental eligible account holder's interest in the liquidation account. In the event of a complete liquidation of First Savings Bank, and only in such event, each account holder will be entitled to receive a distribution from the liquidation account in an amount proportionate to the adjusted qualifying account balances then held. First Savings Bank may not pay dividends if those dividends would reduce equity capital below the required liquidation account amount.

The Board of Directors also approved the establishment of a charitable foundation which was funded with authorized but unissued shares equal to 8% of the common stock outstanding after the offering and the establishment of an ESOP.

Note 4 – Adoption of New Accounting Standards

On February 15, 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities, (SFAS 159), which allows an entity the irrevocable option to elect fair value for the initial and subsequent measurement for certain financial assets and liabilities on a contract-by-contract basis. Subsequent changes in fair value of these financial assets and liabilities would be recognized in earnings when they occur. This statement further establishes certain additional disclosure requirements. The Company elected not to record any of its assets or liabilities at fair value under SFAS 159. The adoption of SFAS 159 on January 1, 2008 did not have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

On September 15, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157). This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly

transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The adoption of SFAS 157 on January 1, 2008 did not have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements. For additional information, see Note 9 – Fair Values of Assets and Liabilities.

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Note 5 – Investment Securities Available for Sale

Investment securities available for sale are summarized as follows:

		March	ı 31,	2008		
		Gross		Gross		
	Amortized	unrealized		unrealized		
	cost	gains		losses		Fair
		C				value
		(Dolla	rs in	thousands)		
Mortgage-backed and						
related investments:						
FNMA certificates	\$ 65,174	\$ 516	\$	153	\$	65,537
FHLMC certificates	46,987	176		147		47,016
GNMA certificates	9,355	108		35		9,428
Tax-exempt municipal bonds	12,726	435		307		12,854
Taxable municipal bonds	1,656	18		2		1,672
U.S. Government agencies	3,926	100		_	_	4,026
Mutual fund (1)	6,189	_	_	234		5,955
	\$ 146,013	\$ 1,353	\$	878	\$	146,488

		Decemb	er 3	1, 2007	
		Gross		Gross	
	Amortized	unrealized		unrealized	
	cost	gains		losses	Fair
					value
		(Dolla	rs in	thousands)	
Mortgage-backed and					
related investments:					
FNMA certificates	\$ 66,594	\$ 73	\$	1,029	\$ 65,638
FHLMC certificates	36,794	34		638	36,190
GNMA certificates	10,116	20		79	10,057
U.S. Government agencies	2,001	3		_	2,004
Mutual fund (1)	6,120	_	_	172	5,948
	\$ 121,625	\$ 130	\$	1,918	\$ 119,837

⁽¹⁾ The fund invests primarily in private label securities backed by or representing an interest in mortgages or domestic residential housing or manufactured housing with additional investments in U.S. Government or agency securities.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of investment and mortgage-backed and related securities available for sale at March 31, 2008, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

	March 3	1, 200)8
	Amortized cost		Fair value
	(Dollars in t	housa	ands)
Due within one year	\$ 7,382	\$	7,162
Due after one year through five years	12,783		13,058
Due after five years through 10 years	43,961		44,319
Due after ten years	81,887		81,949
•	\$ 146,013	\$	146,488

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In January 2008, the Company elected to transfer its entire investments held to maturity portfolio to investments available for sale portfolio. Subsequently, a portion of the tax-exempt municipal bond portfolio was sold. Gross proceeds from the sales were \$62.6 million with gross gains of \$1.4 million and gross losses of \$56,000. There were no sales of investment securities available for sale during the three months ended March 31, 2007.

Note 6 - Loans Receivable, Net

Loans receivable consist of the following:

	March 31,		December		
			31,		
	2008		2007		
	(Dollars in thousan				
One-to-four family residential	\$ 457,064	\$	424,863		
Multifamily residential	78,624		76,039		
Commercial real estate	209,616		204,798		
Construction and land development	278,177		288,378		
Home equity	8,276		6,368		
Savings account loans	116		127		
Other loans	109		177		
	\$ 1,031,982	\$	1,000,750		
Less:					
Loans in process	97,479		108,939		
Deferred loan fees	2,939		3,176		
Allowance for loan losses	7,971		7,971		
	\$ 923,593	\$	880,664		

At March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 there were no loans classified as held for sale.

