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FORM S-4
REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

PENNS WOODS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of

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23-2226454

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incorporation or organization)

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)
300 Market Street

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Williamsport, PA 17703-0967

(570) 320-2021

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement becomes effective and upon completion of the merger described in the enclosed document.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box.

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2)	Amount of registration fee (2)
Common Stock, par value \$8.33 per share	1,051,177	N/A	\$ 44,359,669	\$ 6,050.66

- (1) Based on the number of maximum number of shares of common stock of Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc. that may be issued in connection with the proposed merger of Luzerne National Bank Corp. with and into Penns Woods calculated by multiplying (i) 676,694 shares of Luzerne National Bank Corp. common stock issued and outstanding, which is the maximum number of shares that may be exchanged for the shares being registered by this registration statement, by (ii) the exchange ratio under the merger agreement of 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock per share of Luzerne common stock.
- (2) Computed in accordance with Rule 457(f)(2), based on (i) the book value of Luzerne computed as of September 30, 2012 of \$42.20 and (ii) 676,694 shares of Luzerne common stock outstanding to be exchanged in the merger for common stock of the registrant. Solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee, the proposed maximum aggregate offering price is equal to the aggregate value of the maximum number of shares of Luzerne common stock that may be exchanged in connection with the merger. Calculated pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Securities Act at a rate equal to \$136.40 per \$1,000,000 of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell the securities offered by this joint proxy statement/prospectus until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This joint proxy statement/prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction where an offer or solicitation is not permitted.

PRELIMINARY SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2013

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Proxy Statement/Prospectus

Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc.

[LOGO LUZERNE]

Proxy Statement

Luzerne National Bank Corporation

MERGER PROPOSED YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT

On October 18, 2012, Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc., or Penns Woods, and Luzerne National Bank Corporation, or Luzerne, entered into a merger agreement that provides for the combination of the two companies. Under the merger agreement, Luzerne will merge with and into Penns Woods, with Penns Woods remaining as the surviving entity, and the separate corporate existence of Luzerne will cease. Before we complete the merger, the shareholders of Penns Woods and Luzerne must adopt the merger agreement. Penns Woods shareholders will vote to adopt the merger agreement and on the other matters described below at a special meeting of shareholders to be held on [], 2013. Luzerne shareholders will vote to adopt the merger agreement and on the other matters described below at a special meeting of shareholders to be held on [], 2013.

If the merger is completed, Luzerne shareholders will be entitled to elect to receive, for each share of Luzerne common stock, subject to the election and adjustment procedures described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock, \$61.86 in cash or a combination of both. The federal income tax consequences of the merger to Luzerne shareholders will depend on whether cash, including cash for fractional Penns Woods shares, Penns Woods common stock, or a combination of cash and Penns Woods common stock is received in exchange for shares of Luzerne common stock.

Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, at least 90% of the total number of shares of Luzerne common stock to be converted in the merger will be converted into Penns Woods common stock, and the remaining outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock (excluding the shares of Luzerne common stock to be cancelled) will be converted into cash consideration. As a result, if more Luzerne shareholders make valid elections to receive either Penns Woods common stock or cash than is available as merger consideration under the merger agreement, those Luzerne shareholders electing the over-subscribed form of consideration may have the over-subscribed consideration proportionately reduced and substituted with consideration in the other form, despite their election.

The Penns Woods board of directors has determined that the combination of Penns Woods and Luzerne is advisable and in the best interests of Penns Woods based upon its analysis, investigation and deliberation, and the Penns Woods board of directors unanimously recommends that the Penns Woods shareholders vote FOR the adoption of the merger agreement and FOR the approval of the other proposals described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

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The Luzerne board of directors has determined that the combination of Luzerne and Penns Woods is advisable and in the best interests of Luzerne based upon its analysis, investigation and deliberation, and the Luzerne board of directors unanimously recommends that the Luzerne shareholders vote FOR the adoption of the merger agreement and FOR the approval of the other proposals described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Penns Woods common stock is listed on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol PWOD. Luzerne's common stock is traded on the OTCQB market under the symbol LUZR.

You should read this entire joint proxy statement/prospectus, including the annexes hereto and the documents incorporated by reference herein, carefully because it contains important information about the merger and the related transactions. **In particular, you should read carefully the information under the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 31.** You can also obtain information about Penns Woods from documents that it has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The shares of Penns Woods common stock to be issued to Luzerne shareholders in the merger are not deposits or savings accounts or other obligations of any bank or savings association, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved the merger described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus or the Penns Woods common stock to be issued in the merger, or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus is [], 2013, and it is first being mailed or otherwise delivered to shareholders on or about [], 2013.

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PENNS WOODS BANCORP, INC.

300 MARKET STREET

WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA 17703-0967

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON [], [], 2013

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF PENNS WOODS BANCORP, INC.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of shareholders of Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc., or Penns Woods, will be held at [], local time, on [], 2013, at [], to consider and vote upon the following proposals:

1. adoption of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated October 18, 2012, by and between Penns Woods and Luzerne National Bank Corporation, or Luzerne, which provides for, among other things, the merger of Luzerne with and into Penns Woods;
2. approval of a proposal to authorize the board of directors to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies, in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the proposal to approve the merger agreement; and
3. transaction of any such other business as may properly be presented at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

All of these items, including the proposal to approve the merger agreement and the merger, are described in more detail in the accompanying joint proxy statement/prospectus and its appendices. You should read these documents in their entirety before voting. We have fixed [], 2013 as the record date for determining those Penns Woods shareholders entitled to vote at the special meeting. Accordingly, only shareholders of record at the close of business on that date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. A list of such shareholders will be available for inspection at the special meeting and for ten days prior to the meeting at Penns Woods headquarters located at 300 Market Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17703-0967, during normal business hours.

Your board of directors has unanimously determined that the proposed merger is advisable and in the best interests of Penns Woods and unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** the proposal to adopt the merger agreement. Your board of directors also recommends that you vote **FOR** proposal 2 listed above. In accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, each director and executive officer of Penns Woods has executed a letter agreement in favor of Luzerne pursuant to which he or she has agreed to vote all shares of Penns Woods common stock owned by him or her in favor of adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

We urge you to vote as soon as possible so that your shares will be represented.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Brian L. Knepp

Corporate Secretary
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

[], 2013

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please complete, sign, date and return your proxy card or voting instruction card in the enclosed envelope promptly. For many shareholders, you may vote your shares by following the instructions included with your proxy card or voting instruction card. If you later decide to attend the meeting, you can, if you wish, revoke the proxy and vote in person.

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LUZERNE NATIONAL BANK CORPORATION

118 MAIN STREET

LUZERNE, PENNSYLVANIA 18709

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON [], [], 2013

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF LUZERNE NATIONAL BANK CORPORATION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of shareholders of Luzerne National Bank Corporation, or Luzerne, will be held at [], local time, on [], 2013, at [], to consider and vote upon the following proposals:

1. adoption of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated October 18, 2012, by and between Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc., or Penns Woods, and Luzerne, which provides for, among other things, the merger of Luzerne with and into Penns Woods;
2. approval of a proposal to authorize the board of directors to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies, in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the proposal to approve the merger agreement;
3. approval of a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation payable to the named executive officers of Luzerne in connection with the merger; and
4. transaction of any such other business as may properly be presented at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

All of these items, including the proposal to approve the merger agreement and the merger, are described in more detail in the accompanying joint proxy statement/prospectus and its appendices. You should read these documents in their entirety before voting. We have fixed [], 2013 as the record date for determining those Luzerne shareholders entitled to vote at the special meeting. Accordingly, only shareholders of record at the close of business on that date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. A list of such shareholders will be available for inspection at the special meeting and for ten days prior to the meeting at Luzerne's headquarters located at 118 Main Street, Luzerne, PA 18709, during normal business hours.