A summary of changes in the allowance for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 is as follows:

	March 31, 2008		March 31, 2007		
Beginning balance		nds)			
	\$	7,971	\$	1,971	
Provision for loan loss		-		600	
Charge-offs		-		-	
	\$	7,971	\$	2.571	

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A portion of the allowance for loan losses has been allocated to impaired loans at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007. Restructured and impaired loans were as follows:

	March 31,		December 31,		
		2008	2007		
		(Dollars in	thousands)		
Total restructured and	\$	29,867	\$	30,693	
impaired loans					
Undisbursed portion	\$	6,436	\$	7,212	
Amount of the allowance for	\$	4,500	\$	4,500	
loan losses allocated					
Interest income recognized	\$	-	\$	-	
during impairment					
Cash-basis interest income	\$	-	\$	-	
recognized					

During the quarter ended March 31, 2008, the Company restructured the terms of the impaired construction/land development loans to one builder existing at December 31, 2007. At March 31, 2008, the amounts committed to be advanced in connection with the restructured and impaired loans totaled \$6.4 million.

Nonperforming loans were as follows at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007:

	March 31, 2008		December 31	
				2007
		nds)		
Loans past due over 90 days	\$	1,367	\$	1,562
and still accruing				
Nonaccrual loans	\$	29,867	\$	30,693

Forgone interest on nonaccrual loans for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 was \$385,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

Note 7 – Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. ESOP shares not committed to be released are not considered outstanding. The basic EPS calculation excludes the dilutive effect of all common stock equivalents. Diluted earnings per share reflects the

potential dilution that could occur if securities or other commitments to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the components used to compute basic and diluted earnings per share. The Company completed its stock conversion on October 9, 2007, therefore, earnings per share for the comparable period in 2007 is not applicable.

	T	hree Months Ended
		March 31, 2008
Net income	\$	4,472,509
Weighted average common shares outstanding		21,188,368
Basic and diluted earnings per share	\$	0.21

Basic and diluted earnings per share are the same amount at March 31, 2008 as the Company does not have any additional potential dilutive common shares.

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Note 8 – Segment Information

The Company's activities are considered to be a single industry segment for financial reporting purposes. The Company is engaged in the business of attracting deposits from the general public and originating loans for our portfolio in our primary market area. Substantially all income is derived from a diverse base of commercial, mortgage and consumer lending activities and investments.

Note 9 – Fair Values of Assets and Liabilities

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157 which defines fair value, establishes a consistent framework for measuring fair value under GAAP, and expands disclosure requirements about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 among other things requires the Company to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value.

Valuation techniques are based upon observable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's market assumptions. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.
- Level 2 Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable.
 - Level 3 Instruments whose significant value drivers are unobservable.

The table below presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

	Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2008								
	Quoted Prices								
				in	S	ignificant			
			Activ	ve Markets		Other	Si	gnificant	
	Fair Value Measurements		for Identical		Observable		Unobservable		
			Ass	Assets (Level		Inputs (Level		Inputs (Level	
				1)		2)		3)	
				(Dollars in	thou	ısands)			
Available for sale investments	\$	146,488	\$	5,955	\$	140,533	\$	-	
Mortgage servicing rights (included in Prepaid									
expenses and other assets)		1,041		-		-		1,041	
Total	\$	147,529	\$	5,955	\$	140,533	\$	1,041	

The table below presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2008

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			Quoted Prices				
			in	Significant			
			Active Markets	Other	S	Significant	
	Fair Value		Fair Value for Identical		Uı	Unobservable	
			Assets (Level	Inputs (Level	In	puts (Level	
	Measurements		1)	2)	3)		
			(Dollars in	thousands)			
Impaired loans including undisbursed but committed funds							
(included in loans receivable, net)	\$	25,367	\$ -	\$ -	\$	25,367	
Goodwill		14,206	-	-		14,206	
	\$	39,573	\$ -	\$ -	\$	39,573	

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There were no transfers into or out of Level 3 assets.

Investments available for sale consist primarily of mortgage-backed securities, bank qualified tax-exempt bonds, mutual funds and agency securities. The estimated fair value of level one investments, which consist of mutual funds, is based on quoted market prices. The estimated fair value of level two investments is based on quoted prices for similar investments in active markets, identical or similar investments in markets that are not active and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable.

Mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs") are recorded as separate assets through the purchase of the rights or origination of mortgage loans that are sold with servicing rights retained. Originated MSRs are recorded based on quoted market prices, other observable market data, or on the estimated discounted cash flows if observed market prices are not available. MSRs are amortized in proportion to, and over, the estimated period the net servicing income will be collected. Key assumptions included in the model are prepayment and discount rates, estimated costs of servicing, other income, and other expenses. On a regular basis MSRs are evaluated for any changes to the assumptions used in the model. There have been no lower of cost or market adjustments of MSRs because of change in the fair value during first quarter of 2008.

Goodwill represents the costs in excess of net assets acquired arising from the purchase of Executive House, Inc. Goodwill is not amortized but is reviewed for impairment annually unless circumstances arise that management deems it necessary to review on a more frequent basis. There has been no impairment of goodwill during the first quarter of 2008.

Loans are considered impaired when, based upon current information and events, it is probable that we will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal and interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. The fair value of impaired loans is calculated using the collateral value method. Inputs include appraised values, estimates of certain completion costs and closing and selling costs. Some of these inputs may not be observable in the marketplace.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Forward-Looking Statements

"Safe Harbor" statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This Form 10-Q contains certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "should," "planned," "estimated," and "potential." These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, expectations of the business environment in which the Company operates, projections of future performance, perceived opportunities in the market, potential future credit experience, and statements regarding the Company's strategies. These forward-looking statements are based upon current management expectations and may, therefore, involve risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results, performance, or achievements may differ materially from those suggested, expressed, or implied by forward-looking statements as a result of a wide variety or range of factors including, but not limited to: interest rate fluctuations; economic conditions in the Company's primary market area; deposit flows; demand for residential, construction/land development, commercial real estate, consumer, and other types of loans; our ability to manage our growth, levels of our non-performing assets and other loans of concern; real estate values; success of new products; competitive conditions between banks and non-bank financial service providers; regulatory and accounting changes; success of new technology; technological factors affecting operations; costs of technology; pricing of products and services; and other risks detailed from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any of the forward-looking statements that we make in this Form 10-Q and in the other public statements we make may turn out to be wrong because of the inaccurate assumptions we might make, because of the factors illustrated above or because of other factors that we cannot foresee. Because of these and other uncertainties, our actual future results may be materially different from those expressed in any forward looking statements made by or on behalf of the Company. Therefore, these factors should be considered in evaluating the forward-looking statements, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. The Company undertakes no responsibility to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

Overview

First Savings Bank is a community-based savings bank primarily serving King and to a lesser extent, Pierce and Snohomish counties, Washington through our full-service banking office and automated teller machine. We are in the business of attracting deposits from the public through our office and utilizing those deposits to originate loans. Historically, we have been a traditional fixed-rate portfolio lender originating residential home loans. Our business strategy centers on the continued transition to commercial banking activities in order to expand our net interest margin. Since December 31, 2003 we have significantly increased the amount of our construction/land development loans while reducing our one-to-four family residential loans. At March 31, 2008 our construction/land development loans totaled \$278.2 million or 27.0% of our gross loan portfolio, substantially all which are short-term adjustable-rate loans. In contrast, our residential mortgage loans, commercial real estate and multifamily loans are generally long-term fixed-rate loans. We have not actively participated in traditional one-to-four family adjustable-rate mortgages, which comprises less than one percent of our total loan portfolio. Included in this portfolio are construction permanent loans which adjust based on prime during the construction phase but convert to a fixed-rate loan upon completion, along with a limited number of seasoned residential loans. We consider this an insignificant portion of our loan portfolio and do not promote this type of loan product, nor do we offer teaser rates or subprime lending. Our loss history for this type of lending has been immaterial.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2008, our total gross loan portfolio increased \$31.2 million or 3.1% from December 31, 2007. Our one-to-four family residential loans increased \$32.2 million or 7.6% from December 31, 2007; multifamily and commercial real estate increased \$2.6 million and \$4.8 million or 3.4% and 2.4%, respectively

from December 31, 2007. Consumer loans increased \$1.8 million or 27.4%. These increases were offset by a decrease in construction and land development loans of \$10.2 million or 3.5% from December 31, 2007.

Our primary source of pre-tax income is net interest income. Net interest income is the difference between interest income, which is the income that we earn on our loans and investments, and interest expense, which is the interest that we pay on our deposits and borrowings. Changes in levels of interest rates affect our net interest income. To offset the impact of the interest rate environment, we continue to seek means of increasing interest income while controlling expenses. Consistent with this strategy, we are working to further reduce the percentage of our assets that are lower-yielding residential loans and mortgage-backed securities and to increase the percentage of our assets consisting of construction/land development loans, commercial real estate and multifamily loans that have higher risk-adjusted returns. Although historically our loan losses have been low, during 2007 we increased our allowance for loan losses by \$6.0 million primarily due to impaired loans in our

residential construction loan portfolio related to a specific borrowing relationship and the change in the mix of the loan portfolio.

Our operating expenses consist primarily of compensation and benefits, occupancy and equipment, data processing, marketing, postage and supplies, professional services and deposit insurance premiums. Compensation and benefits consist primarily of the salaries and wages paid to our employees, payroll taxes and expenses for retirement and other employee benefits. Occupancy and equipment expenses, which are the fixed and variable costs of building and equipment, consist primarily of real estate taxes, depreciation charges, maintenance and costs of utilities.