Your board of directors has unanimously determined that the proposed merger is advisable and in the best interests of Luzerne and unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the proposal to adopt the merger agreement. Your board of directors also recommends that you vote FOR proposal 2 and proposal 3 listed above. In accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, each director, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and President of Luzerne has executed a letter agreement in favor of Penns Woods pursuant to which he or she has agreed to vote all shares of Luzerne common stock owned by him or her in favor of adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

We urge you to vote as soon as possible so that your shares will be represented.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Thomas Guido

Corporate Secretary
Luzerne, Pennsylvania

[], 2013

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please complete, sign, date and return your proxy card or voting instruction card in the enclosed envelope promptly. For many shareholders, you may vote your shares by following the instructions included with your proxy card or voting instruction card. If you later decide to attend the meeting, you can, if you wish, revoke the proxy and vote in person.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Penns Woods files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other business and financial information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). You may read and copy any materials that Penns Woods files with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. Please call the SEC at (800) SEC-0330 ((800) 732-0330) for further information on the public reference room. In addition, Penns Woods files reports and other business and financial information with the SEC electronically, and the SEC maintains a website located at <http://www.sec.gov> containing this information. You will also be able to obtain these documents, free of charge, from Penns Woods at www.jssb.com under the "Investor Relations" link and then under the heading "SEC Filings".

Penns Woods has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 of which this document forms a part. As permitted by SEC rules, this document does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement or in the exhibits or schedules to the registration statement. You may read and copy the registration statement, including any amendments, schedules and exhibits at the addresses set forth below. Statements contained in this document as to the contents of any contract or other documents referred to in this document are not necessarily complete. In each case, you should refer to the copy of the applicable contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement. This document incorporates by reference documents that Penns Woods has previously filed with the SEC. They contain important information about the company and its financial condition. See *Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference* on page 178. These documents are available without charge to you upon written or oral request to Penns Woods' principal executive offices. The address and telephone number is listed below.

Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc. 300 Market Street Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17703-0967 Attention: Kimberly R. Yale (570) 322-1111

To obtain timely delivery of these documents, you must request the information no later than [], 2013 in order to receive them before Penns Woods' special meeting of shareholders and no later than [], 2013 in order to receive them before Luzerne's special meeting of shareholders.

Penns Woods common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "PWOD," and Luzerne common stock is traded on the OTCQB under the symbol "LUZR."

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER AND THE SPECIAL MEETINGS

The following questions and answers briefly address some commonly asked questions about the merger (as defined below) and the shareholders meetings. They may not include all the information that is important to the shareholders of Penns Woods and of Luzerne. Shareholders of Penns Woods and of Luzerne should each read carefully this entire joint proxy statement/prospectus, including the annexes and other documents referred to in this document.

Questions about the Merger

Q: What is the merger?

A: Penns Woods and Luzerne have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated October 18, 2012, which is referred to as the merger agreement. A copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A to, and is incorporated by reference in, this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The merger agreement contains the terms and conditions of the proposed business combination of Penns Woods and Luzerne. Under the merger agreement, Luzerne will merge with and into Penns Woods, with Penns Woods remaining as the surviving entity, and the separate corporate existence of Luzerne will cease. We refer to this transaction as the merger.

Following the completion of the merger, the merger agreement provides that Penns Woods will continue to operate Luzerne Bank as a separate banking subsidiary of Penns Woods under the name Luzerne Bank, consistent with Penn Woods overall business strategies and operating policies as such strategies and policies may develop from time to time. Penns Woods will have the right to terminate its obligation to operate Luzerne Bank as a separate operating subsidiary of Penns Woods if Luzerne Bank fails to satisfy certain performance metrics for any two consecutive years beginning after January 1, 2015 or as a result of applicable regulatory requirements, safe and sound banking practices as communicated by a banking regulator, or the exercise by Penns Woods directors of their fiduciary duties. For further discussion on the operation of Luzerne Bank as a separate operating subsidiary of Penns Woods following completion of the merger, see *The Merger Agreement Luzerne Bank Post-Closing Operation*.

Q: Why am I receiving these materials?

A: This document constitutes both a joint proxy statement of Penns Woods and Luzerne and a prospectus of Penns Woods. It is a joint proxy statement because the boards of directors of both companies are soliciting proxies from their respective holders of common stock. It is a prospectus because Penns Woods will issue shares of its common stock in exchange for shares of Luzerne common stock in the merger.

Penns Woods is sending these materials to its shareholders to help them decide how to vote their shares of Penns Woods common stock with respect to the proposed merger and the other matters to be considered at the Penns Woods special meeting.

Luzerne is sending these materials to its shareholders to help them decide how to vote their shares of Luzerne common stock with respect to the proposed merger and the other matters to be considered at the Luzerne special meeting.

The merger cannot be completed unless shareholders of Penns Woods and Luzerne each adopt the merger agreement and approve the merger. Penns Woods is holding its special meeting of shareholders to vote on the merger as well as the other proposals described in *The Penns Woods Special Meeting* beginning on page 98. Luzerne is holding its special meeting of shareholders to vote on the merger as well as the other proposals described in *The Luzerne Special Meeting*, beginning on page 110. Information about these meetings, the merger and the other business to be considered at the meetings is contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

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Q: Why is Penns Woods proposing the merger?

A: The Penns Woods board of directors, in unanimously determining that the merger is in the best interests of Penns Woods and its shareholders, considered a number of key factors which are described under the headings *The Merger Background of the Merger* and *The Merger Penns Woods Reasons for the Merger*, beginning on pages 39 and 51, respectively.

Q: Why is Luzerne proposing the merger?

A: The Luzerne board of directors, in unanimously determining that the merger is in the best interests of Luzerne and its shareholders, considered a number of key factors which are described under the headings *The Merger Background of the Merger* and *The Merger Luzerne s Reasons for the Merger*, beginning on pages 39 and 43, respectively.

Q: What will Luzerne shareholders receive in the merger, and how will this affect holders of Penns Woods common stock?

A: Upon completion of the merger, Luzerne shareholders will have the right to receive, at their election (but subject to customary procedures applicable to oversubscription and under subscription for cash consideration), 1.5534 shares of common stock of Penns Woods, \$61.86 in cash, or a combination of cash and Penns Woods common stock for their shares of common stock of Luzerne. At the closing of the merger, no more than 10% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock will be converted into the right to receive cash and the remainder of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock will be converted into the right to receive Penns Woods common stock.

Penns Woods shareholders will continue to own their existing shares of Penns Woods common stock after the merger. Because of the number of shares of Penns Woods common stock being issued in the merger, the ownership interest in Penns Woods represented by the existing shares of Penns Woods common stock will be diluted. Following completion of the merger, the existing shares of Penns Woods will represent in the aggregate ownership of approximately 80% of the outstanding shares of Penns Woods common stock, assuming 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock are exchanged for Penns Woods common stock.

Q: When must I elect the type of merger consideration that I prefer to receive?