Critical Accounting Policies

Critical accounting policies are those that involve significant judgments and assumptions by management and that have, or could have, a material impact on our income or the carrying value of our assets. Our critical accounting policy is related to our allowance for loan losses.

Allowance for Loan Losses. Management recognizes that loan losses may occur over the life of a loan and that the allowance for loan losses must be maintained at a level necessary to absorb specific losses on impaired loans and probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio. Management considers factors such as charge-off history, the economy, the regulatory environment, competition, geographic and loan type concentrations, policy and underwriting standards, nature and volume of the loan portfolio, managements experience level, the Company's loan review system and the value of underlying collateral in assessing the allowance for loan losses. Our methodology for analyzing the allowance for loan losses consists of two components: formulas and specific allowances. The formula allowance is determined by applying an estimated loss percentage, derived from the factors discussed previously, to the various types of loans. The specific allowance component is created when management believes that the collectibility of a specific loan, such as a real estate, multifamily or a commercial real estate loan, has been impaired and a loss is probable.

Our Asset Liability Management Committee reviews the allowance for loan losses on a quarterly basis and approves the provision. The allowance is increased by the provision for loan losses, which is charged against current period earnings and decreased by the amount of actual loan charge-offs, net of recoveries.

We believe that the accounting estimate related to the allowance for loan losses is a critical accounting estimate because it is highly susceptible to change from period to period requiring management to make assumptions about losses inherent in the loan portfolio; and the impact of a sudden large loss could deplete the allowance and potentially require increased provisions to replenish the allowance, which would negatively affect earnings.

Comparison of Financial Condition at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007

General. Our total assets increased \$62.1 million, or 5.4% to \$1.2 billion at March 31, 2008 from \$1.1 billion at December 31, 2007. The asset growth resulted primarily from increases in loans receivable, net of \$42.9 million. Interest bearing deposits increased \$71.6 million primarily as a result of funds received related to the net decrease in the investments available for sale and investments held to maturity portfolios of \$53.8 million. Total liabilities increased \$55.9 million to \$887.5 million at March 31, 2007 from \$831.6 million at December 31, 2007 primarily as a result of increases in deposits and advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank. Stockholders' equity increased \$6.1 million, primarily due to \$4.5 million in net income for the quarter.

Assets. Total assets increased \$62.1 million or 5.4% during the three months ended March 31, 2008. The following table details the changes in the composition of our assets at March 31, 2008 from December 31, 2007.

	Balance at	Increase/(Decrease) from	Percentage					
	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007	Increase/(Decrease)					
(Dollars in thousands)								
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 6,718	\$ 3,043	82.80 %					
Interest-bearing deposits	72,434	71,647	9,103.81					
Federal Funds sold	6,055	(1,060)	(14.90)					
Investments available for sale	146,488	26,651	22.24					
Investments held to maturity	-	(80,410)	(100.00)					
Loans receivable,	923,593	42,929	4.87					
Premises and equipment, net Federal Home	13,156	(183)	(1.37)					
Loan Bank	4.950	179	3.83					
stock, at cost Accrued interest receivable	4,850 4,915	(279)	(5.37)					
Deferred tax assets, net	6,146	(947)	(13.35)					
Goodwill	14,206	-	-					
Prepaid expenses and other assets	4,397	500	12.83					
Total assets	\$ 1,202,958	\$ 62,070	5.44 %					

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$73.6 million from December 31, 2007; this increase was primarily due to the proceeds derived from the sale of tax-exempt investments of \$62.6 million during the quarter. The liquidity generated from the sale will be used to fund loan growth and investment purchases.

Loans receivable net increased \$42.9 million to \$923.6 million at March 31, 2008 from \$880.7 million at December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily due to origination of \$40.7 million in one-to-four-family mortgage loans, \$8.7 million and \$4.4 million in commercial real estate and multifamily mortgages, respectively, \$9.9 million in construction/land development loans and \$2.4 million in consumer loans. The loan growth during the three months ended March 31, 2008 was partially offset by \$34.3 million in principal repayments during the quarter.

The combined portfolios of investments available for sale and investments held to maturity decreased \$53.8 million or 26.8% to \$146.5 million at March 31, 2008 from \$200.2 million at December 31, 2007. In January 2008, the Company elected to transfer its entire investments held to maturity portfolio to investments available for sale

portfolio. Subsequently, a portion of the tax-exempt municipal bond portfolio was sold. Gross proceeds from the sales were \$62.6 million with gross gains of \$1.4 million and gross losses of \$56,000.

Deposits. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, deposits increased \$35.8 million to \$765.3 million. The increase in deposits was the result of the current interest rate environment with customers "locking-in" to a fixed term, fixed rate deposit product and a result of our practice of competitively pricing our deposit products. Increases in certificate accounts of \$64.1 million and noninterest-bearing accounts of \$760,000 were partially offset by decreases in NOW accounts of \$2.0 million, savings accounts of \$361,000 and money market accounts of \$26.7 million.

Advances. Total advances at March 31, 2008 were \$110.0 million, an increase of \$14.0 million or 14.6% from December 31, 2007. During the quarter, we converted our adjustable-rate advances to fixed-rate advances and at the same time extended by two to three years the maturity dates. We took this action to lock-in favorable interest rates to fund future loan production.

Equity. Total equity increased \$6.1 million, or 2.0% to \$315.4 million at March 31, 2008 from \$309.3 million at December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily a result of \$4.5 million in net income for the three month period ended March 31, 2008, and an increase of \$1.5 million in unrealized income on investment securities available for sale, net of tax.

Comparison of Operating Results for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007

General. Our net income for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was \$4.5 million, an increase of \$2.7 million from the comparable quarter in the prior year. The increase in net income was the result of a \$4.1 million increase in net interest income after provision for loan losses, an increase in noninterest income of \$1.3 million, an increase in noninterest expense of \$1.1 million and an increase of \$1.6 million in federal income tax expenses.

Net Interest Income. Our net interest income increased \$3.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 to \$8.2 million, compared to \$4.7 million for the comparable quarter in the prior year. Average total interest-earning assets increased \$153.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 from \$974.6 million for the same quarter in 2007, while average total interest-bearing liabilities decreased \$57.6 million from the three months ended March 31, 2007. During the same period our yield on interest-earning assets decreased 23 basis points while our cost on interest-bearing liabilities decreased 46 basis points increasing our interest rate spread for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 by 23 basis points to 1.83% from 1.60% during the same quarter in 2007.

Interest Income. Total interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2008 increased \$1.8 million to \$17.3 million from the quarter ended March 31, 2007. The following table compares detailed average interest-earning asset balances, associated yields and resulting changes in interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007:

		Thr	ee Mo	nths Ended Ma	rch 31,		
	200	8		200	7	(Decr	rease/ ease) in est and
	Average			Average		Div	idend
	Balance	Yield		Balance	Yield	Income	
			(Dollar	rs in thousands)		
Loans receivable, net \$	900,245	6.70%	\$	724,571	7.01%	\$	2,370
Investments available for sale	152,294	4.34		144,002	4.46		49
Investments held to maturity Federal funds sold and	-	-		86,717	4.41		(955)
interest-bearing	70.065	2.02		14667	5.75		225
deposits	70,965	3.02		14,667	5.75		325
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	4,834	0.91		4,671	0.43		6
Total interest-earning \$ assets	1,128,338	6.12%	\$	974,628	6.35%	\$	1,795

Interest income from loans increased \$2.4 million during the first quarter of 2008 as compared to the same quarter in 2007 principally as a result of the net increase in our loan portfolio. Average net loans receivable at March 31, 2008 totaled \$900.2 million as compared to \$724.6 million one year earlier. In January 2008, we also sold a portion of our tax-exempt investment portfolio, that had been transferred from our held to maturity portfolio, which generated \$62.6 million in gross proceeds and contributed to the decline in interest income from investments held to maturity as well as contributed to the increase in interest income from federal funds sold and interest-bearing deposits. We intend to continue to utilize excess liquidity to fund loan growth and purchase investments. In addition, the yield on interest-earning assets declined 23 basis points to 6.12% for the three months ended March 31, 2008, from 6.35% for

the comparable period in 2007. The decrease was due to the general decline in interest rates between the periods.

Interest Expense. Total interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was \$9.1 million, a decrease of \$1.7 million from the quarter ended March 31, 2007. The following table details average balances, cost of funds and the resulting decrease in interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007:

		200		e Mont	hs Ended Ma 200	Increase /		
	Average Balance		Average Cost Balance Cost				(Decrease) in Interest Expense	
				(Doll	lars in thousa	ands)		•
NOW accounts	\$	11,723	0.68%	\$	14,322	0.45%	\$	4
Statement savings accounts		11,248	1.74		14,009	1.74		(12)
Money market accounts		145,620	2.29		202,297	4.41		(1,396)
Certificates of deposit		571,980	5.02		524,226	4.89		775
Advances from the Federal		108,923	3.78		152,231	5.43		(1,037)
Home Loan Bank								
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$	849,494	4.29%	\$	907,085	4.75%	\$	(1,666)