A: If you wish to elect the type of merger consideration you receive in the merger, you should carefully review and follow the instructions set forth in the form of election, which is being separately mailed to Luzerne shareholders following the mailing of this joint proxy statement/prospectus. You will need to sign, date and complete the election form and transmittal materials and return them to the exchange agent, Registrar and Transfer Company, at the address given in the materials. The election deadline will be [], 2013, which is the business day prior to the special meeting. Because of the way the election and proration procedures work, even if you submit a properly completed and signed form of election, it is still possible that you may not receive exactly the type of consideration you have elected. If you do not submit a properly completed and signed form of election to the exchange agent by the Election Deadline, you will have no control over the type of merger consideration you may receive, and consequently, may receive only cash, only Penns Woods common stock or a combination of cash and Penns Woods common stock in the merger. Because of the way the election and proration procedures work, even if you submit a properly completed and signed form of election, it is still possible that you may not receive exactly the type of consideration you have elected. If you hold shares in street name, you will have to follow your broker s instructions to make an election.

Q: Am I guaranteed to receive the type of merger consideration that I elect?

A: No. If Luzerne shareholders elect to convert more than 10% of the total outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock into cash or elect to convert more than 90% of the total outstanding shares of Luzerne

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common stock into shares of Penns Woods stock, then the exchange agent will follow the proration procedures outlined under the heading *The Merger Agreement Consideration to be Received in the Merger Proration Procedures* to ensure that at least 90% of the aggregate merger consideration is paid in shares of Penns Woods common stock and the balance is paid in cash.

Q: Who will be the directors and executive officers of the combined company following the merger?

A: Following completion of the merger, Penns Woods will appoint three individuals designated by the Luzerne board of directors, who are not employees of Luzerne or any of its subsidiaries and who are agreed to by Penns Woods, to serve on the Penns Woods board of directors. Luzerne has designated Joseph E. Kluger, Jill F. Schwartz and John G. Nackley to be appointed to the Penns Woods board. One such individual will be appointed to serve in each of Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 of the Penns Woods board of directors. Penns Woods has agreed to nominate and recommend for election each such designated person for one additional three-year term following their initial appointment.

In addition, the merger agreement provides that promptly following the effective time of the merger, Penns Woods will take such action as may be necessary to cause the board of directors of Luzerne Bank to consist of the chief executive officer of Penns Woods, the chief executive officer of Luzerne Bank and all other individuals serving as directors of Luzerne Bank immediately prior to the effective time. For a period of three years following the effective time of the merger, future appointments to the Luzerne Bank board of directors will be mutually agreed by the boards of directors of Penns Woods and Luzerne Bank, subject to the right of Penns Woods to remove or replace any Luzerne Bank director if such director breaches or fails to perform the duties of such director's office in the sole discretion of Penns Woods.

Q: When do you expect to complete the merger?

A: We expect to complete the merger after all conditions to the merger in the merger agreement are satisfied or waived, including receipt of shareholder approvals at the respective special meetings of Penns Woods and Luzerne, and receipt of regulatory approvals. We currently expect to complete the merger in the second quarter of 2013. It is possible, however, that factors outside of either company's control could result in us completing the merger at a later time or not completing it at all.

Q: What are the federal income tax consequences of the merger?

A: The merger has been structured to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which is referred to as the Internal Revenue Code, and it is a condition to the completion of the merger that each of Penns Woods and Luzerne receive a written opinion from their respective legal counsel to the effect that the merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and that holders of Luzerne common stock will not recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the exchange of their Luzerne common stock for Penns Woods common stock pursuant to the merger, except with respect to cash received in exchange for their Luzerne common stock or in lieu of fractional shares of Penns Woods common stock and except for Luzerne shareholders who exercise their appraisal rights with respect to the merger. For further discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger, see *Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger*, beginning on page 94.

Questions about the Penns Woods Special Meeting

Q: What are the matters on which I am being asked to vote at the Penns Woods special meeting?

A: You are being asked to consider and vote on the following matters:

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1. adoption of the merger agreement, a copy of which is attached as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus; and
2. adjournment of the Penns Woods special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies.

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Q: How does the Penns Woods board of directors recommend that I vote my shares?

A: The Penns Woods board of directors recommends that the Penns Woods shareholders vote their shares as follows:

FOR adoption of the merger agreement; and

FOR an adjournment of the Penns Woods special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies.

As of the record date, directors and executive officers of Penns Woods and their affiliates had the right to vote [] shares of Penns Woods common stock, or []% of the outstanding Penns Woods common stock entitled to be voted at the special meeting. In accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, each of the directors and executive officers of Penns Woods has executed a letter agreement (the Affiliate Letter) in favor of Luzerne pursuant to which he or she has agreed to vote all shares of Penns Woods common stock owned by him or her in favor of adoption of the merger agreement. Additionally, each of the directors and the Chairman, Vice Chairman and President of Luzerne has executed an Affiliate Letter in favor of Penns Woods pursuant to which he or she has agreed to vote all shares of Luzerne common stock owned by him or her in favor of adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: After carefully reading and considering the information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, please submit your proxy as soon as possible so that your shares will be represented at the Penns Woods special meeting. Please follow the instructions set forth on the proxy card or on the voting instruction form provided by the record holder if your shares are held in the name of your broker or other nominee.

Q: Who is entitled to vote at the Penns Woods special meeting?

A: Penns Woods shareholders of record as of the close of business on [], 2013, which is referred to as the Penns Woods record date.

Q: How many votes do I have?

A: Each outstanding share of Penns Woods common stock is entitled to one vote.

Q: How do I vote my Penns Woods shares?

A: You may vote your Penns Woods shares by completing and returning the enclosed proxy card, by internet or by voting in person at the Penns Woods special meeting.

Voting by Proxy. You may vote your Penns Woods shares by completing and returning the enclosed proxy card. Your proxy will be voted in accordance with your instructions. If you do not specify a choice on one of the proposals described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, your proxy will be voted in favor of that proposal.

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mark your selections;

date and sign your name exactly as it appears on your card; and

return your completed proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Voting by Internet. If you are a registered shareholder, you may vote electronically through the Internet by following the instructions included in your proxy card. If your shares are registered in the name of a broker or other nominee, your nominee may be participating in a program provided through ADP Investor

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Communication Services that allows you to vote via the Internet. If so, the voting form your nominee sends you will provide voting instructions.

Voting in person. If you attend the Penns Woods special meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person or may vote by completing a ballot which will be available at the meeting. If your shares are registered in the name of a broker or other nominee and you wish to vote at the meeting you will need to obtain a legal proxy from your bank or brokerage firm. Please consult the voting form sent to you by your bank or broker to determine how to obtain a legal proxy in order to vote in person at the special meeting.

Should you have any questions on the procedure for voting your shares, please contact Kimberly R. Yale, Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc., 300 Market Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701, telephone (570) 320-2021.

Q: Why is my vote important?

A: Because the merger cannot be completed without the affirmative vote of the holders of 66-2/3% of the outstanding shares of Penns Woods common stock on the record date, every shareholder's vote is important.

Q: If my shares of Penns Woods common stock are held in street name by my broker, will my broker automatically vote my shares for me?

A: No. Your broker **CANNOT** vote your shares on any proposal at the Penns Woods special meeting without instructions from you. You should instruct your broker as to how to vote your shares, following the directions your broker provides to you. Please check the voting form used by your broker.

Q: What if I fail to instruct my broker?

A: If you do not provide your broker with instructions, your broker generally will not be permitted to vote your shares on the merger proposal or any other proposal (a so-called broker non-vote) at the Penns Woods special meeting. For purposes of determining the number of votes cast with respect to the merger proposal, only those votes cast for or against the proposal are counted. Broker non-votes, if any are submitted by brokers or nominees in connection with the special meeting, will not be counted as votes for or against for purposes of determining the number of votes cast, but will be treated as present for quorum purposes.

Q: What constitutes a quorum for the Penns Woods special meeting?

A: As of the Penns Woods record date, [] shares of Penns Woods common stock were issued and outstanding, each of which will be entitled to one vote at the meeting. Under Penns Woods' bylaws, the presence, in person or by proxy, of shareholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes that all shareholders are entitled to cast constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at the special meeting. If you vote by proxy, your shares will be included for determining the presence of a quorum. Both abstentions and broker non-votes are also included for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

Q: Assuming the presence of a quorum, what is the vote required to approve the matters to be considered at the Penns Woods special meeting?

A:

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The affirmative vote at the Penns Woods special meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of 66-2/3% of the outstanding shares of Penns Woods common stock is required to approve the merger agreement. The affirmative vote, in person or by proxy, of a majority of all votes cast at the Penns Woods special meeting is required to approve the proposal to adjourn the Penns Woods special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies and any other matter that may properly come before the special meeting. Because the affirmative vote of the holders of 66-2/3% of outstanding shares of Penns Woods common stock is required to approve the merger agreement, abstentions and broker non-votes with respect to the merger agreement will effectively act as no votes on such proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of the adjournment proposal or any other matters that properly come before the special meeting.

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Q: Do I have appraisal or dissenters rights?

A: No. Under Pennsylvania law, holders of Penns Woods common stock will not be entitled to exercise any appraisal rights in connection with the merger or any of the other proposals being presented at the Penns Woods special meeting.

Q: Can I attend the Penns Woods special meeting and vote my shares in person?

A: Yes. All shareholders, including shareholders of record and those who hold their shares through banks, brokers, nominees or any other holder of record, are invited to attend the special meeting. Holders of record of Penns Woods common stock can vote in person at the special meeting. If you are not a shareholder of record, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the record holder of your shares, such as a broker, bank or other nominee, to be able to vote in person at the special meeting. If you plan to attend the special meeting, you must hold your shares in your own name or have a letter from the record holder of your shares confirming your ownership and you must bring a form of personal photo identification with you in order to be admitted. We reserve the right to refuse admittance to anyone without proper proof of share ownership and without proper photo identification.

Q: Can I change my vote?

A: Yes. You may revoke any proxy at any time before it is voted by (1) signing and returning a proxy card with a later date, (2) delivering a written revocation letter to the Penns Woods Corporate Secretary, or (3) attending the special meeting in person, notifying the Corporate Secretary and voting by ballot at the special meeting. Penns Woods Corporate Secretary's mailing address is Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc., 300 Market Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701, Attention: Brian L. Knepp.

Any shareholder entitled to vote in person at the special meeting may vote in person regardless of whether a proxy has been previously given, and such vote will revoke any previous proxy, but the mere presence (without notifying Penns Woods Corporate Secretary) of a shareholder at the special meeting will not constitute revocation of a previously given proxy.

Q: Who will bear the cost of soliciting votes for the Penns Woods special meeting?

A: Penns Woods and Luzerne will bear the cost of preparing, assembling, printing, mailing and distributing these proxy materials equally. In addition to the mailing of these proxy materials, the solicitation of proxies or votes for the Penns Woods special meeting may be made in person, by telephone, or by electronic communication by Penns Woods directors, officers, and employees, who will not receive any additional compensation for such solicitation activities. In addition, Penns Woods may reimburse brokerage firms and other persons representing beneficial owners of shares for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material to such beneficial owners.

Q: What happens if additional proposals are presented at the Penns Woods special meeting?

A: Other than the proposals described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, Penns Woods does not expect any matters to be presented for a vote at the special meeting. If you grant a proxy, the persons named as proxy holders, [] and [], will have the discretion to vote your shares on any additional matters properly presented for a vote at the special meeting.

Q: Are there risks that I should consider in deciding whether to vote to approve the merger agreement?

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A: Yes. You should consider the risk factors set out in the section entitled *Risk Factors* beginning on page 31 of this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

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Q: What if I hold stock of both Penns Woods and Luzerne?

A: If you hold shares of both Penns Woods and Luzerne, you will receive two separate packages of proxy materials. A vote as a Penns Woods shareholder for the merger proposal or any other proposals to be considered at the Penns Woods special meeting will not constitute a vote as a Luzerne shareholder for the merger proposal or any other proposals to be considered at the Luzerne special meeting, and vice versa. Therefore, please sign, date and return all proxy cards that you receive, whether from Penns Woods or Luzerne, or submit separate proxies as both a Penns Woods shareholder and a Luzerne shareholder as instructed.

Q: Should I send in my Penns Woods stock certificates?

A: No. Please do not send your stock certificates with your proxy card. Penns Woods shareholders will not be required to exchange or take any other action regarding their stock certificates in connection with the merger. Penns Woods shareholders holding stock certificates should keep their stock certificates both now and after the merger is completed.

Q: Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?

A: If you are a Penns Woods shareholder and have any questions about the merger, or if you need additional copies of this document or the enclosed proxy card, you should contact:

Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc.

300 Market Street

Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

Attention: Brian L. Knepp, Chief Financial Officer

Telephone: 570-320-2030

Questions about the Luzerne Special Meeting

Q: What are the matters on which I am being asked to vote at the Luzerne special meeting?

A: You are being asked to consider and vote on the following matters:

1. adoption of the merger agreement, a copy of which is attached as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus;
2. adjournment of the Luzerne special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies; and
3. approval of a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation payable to the named executive officers of Luzerne in connection with the merger.

Q: How does the Luzerne board of directors recommend that I vote my shares?

A: The Luzerne board of directors recommends that the Luzerne shareholders vote their shares as follows:

FOR adoption of the merger agreement;

FOR an adjournment of the Luzerne special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies; and

FOR approval of a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation payable to the named executive officers of Luzerne in connection with the merger.

As of the record date, directors and executive officers of Luzerne and their affiliates had the right to vote [] shares of Luzerne common stock, or []% of the outstanding Luzerne common stock entitled to be voted at the Luzerne special meeting. In accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, each of the directors,

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the Chairman, Vice Chairman and President of Luzerne has executed an Affiliate Letter in favor of Penns Woods pursuant to which he or she has agreed to vote all shares of Luzerne common stock owned by him or her in favor of adoption of the merger agreement. Additionally, each of the directors and executive officers of Penns Woods has executed an Affiliate Letter in favor of Luzerne pursuant to which he or she has agreed to vote all shares of Penns Woods common stock owned by him or her in favor of adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: After carefully reading and considering the information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, please submit your proxy as soon as possible so that your shares will be represented at the Luzerne special meeting. Please follow the instructions set forth on the proxy card or on the voting instruction form provided by the record holder if your shares are held in the name of your broker or other nominee.

Q: Who is entitled to vote at the Luzerne special meeting?

A: Luzerne shareholders of record as of the close of business on [], 2013, which is referred to as the Luzerne record date, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Luzerne special meeting.

Q: How many votes do I have?

A: Each outstanding share of Luzerne common stock is entitled to one vote.

Q: How do I vote my Luzerne shares?

A: You may vote your Luzerne shares by completing and returning the enclosed proxy card or by voting in person at the Luzerne special meeting.

Voting by Proxy. You may vote your Luzerne shares by completing and returning the enclosed proxy card. Your proxy will be voted in accordance with your instructions. If you do not specify a choice on one of the proposals described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, your proxy will be voted in favor of that proposal.

ON YOUR LUZERNE PROXY CARD:

mark your selections;

date and sign your name exactly as it appears on your card; and

return your completed proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Voting in person. If you attend the Luzerne special meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person or may vote by completing a ballot which will be available at the meeting. If your shares are registered in the name of a broker or other nominee and you wish to vote at the meeting, you will need to obtain a legal proxy from your bank or brokerage firm. Please consult the voting form sent to you by your bank or broker to determine how to obtain a legal proxy in order to vote in person at the special meeting.