The average balance of total deposit interest-bearing liabilities decreased to \$740.6 million at March 31, 2008 compared to \$754.9 million at March 31, 2007. As a result, deposit interest expense decreased \$629,000 as compared to the first quarter of 2007. The average balance of NOW accounts decreased \$2.6 million compared to March 31, 2007. The average balance of certificates of deposit increased \$47.8 million compared to the same period last year. The average cost of certificates of deposit increased 13 basis points. The growth in our certificates of deposit was the result of higher interest rates offered relative to other investment products in the current interest rate environment. The average balance of advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank decreased \$43.3 million at March 31, 2008 compared to March 31, 2007, the average cost of advances decreased 165 basis points and the related interest expense decreased \$1.0 million. Our advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank decreased because we utilized a portion of the funds received from our stock offering to repay higher rate advances.

Provision for Loan Losses. We establish provisions for loan losses, which are charged to operations, at a level necessary to absorb known and inherent losses that are both probable and reasonably estimable at the date of the financial statements. In evaluating the level of the allowance for loan losses management considers historical loss experience, the types of loans and the amount of loans in the loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrowers ability to repay, the estimated value of any underlying collateral, peer group information, and prevailing economic conditions. This evaluation is inherently subjective, as it requires estimates that are susceptible to significant revision as more information becomes available or as future events differ from predictions.

Our methodology in assessing the allowance for loan losses places greater emphasis on factors such as charge-off history, the economy, the regulatory environment, competition, geographic and loan type concentrations, policy and underwriting standards, nature and volume of the loan portfolio, management experience levels, the Company's loan review system and the value of underlying collateral. The allowance for loan losses was \$8.0 million or 0.77% of total loans outstanding at March 31, 2008 as compared to \$2.6 million or 0.32% of total loans outstanding at March 31, 2007. The level of the allowance is based on estimates, and the ultimate losses may vary from these estimates.

No provision for loan loss was recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2008. The comparable provision for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2007 totaled \$600,000. As of March 31, 2008 nonperforming loans totaled \$31.2 million as compared to \$32.3 million at December 31, 2007. Of our nonperforming assets, \$29.9 million represent loans to one builder for projects secured by real estate in King, Pierce and Thurston counties. These loans are to a builder of entry level homes, whose sales have been impacted by the current credit tightening as first time home purchasers generally have lower credit scores and a minimal amount of equity to finance the purchase. During the first quarter of 2008 the decision was made to change some of the terms of the impaired loans thus causing them to be classified as restructured.

Although we believe that we used the best information available to establish the allowance for loan losses, future additions to the allowance may be necessary based on estimates that are susceptible to change as a result of changes in economic conditions and other factors.

We believe that the allowance for loan losses as of March 31, 2008 was adequate to absorb the known and inherent risks of loss in the loan portfolio at that date. While we believe the estimates and assumptions used in our determination of the adequacy of the allowance are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such estimates and assumptions will not be proven incorrect in the future, or that the actual amount of future provisions will not exceed the amount of past provisions or that any increased provisions that may be required will not adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations. Future additions to the allowance may become necessary based upon changing economic conditions, increased loan balances, or changes in the underlying collateral of the loan portfolio. In addition, the determination of the amount of First Savings Bank's allowance for loan losses is subject to review by bank regulators as part of the routine examination process, which may result in the establishment of additional reserves based upon their judgment of information available to them at the time of their examination.

		At or For the Ended M	,	
		2008		2007
		(Dollars in	thousar	nds)
Provision for loan losses	\$	-	\$	600
Net charge-offs		-		-
Allowances for loan losses	\$	7,971	\$	2,571
Allowance for losses as a				
percent of total loans				
outstanding at the end of the		0.77%		0.32%
period				
Allowance for loan losses as a				
percent of				
nonperforming loans at the		25.52%		914.95%
end of the period				
Total nonaccrual and 90 days	or\$	31,235	\$	281
more past due loans				
Nonaccrual and 90 days or				
more past due loans as a				
percent of total loans		3.03%		0.03%
Total loans receivable	\$	1,031,982	\$	803,283
Total loans originated	\$	66,061	\$	86,150

Noninterest Income. Noninterest income increased \$1.3 million to \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 from the comparable quarter in 2007. The following table provides a detailed analysis of the changes in the components of noninterest income:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008		rease/(Decrease) from March 31, 2007 Ilars in thousands)	Percentage Increase/(Decrease)	
Service fees on deposit accounts	\$ 17	\$	2	13.33	%
Loan service fees	2		(58)	(96.67)	
Gain on sale of investments	1,373		1,373	100.00	

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Mortgage servicing rights,	(58)	25	30.12	
net				
Other	29	(9)	(23.68)	
Total noninterest income	\$ 1,363	\$ 1,333	4,443.33	%

The increase in noninterest income was primarily due to a \$1.4 million gain on the sales of securities as the Company enhanced its ability to use a portion of the contribution deduction carryforward generated by the formation of the First Financial Northwest Foundation.

Noninterest Expense. Noninterest expense increased \$1.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2008 to \$2.9 million, compared to \$1.8 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2007. The following table provides the detail of the changes in noninterest expense:

	End	Months ded h 31,	e/(Decrease) from	Percentage		
	2008		h 31, 2007 ars in thousands	Increase/(Decrease)		
Compensation and			\$ 789	81.17%		
benefits	\$	1,761				
Occupancy and equipment		294	46	18.55		
Data processing		113	(24)	(17.52)		
Professional fees		295	166	128.68		
Marketing		46	(6)	(11.54)		
Office supplies and			(18)	(35.29)		
postage		33				
Regulatory fees and						
deposit						
insurance premiums		39	1	2.63		
Bank and ATM charges		45	3	7.14		
Other		260	105	67.74		
Total noninterest expense	\$	2,886	\$ 1,062	58.22%		

Major components of the increase in noninterest expense include:

Compensation and benefits increased \$789,000 as a result of our increasing staffing levels to 80 employees from the 69 that were employed by us at March 31, 2007 and the related employee benefits, inclusive of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) expense. We also intend to adopt at our Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 23, 2008, subject to approval by shareholders, a restricted stock plan and a stock option plan. The implementation of these plans will increase our compensation and benefits expense. The effect of the restricted stock plan will be equal to the current market price of the shares being awarded to the employees receiving the shares recognized as compensation expense over the vesting period of the shares. We will account for stock option awards issued to employees under Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 123R, which requires recognition of compensation expense based on the fair value of the award at the measurement date, which is generally the date of grant. Assuming the market price of the common stock is \$10.00 per share; all options are granted with an exercise price of \$10.00 per share and have a term of 10 years; the dividend yield on the stock is zero; the risk free interest rate is 4.90%; and the volatility rate on the common stock is 11.75%, the estimated grant-date fair value of the options utilizing a Black-Scholes option pricing analysis is \$3.87 per option granted. Assuming this value is amortized over the five year vesting period, the corresponding quarterly pre-tax expense associated with the stock option plan would be approximately \$450,000. In addition, our stock-based incentive plan would award approximately 915,000 shares to eligible participants, which would be expensed as the awards vest. Assuming that all shares are awarded at a price of \$10.00 per share, and that the awards vest over a five year period, the corresponding annual pre-tax expense would also be approximately \$450,000.

Professional fees increased \$166,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 from the comparable quarter in 2007 primarily as a result of the legal and accounting fees associated with operating a public company. We anticipate that the costs incurred by us to comply with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 will increase going forward.

Federal Income Tax Expense. Federal income tax expense increased \$1.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008 to \$2.2 million from \$548,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2007. The effective federal income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was 32.63% as compared to 23.76% for the three months ended March 31, 2007. The increase in the effective tax rate is a result of an increase in taxable earnings combined with a decrease in tax exempt income for the period. There is no State of Washington income tax.

Liquidity

We are required to have enough cash flow in order to maintain sufficient liquidity to ensure a safe and sound operation. Historically, we have maintained cash flow above the minimum level believed to be adequate to meet the requirements of normal operations, including potential deposit outflows. On a weekly basis, we review and update cash flow projections to ensure that adequate liquidity is maintained. See the "Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows" contained in Item 1 – Financial Statements, included herein.

Our primary sources of funds are from customer deposits, loan repayments, maturing investment securities and advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle. These funds, together with equity, are used to make loans, acquire investment securities and other assets, and fund continuing operations. While maturities and the scheduled amortization of loans are a predictable source of funds, deposit flows and mortgage prepayments are greatly influenced by the level of interest rates, economic conditions and competition. At March 31, 2008, certificates of deposit scheduled to mature in one year or less totaled \$411.6 million. Historically, we have been able to retain a significant amount of the deposits as they mature. We believe that our current liquidity position and our forecasted operating results are sufficient to fund all of our existing commitments.