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Should you have any questions on the procedure for voting your shares, please contact Thomas Guido, Corporate Secretary, Luzerne National Bank Corporation, 118 Main Street, Luzerne, Pennsylvania 18709, telephone (570) 288-4511.

Q: Why is my vote important?

A: Because the merger cannot be completed without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock on the Luzerne record date, and because a majority of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock entitled to vote is necessary to constitute a quorum in order to transact business at the special meeting, every shareholder's vote is important.

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Q: If my shares of Luzerne common stock are held in street name by my broker, will my broker automatically vote my shares for me?

A: No. Your broker **CANNOT** vote your shares on any proposal at the Luzerne special meeting without instructions from you. You should instruct your broker as to how to vote your shares, following the directions your broker provides to you. Please check the voting form used by your broker.

Q: What if I fail to instruct my broker?

A: If you do not provide your broker with instructions, your broker generally will not be permitted to vote your shares on the merger proposal or any other proposal (a so-called "broker non-vote") at the Luzerne special meeting. For purposes of determining the number of votes cast with respect to the merger proposal, only those votes cast for or against the proposal are counted. Broker non-votes, if any, submitted by brokers or nominees in connection with the special meeting will not be counted as votes for or against for purposes of determining the number of votes cast, but will be treated as present for quorum purposes.

Q: What constitutes a quorum for the Luzerne special meeting?

A: As of the Luzerne record date, [] shares of Luzerne common stock were issued and outstanding, each of which will be entitled to one vote at the meeting. Under Luzerne's bylaws, the presence, in person or by proxy, of shareholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes that all shareholders are entitled to cast constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at the special meeting. If you vote by proxy, your shares will be included for determining the presence of a quorum. Both abstentions and broker non-votes are also included for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

Q: Assuming the presence of a quorum, what is the vote required to approve the matters to be considered at the Luzerne special meeting?

A: The affirmative vote at the Luzerne special meeting, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock is required to approve the merger agreement. The affirmative vote, in person or by proxy, of a majority of votes cast at the Luzerne special meeting is required to approve the proposal to adjourn the Luzerne special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies, the proposal to adopt a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation payable to Luzerne's named executive officers in connection with the merger and any other matter that may properly come before the special meeting. Because the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of outstanding shares of Luzerne is required to approve the merger agreement, abstentions and broker non-votes with respect to the merger agreement will effectively act as no votes on such proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of the adjournment proposal, the proposal to approve a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation payable to Luzerne's named executive officers in connection with the merger or any other matters that properly come before the special meeting.

Q: Do I have appraisal or dissenters' rights?

A: Yes. Under Pennsylvania law, Luzerne shareholders have the right to dissent from the merger agreement and the merger and to receive a payment in cash for the fair value of their shares of Luzerne common stock as determined by an appraisal process. This value may be more or less than the value you would receive in the merger if you do not dissent. If you dissent, you will receive a cash payment for the value of your shares that will be fully taxable to you. To perfect your dissenters' rights, you must follow precisely the required statutory procedures. See *The Merger Luzerne Shareholders Have Dissenters' Rights in the Merger*, on page 72 and the information at Annex D.

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Q: Can I attend the Luzerne special meeting and vote my shares in person?

A: Yes. All shareholders, including shareholders of record and those who hold their shares through banks, brokers, nominees or any other holder of record, are invited to attend the special meeting. Holders of record of Luzerne common stock can vote in person at the special meeting. If you are not a shareholder of record, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the record holder of your shares, such as a broker, bank or other nominee, to be able to vote in person at the special meeting. If you plan to attend the special meeting, you must hold your shares in your own name or have a letter from the record holder of your shares confirming your ownership and you must bring a form of personal photo identification with you in order to be admitted. We reserve the right to refuse admittance to anyone without proper proof of share ownership and without proper photo identification.

Q: Can I change my vote?

A: Yes. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by (1) signing and returning a proxy card with a later date, (2) delivering a written revocation letter to Luzerne's Corporate Secretary, or (3) attending the special meeting in person, notifying the Corporate Secretary and voting by ballot at the special meeting. The mailing address for Luzerne's Corporate Secretary is Luzerne National Bank Corporation, 118 Main Street, Luzerne, Pennsylvania 18709, Attention: Thomas Guido.

Any shareholder entitled to vote in person at the special meeting may vote in person regardless of whether a proxy has been previously given, and such vote will revoke any previous proxy, but the mere presence (without notifying Luzerne's Corporate Secretary) of a shareholder at the special meeting will not constitute revocation of a previously given proxy.

Q: Who will bear the cost of soliciting votes for the Luzerne special meeting?

A: Penns Woods and Luzerne will bear the cost of preparing, assembling, printing, mailing and distributing these proxy materials equally. In addition to the mailing of these proxy materials, the solicitation of proxies or votes for the Luzerne special meeting may be made in person, by telephone, or by electronic communication by Luzerne's directors, officers, and employees, who will not receive any additional compensation for such solicitation activities. In addition, Luzerne may reimburse brokerage firms and other persons representing beneficial owners of shares for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material to such beneficial owners.

Q: What happens if additional proposals are presented at the Luzerne special meeting?

A: Other than the proposals described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, Luzerne does not expect any matters to be presented for a vote at the special meeting. If you grant a proxy, the persons named as proxy holders, [] and [], will have the discretion to vote your shares on any additional matters properly presented for a vote at the special meeting.

Q: Are there risks that I should consider in deciding whether to vote to approve the merger agreement?

A: Yes. You should consider the risk factors set out in the section entitled *Risk Factors* beginning on page 31 of this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Q: What if I hold stock of both Penns Woods and Luzerne?

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- A:** If you hold shares of both Penns Woods and Luzerne, you will receive two separate packages of proxy materials. A vote as a Luzerne shareholder for the merger proposal or any other proposals to be considered at the Luzerne special meeting will not constitute a vote as a Penns Woods shareholder for the merger proposal or any other proposals to be considered at the Penns Woods special meeting, and vice versa. Therefore, please sign, date and return all proxy cards that you receive, whether from Penns Woods or Luzerne, or submit separate proxies as both a Penns Woods shareholder and a Luzerne shareholder as instructed.

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Q: Should I send in my Luzerne stock certificates?

A: No. If Luzerne shareholders approve the merger agreement, after the merger is completed, you will receive written instructions, including a letter of transmittal that will explain how to exchange your Luzerne stock certificates for Penns Woods common stock certificates. **Please do not send in any Luzerne stock certificates until you receive these written instructions and the letter of transmittal.**

Q: Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?

A: If you are a Luzerne shareholder and have any questions about the merger, or if you need additional copies of this document or the enclosed proxy card, you should contact:
Luzerne National Bank Corporation

118 Main Street

Luzerne, PA 18709

Attention: Thomas Guido

Telephone: 570-288-4511

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SUMMARY

*This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. We urge you to carefully read the entire joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other documents to which we refer in order to fully understand the merger and the related transactions. See **Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference on page 178**. Each item in this summary refers to the page of this joint proxy statement/prospectus on which that subject is discussed in more detail.*

Information about the Parties

Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc. (page 101)

Penns Woods is a Pennsylvania business corporation and bank holding company with its headquarters in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. At September 30, 2012, Penns Woods had total consolidated assets of \$841 million. Penns Woods is the parent company of Jersey Shore State Bank, which operates thirteen branch offices providing financial services in Lycoming, Clinton, Centre, and Montour Counties in Pennsylvania. Investment and insurance products are offered through Jersey Shore State Bank's subsidiary, The M Group, Inc. D/B/A The Comprehensive Financial Group. Penns Woods also owns Woods Investment Company, Inc., which maintains and manages an equity investment portfolio, and Woods Real Estate Development Company, Inc., which owns certain properties utilized by Jersey Shore State Bank in connection with its operations. Penns Woods common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol PWOD.

The principal executive offices of Penns Woods are located at Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc., 300 Market Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701, and its telephone number is (570) 320-2021.

Luzerne National Bank Corporation (page 114)

Luzerne is a Pennsylvania business corporation and bank holding company with its headquarters in Luzerne, Pennsylvania. At September 30, 2012, Luzerne had total consolidated assets of \$311 million. Luzerne is the parent company for Luzerne Bank, which operates eight branch offices in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties in Pennsylvania. Luzerne common stock is traded in the over-the-counter market under the symbol LUZR.

The principal executive offices of Luzerne are located at 118 Main Street, Luzerne, Pennsylvania 18709, and its telephone number is (570) 288-4511.

The Merger (page 39)

The terms and conditions of the merger are contained in the merger agreement, which is attached as Annex A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus and incorporated by reference herein. Please carefully read the merger agreement as it is the legal document that governs the merger.

Luzerne Will Merge into Penns Woods (page 78)

We are proposing the merger of Luzerne with and into Penns Woods. As a result, Penns Woods will continue as the surviving company.

Following the completion of the merger, the merger agreement provides that Penns Woods will continue to operate Luzerne Bank as a separate banking subsidiary of Penns Woods under the name Luzerne Bank, consistent with Penn Woods' overall business strategies and operating policies as such strategies and policies may develop from time to time. Penns Woods will have the right to terminate its obligation to operate Luzerne Bank as a separate operating subsidiary of Penns Woods if Luzerne Bank fails to satisfy certain performance

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metrics for any two consecutive years beginning after January 1, 2015 or as a result of applicable regulatory requirements, safe and sound banking practices as communicated by a banking regulator, or the exercise by Penns Woods directors of their fiduciary duties. For further discussion on the operation of Luzerne Bank as a separate operating subsidiary of Penns Woods following completion of the merger, see *The Merger Agreement Luzerne Bank Post-Closing Operation*.

Penns Woods Will Hold Its Special Meeting on [] (page 98)

The Penns Woods special meeting will be held on [] at [], local time, at [], Pennsylvania 17701. At the special meeting, Penns Woods shareholders will be asked to:

1. adopt the merger agreement; and
2. approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies, in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

Record Date. Only holders of record of Penns Woods common stock at the close of business on [] will be entitled to vote at the special meeting. Each share of Penns Woods common stock is entitled to one vote. As of the Penns Woods record date, there were [] shares of Penns Woods common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the special meeting.

Required Vote. The affirmative vote at the Penns Woods special meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of 66-2/3% of the outstanding shares of Penns Woods common stock is required to approve the merger agreement. The affirmative vote, in person or by proxy, of a majority of all votes cast at the Penns Woods special meeting is required to approve the proposal to adjourn the Penns Woods special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies and any other matter that may properly come before the special meeting. A majority of the outstanding Penns Woods common stock entitled to vote is necessary to constitute a quorum in order to transact business at the special meeting.

As of the record date, directors and executive officers of Penns Woods and their affiliates had the right to vote [] shares of Penns Woods common stock, or []% of the outstanding Penns Woods common stock entitled to be voted at the special meeting. In accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, each of the directors and executive officers of Penns Woods has executed an Affiliate Letter in favor of Luzerne pursuant to which he or she has agreed to vote all shares of Penns Woods common stock owned by him or her in favor of adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Luzerne Will Hold Its Special Meeting on [] (page 110)

The Luzerne special meeting will be held on [] at [], local time, at []. At the special meeting, Luzerne shareholders will be asked to:

1. adopt the merger agreement;
2. approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies, in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement; and
3. approve a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation of the named executive officers of Luzerne in connection with the merger.

Record Date. Only holders of record of Luzerne common stock at the close of business on [] will be entitled to vote at the special meeting. Each share of Luzerne common stock is entitled to one vote. As of the

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Luzerne record date, there were [] shares of Luzerne common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the special meeting.

Required Vote. The affirmative vote at the Luzerne special meeting, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock is required to approve the merger agreement. The affirmative vote, in person or by proxy, of a majority of votes cast at the Luzerne special meeting is required to approve the proposal to adjourn the Luzerne special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies, the proposal to adopt a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation payable to Luzerne's named executive officers in connection with the merger and any other matter that may properly come before the special meeting.

As of the record date, directors and executive officers of Luzerne and their affiliates had the right to vote [] shares of Luzerne common stock, or []% of the outstanding Luzerne common stock entitled to be voted at the special meeting. In accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, each of the directors and the Chairman, Vice Chairman and President of Luzerne has executed an Affiliate Letter in favor of Penns Woods pursuant to which he or she has agreed to vote all shares of Luzerne common stock owned by him or her in favor of adoption of the merger agreement.

Luzerne Shareholders Will Receive Shares of Penns Woods Common Stock and/or Cash in the Merger Depending on Their Election and Any Proration (page 79).

Luzerne shareholders will have the right to elect to receive merger consideration, without interest, for each of their shares of Luzerne common stock. Each Luzerne shareholder will have the opportunity to elect to receive in exchange for each share of Luzerne common stock owned immediately prior to completion of the merger either: (i) a cash payment of \$61.86 per share; (ii) 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock; or (iii) a combination of cash and shares of Penns Woods common stock.

Each election will be subject to allocation and proration procedures in the merger agreement, which are intended to ensure that, in the aggregate, at least 90% of the Luzerne shares of common stock outstanding will be exchanged for Penns Woods common stock. Penns Woods has the right to permit greater than 90% of the Luzerne common shares to be exchanged for shares of Penns Woods common stock; however, if the holders of more than 10% of Luzerne shares elect to receive cash for their shares of Luzerne common stock, then shareholders will receive shares of Penns Woods common stock in accordance with the proration procedures and the other requirements set forth in the merger agreement.

Record holders of Luzerne common stock may specify different elections with respect to different shares that you hold (if, for example, a Luzerne shareholder owns 100 shares of Luzerne common stock, such shareholder could make a cash election with respect to 50 shares and a stock election with respect to the other 50 shares).

As an example, based on the average of the high and low sale prices of Penns Woods common stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market for the 10 trading days ending on [], 2013 (the most recent practicable date prior to the printing of this joint proxy statement/prospectus), for each share of Luzerne common stock held, a Luzerne shareholder would receive either \$61.86 in cash or 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock, subject to possible proration. Based on that price, the 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock would have a market value of \$[]. Penns Woods will compute the actual amount of cash and number of shares of Penns Woods common stock that each Luzerne shareholder will receive in the merger using the formula contained in the merger agreement. For a summary of the formula contained in the merger agreement, see *The Merger Agreement Consideration To Be Received in the Merger* beginning on page 79.

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Regardless of Whether an Election is Made, a Luzerne Shareholder May Not Receive the Consideration Elected (page 79)

Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, a minimum of 90% of the total number of shares of Luzerne common stock outstanding at the effective time of the merger will be converted into stock consideration, and the remaining outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock (excluding the shares of Luzerne common stock to be cancelled) not converted into shares of Penns Woods common stock will be converted into cash consideration. Penns Woods has the right to permit greater than 90% of the total number of shares of Luzerne common stock to be converted in the form of shares of Penns Woods common stock. As a result, if more Luzerne shareholders make valid elections to receive either Penns Woods common stock or cash than is available as merger consideration under the merger agreement, those Luzerne shareholders electing the over-subscribed form of consideration may have the over-subscribed consideration proportionately reduced and substituted with consideration in the other form, despite their election.