While our primary source of funds is our deposits, when deposits are not available to provide the funds for our assets, we use alternative funding sources. These sources include, but are not limited to: cash management from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, wholesale funding, brokered deposits, federal funds purchased and dealer repurchase agreements, as well as other short-term alternatives. At March 31, 2008, First Savings Bank maintained credit facilities with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle for \$397.5 million with an outstanding balance of \$110.0 million. In addition, First Savings Bank has a line of credit of \$10.0 million with another financial institution which could be used for liquidity. Alternatively, we could liquidate assets to meet our liquidity needs.

Commitments and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We are a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of our customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and the unused portions of lines of credit. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated statements of financial condition. Commitments to extend credit and lines of credit are not recorded as an asset or liability by us until the instrument is exercised. At March 31, 2008, we had no commitments to originate loans for sale.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the loan agreement. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. We evaluate each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of the collateral obtained, if deemed necessary, varies, but may include real estate and income-producing commercial properties. At March 31, 2008, commitments to originate loans, commitments under unused lines of credit, and undisbursed portions of construction loans in process, for which we were obligated, were \$12.6 million, \$3.7 million and \$97.5 million, respectively.

We are from time to time involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. There are currently no matters that in the opinion of management would have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operation, or liquidity.

Among our contingent liabilities are exposures to limited recourse arrangements with respect to sales of whole loans and participation interests.

We anticipate that we will continue to have sufficient funds and alternative funding sources to meet our current commitments.

The following tables summarize our outstanding commitments to originate loans and to advance additional amounts related to lines of credit and construction loans at March 31, 2008.

				Amount of 0	Con	nmitment Exp	pira	tion - Per			
						Period					
						After		After			
						One		Three			
	Total					Through Three		Through Five		After Five	
	Amounts Committed		Through								
				One Year		Years		Years		Years	
					(Dollars in thousands)						
Commitments to originate loans	\$	12,604	\$	12,604	\$	-	\$	- \$	\$	-	
Unused portion of lines of credit		3,734		-		-		-		3,734	
Undisbursed portion of construction											
loans in process		97,479		74,335		15,512		7,232		400	
Total commitments	\$	113,817	\$	86,939	\$	15,512	\$	7,232	\$	4,134	

Capital

Consistent with our goal to operate a sound and profitable financial organization, we actively seek to maintain a "well capitalized" institution in accordance with regulatory standards. As of March 31, 2008 First Savings Bank exceeded all regulatory capital requirements. Regulatory capital ratios for First Savings Bank were as follows as of March 31, 2008: Tier 1 capital 16.35%; Tier 1 (core) risk-based capital 24.94%; and total risk based capital 25.98%. The regulatory capital requirements to be considered well capitalized are 5%, 6% and 10%, respectively.

At March 31, 2008, shareholders' equity totaled \$315.4 million, or 26.2% of total assets. Our book value per share of common stock was \$13.80 as of March 31, 2008, as compared to \$13.53 as of December 31, 2007.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our primary source of income is net interest income, which is the difference between interest earned on loans and investments and the interest paid on deposits and borrowings. Like other financial institutions, we are subject to interest rate risk and expect periodic imbalances in the interest rate sensitivities of our assets and liabilities. Over any defined period of time, our interest-earning assets may be more sensitive to changes in market interest rates than our interest-bearing liabilities, or vice versa. We principally manage interest rate risk by managing our volume and mix of our earning assets and funding liabilities.

The following table illustrates the change in the net portfolio value at March 31, 2008 that would occur in the event of an immediate change in interest rates equally across all maturities. This modeling is performed quarterly and is predicated upon a stable balance sheet, with no growth or change in asset or liability mix. Additionally, no consideration is given to any steps that we might take to counter the effect of that interest movement. Although the net portfolio value measurement provides an indication of First Savings Bank's interest rate risk exposure at a particular point in time, such measurement is not intended to and does not provide, a precise forecast of the effect of changes in market interest rates on First Savings Bank's net interest income and will differ from actual results.

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	Net Portfolio as % of									
Basis Point		Net	Portf	folio Value (1)	Portfolio Valu	Market Value			
Change in	Ar	nount	\$ C	hange (2)	% Change	NPV Ratio	% Change (4)	of Assets (5)		
Rates						(3)				
	(Dollars in thousands)									
300	\$	251,715	\$	(55,662)	(18.11)%	22.55%	(4.62)%	\$ 1,116,148		
200	\$	269,066	\$	(38,311)	(12.46)	23.52	(3.18)	\$ 1,144,210		
100	\$	287,933	\$	(19,444)	(6.33)	24.52	(1.61)	\$ 1,174,090		
0	\$	307,377	\$	-	-	25.51	-	\$ 1,204,880		
(100)	\$	320,956	\$	13,579	4.42					