In Order to Make a Valid Election, Luzerne Shareholders Must Properly Complete and Deliver the Election Form (page 79)

If a Luzerne shareholder wishes to elect the type of merger consideration such shareholder prefers to receive in the merger, such shareholder should carefully review and follow the instructions set forth in the form of election, which is being mailed to Luzerne shareholders concurrently with this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Luzerne shareholders will need to sign, date and complete the election form and transmittal materials and return them to the exchange agent at the address given in the materials, together with the certificates representing shares of Luzerne common stock prior to the Election Deadline. **Luzerne shareholders should NOT send stock certificates with a proxy card returned to vote on the merger agreement.**

The Election Deadline will be at 5:00 p.m. New York City time on [], 2013, which is the business day prior to the Luzerne special meeting of shareholders on [], 2013. If a Luzerne shareholder does not submit a properly completed and signed form of election to the exchange agent by the Election Deadline, such shareholder will have no control over the type of merger consideration to be received, and, consequently, at the discretion of Penns Woods, may receive only cash, only Penns Woods common stock or a combination of cash and Penns Woods common stock in the merger.

Once a Luzerne shareholder has tendered stock certificates representing shares of Luzerne common stock to the exchange agent, such shareholder may not transfer shares of Luzerne common stock represented by those stock certificates until the merger is completed, unless such shareholder revokes a previous election by written notice to the exchange agent that is received prior to the Election Deadline. If the merger is not completed and the merger agreement is terminated, stock certificates will be returned by the exchange agent to the shareholder submitting them.

Expected Material United States Federal Income Tax Treatment as a Result of the Merger (page 94)

The merger is structured to be treated as a reorganization for United States federal income tax purposes. Each of Penns Woods and Luzerne has conditioned the consummation of the merger on its receipt of a legal opinion that this will be the case. The federal income tax treatment for Luzerne shareholders will depend primarily on whether Luzerne common stock is exchanged solely for Penns Woods common stock (with cash received instead of a fractional share of Penns Woods common stock), solely for cash, or for a combination of Penns Woods common stock and cash.

Generally, a Luzerne shareholder will not recognize gain or loss on the exchange of Luzerne common stock solely for Penns Woods common stock in the merger, except with respect to the cash received in lieu of a fractional share interest in Penns Woods common stock. If a Luzerne shareholder receives only cash in exchange

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for Luzerne common stock in the merger, then such shareholder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash received and the shareholder's adjusted tax basis in the shares of Luzerne common stock surrendered. If a Luzerne shareholder exchanges Luzerne common stock for a combination of Penns Woods common stock and cash, then such shareholder generally will recognize gain equal to the amount of cash received (not counting cash received in lieu of a fractional share interest in Penns Woods common stock) or the amount of gain realized, whichever is lower, but such shareholder will not recognize any loss. If a Luzerne shareholder receives cash instead of a fractional share interest in Penns Woods common stock, such shareholder will recognize gain or loss on receipt of that cash.

Exceptions to these conclusions or other considerations may apply, some of which are discussed beginning on page 96. Determining the actual tax consequences of the merger to a Luzerne shareholder can be complicated. Those consequences will depend on such shareholder's specific situation, on whether the shareholder elects to receive common stock, cash or a mix of common stock and cash, on whether an election is effective or must be changed under the proration provisions of the merger agreement, and on many variables that are not within our control. For further information, please refer to *Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger* on page 94. **Luzerne shareholders should also consult their own tax advisors for a full understanding of the federal income tax and other tax consequences of the merger as they apply specifically to them.**

The United States federal income tax consequences described above may not apply to all holders of Luzerne common stock. The tax consequences for Luzerne shareholders will depend on their individual situations. Accordingly, Luzerne shareholders are strongly urged to consult their tax advisors for a full understanding of the particular tax consequences of the merger to them.

Accounting Treatment of the Merger (page 94)

The merger will be treated as a business combination using the acquisition method of accounting with Penns Woods treated as the acquirer under generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP.

Market Prices and Share Information (page 177)

Penns Woods common stock is quoted on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol PWOD. Luzerne common stock is quoted on the OTCQB under the symbol LUZR.

The following table shows the closing sale prices of Penns Woods common stock as reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on October 17, 2012, the last trading day before announcement of the merger, and on [], 2013, the last practicable trading day prior to mailing this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The table also presents the equivalent value of the merger consideration per share of Penns Woods common stock on October 17, 2012, and [], 2013, calculated by multiplying the closing sale prices of Penns Woods common stock on those dates by 1.5534, which represent the exchange ratio of shares of Penns Woods common stock that Luzerne shareholders electing to receive Penns Woods common stock would receive in the merger for each share of Luzerne common stock.

	Penns Woods Common Stock	Luzerne Common Stock	Equivalent Per Share Value
Prior to execution of the merger agreement	\$ 44.26 (1)	\$ 38.80 (2)	\$ 68.75
At [], 2013	\$	\$	\$

(1) Closing price as of October 17, 2012.

(2) Last reported price as of October 17, 2012.

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The market price of Penns Woods common stock will fluctuate prior to the merger. You should obtain current stock price quotations for the shares.

Upon completion of the merger, assuming 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock are exchanged for Penns Woods common stock, former Luzerne shareholders will own approximately 20% of the outstanding shares of Penns Woods common stock.

Janney Montgomery Scott LLC Has Provided an Opinion to the Luzerne Board of Directors Regarding the Fairness of the Merger Consideration (page 44)

Luzerne's financial advisor, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, or Janney, has conducted financial analyses and delivered an opinion to Luzerne's board of directors that, as of October 18, 2012, the exchange ratio was fair from a financial point of view to the shareholders of Luzerne.

The full text of Janney's opinion is attached as Annex B to this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Luzerne shareholders should read that opinion and the summary description of Janney's opinion contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus in their entirety. The opinion of Janney does not reflect any developments that may have occurred or may occur after the date of its opinion and prior to the completion of the merger.

Luzerne paid Janney an upfront engagement fee of \$15,000, and an additional \$50,000 when Luzerne entered into a definitive agreement pertaining to the merger. Upon the closing of the merger, Janney will receive an additional \$135,000, plus expenses.

Monocacy Financial Advisors, LLC Has Provided an Opinion to the Penns Woods Board of Directors Regarding the Fairness of the Merger Consideration (page 52)

Penns Woods' financial advisor, Monocacy Financial Advisors, LLC, or Monocacy, has conducted financial analyses and delivered an opinion to Penns Woods' board of directors that, as of October 18, 2012, the exchange ratio was fair from a financial point of view to Penns Woods.

The full text of Monocacy's opinion is attached as Annex C to this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Penns Woods shareholders should read that opinion and the summary description of Monocacy's opinion contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus in their entirety. The opinion of Monocacy does not reflect any developments that may have occurred or may occur after the date of its opinion and prior to the completion of the merger. Penns Woods does not expect that it will request an updated opinion from Monocacy.

Penns Woods will pay Monocacy an advisory fee, currently estimated to be \$421,000 in total, upon successful completion of the merger. As part of its engagement with Monocacy, Penns Woods has agreed to pay Monocacy a success fee equal to 0.14% (14 basis points) on total assets of Luzerne, with 25% of the expected fee to be paid at announcement of the issuance of a fairness opinion and the remainder at closing. The success fee will be net of offsets for any Advisory Fee, Fairness Opinion Fee, or other milestone fee already paid. Penns Woods has previously paid an advisory fee of \$15,000 at the inception of the contract with Monocacy, and an initial payment, as described above of approximately \$105,000. The remainder due will be paid at closing. Pursuant to the engagement agreement, Penns Woods also agreed to reimburse Monocacy for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (not to exceed \$10,000 without prior approval) and disbursements incurred in connection with its retention and to indemnify against certain liabilities, including liabilities under federal securities laws.

Board of Directors and Executive Officers of Penns Woods after the Merger (page 72)

Following completion of the merger, Penns Woods will appoint three individuals designated by the Luzerne board of directors, who are not employees of Luzerne or any of its subsidiaries and who are agreed to by Penns Woods, to serve on the Penns Woods board of directors. Luzerne has designated Joseph E. Kluger, Jill F. Schwartz and John G. Nackley to be appointed to the Penns Woods board. One such individual will be appointed to serve in each of Class 1,

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Class 2 and Class 3 of the Penns Woods board of directors. Penns Woods has agreed to nominate and recommend for election each such designated person for one additional three-year term following their initial appointment.

In addition, the merger agreement provides that promptly following the effective time of the merger, Penns Woods will take such action as may be necessary to cause the board of directors of Luzerne Bank to consist of the chief executive officer of Penns Woods, the chief executive officer of Luzerne Bank and all other individuals serving as directors of Luzerne Bank immediately prior to the effective time. For a period of three years following the effective time of the merger, future appointments to the Luzerne Bank board of directors will be mutually agreed by the boards of directors of Penns Woods and Luzerne Bank, subject to the right of Penns Woods to remove or replace any Luzerne Bank director if such director breaches or fails to perform the duties of such director's office in the sole discretion of Penns Woods.

The members of the board of directors of Jersey Shore State Bank will not change as a result of the merger. In addition, the officers of Penns Woods, Jersey Shore State Bank and Luzerne Bank will not change as a result of the merger.

The Penns Woods Board of Directors Recommends That Penns Woods Shareholders Vote FOR Adoption of the Agreement and Plan of Merger (page 52)

The Penns Woods board of directors believes that the merger is in the best interests of Penns Woods and its shareholders and has unanimously approved the merger and the merger agreement. The Penns Woods board of directors recommends that Penns Woods shareholders vote FOR adoption of the agreement and plan of merger. The Penns Woods board also recommends that its shareholders vote FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies.

The Luzerne Board of Directors Recommends That Luzerne Shareholders Vote FOR Adoption of the Agreement and Plan of Merger (page 44)

The Luzerne board of directors believes that the merger is in the best interests of Luzerne and its shareholders and has unanimously approved the merger and the merger agreement. The Luzerne board of directors recommends that Luzerne shareholders vote FOR adoption of the agreement and plan of merger, and FOR the adoption of a non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation payable to the named executive officers of Luzerne in connection with the merger. The Luzerne board also recommends that its shareholders vote FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies.

Luzerne's Directors and Executive Officers Have Financial Interests in the Merger that May Differ from the Interests of Luzerne Shareholders (page 75)

In addition to their interests as Luzerne shareholders, the directors and certain executive officers of Luzerne may have interests in the merger that are different from or in addition to interests of other Luzerne shareholders. These interests include, among others, provisions in the merger agreement regarding board membership, as well as change in control agreements, employment agreements, indemnification, insurance, and eligibility to participate in various employee benefit plans. For purposes of the Luzerne agreements and plans, the completion of the merger will generally constitute a change in control. These additional interests may create potential conflicts of interest and cause some of these persons to view the proposed transaction differently than a Luzerne shareholder may view it. The financial interests of Luzerne's directors and executive officers in the merger include the following:

the appointment, effective at the closing of the merger, of three current individuals (who are not employees of Luzerne or any of its subsidiaries and who are agreed to by Penns Woods) to the board of directors of Penns Woods and the payment of compensation to such individuals in accordance with the policies of Penns Woods, which currently consists of the following payments to each of its non-employee directors: an annual retainer of \$15,000 and between \$400 and \$500 for each committee meeting attended, depending on the committee;

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the appointment, effective at the closing of the merger, of all current directors of Luzerne Bank to the board of directors of Luzerne Bank and the payment of compensation to such individuals in accordance with the policies of Luzerne Bank, which currently consists of the following payments to each of the banks' non-employee directors: an annual retainer of \$8,000 (\$22,000 for the Chairman), and \$800 for each board meeting attended and \$400 for each committee meeting attended (provided no committee fees are paid to the Chairman);

the continued indemnification of current directors and executive officers of Luzerne and its subsidiaries pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement and providing these individuals with continued directors' and officers' liability insurance;

the retention of certain executive officers of Luzerne, and payment of compensation to such executive officers, pursuant to employment agreements between Luzerne Bank and each of them that will become effective at the closing of the merger; and

certain of Luzerne Bank's named executive officers will be entitled to severance or change-in-control benefits if their employment terminates for certain specified circumstances following the merger.

Luzerne's board of directors was aware of these interests and took them into account in its decision to approve the agreement and plan of merger. For information concerning these interests, please see the discussion on page 75 under the caption *The Merger: Luzerne's Directors and Executive Officers Have Financial Interests in the Merger*.

Holders of Luzerne Common Stock Have Dissenters' Rights (page 72)

If you are a Luzerne shareholder, you have the right under the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law to dissent from the merger agreement and the merger, and to demand and receive cash for the fair value of your shares of Luzerne common stock. For a complete description of the dissenters' rights of Luzerne shareholders, please see the discussion under the caption *The Merger: Luzerne Shareholders Have Dissenters' Rights in the Merger* on page 72. In order to assert dissenters' rights, a Luzerne shareholder must:

file a written notice of intent to dissent with Luzerne prior to the shareholder vote at the special meeting of shareholders;

make no change in your beneficial ownership of Luzerne common stock after you give notice of your intention to demand fair value of your shares of Luzerne common stock;

not vote to adopt the merger agreement at the special meeting;

file a written demand for payment and deposit any certificates representing the Luzerne shares for which dissenters' rights are being asserted as requested by the notice that will be sent by Penns Woods or Luzerne after the completion of the merger; and

comply with certain other statutory procedures set forth in Pennsylvania law.

If you are a Luzerne shareholder and you sign and return your proxy without voting instructions, we will vote your proxy in favor of the transaction and you will lose any dissenters' rights that you may have. A copy of the relevant provisions of Pennsylvania law related to dissenters' rights are attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as Annex D.

The Rights of Luzerne Shareholders Will Be Governed by Pennsylvania Law and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Penns Woods after the Merger

The rights of Luzerne shareholders will change as a result of the merger due to differences in Penns Woods' and Luzerne's governing documents. A description of shareholder rights under each of the Penns Woods and

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Luzerne governing documents, and the material differences between them, is included in the section entitled *Comparison of Shareholders Rights* found on page 171.

Conditions That Must Be Satisfied or Waived for the Merger to Occur (page 91)

Currently, we expect to complete the merger in the second quarter of 2013. As more fully described in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and in the merger agreement, the completion of the merger depends on a number of conditions being satisfied or, where legally permissible, waived. These conditions include, among others, approval by the requisite vote of the Penns Woods shareholders and the Luzerne shareholders; the receipt of all required regulatory approvals from the Federal Reserve Board (FRB), and the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities (PDB); the exercise of dissenters rights under the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law with respect to no more than 5% of the outstanding Luzerne common shares; and the receipt of a legal opinion from counsel to each of Penns Woods and Luzerne regarding the tax treatment of the merger.

We cannot be certain when, or if, the conditions to the merger will be satisfied or waived, or that the merger will be completed.

No Solicitation of Other Offers

Luzerne has agreed that it, its subsidiaries, its directors and officers and those of its subsidiaries will not, and Luzerne will cause its and each of its subsidiaries employees and agents not to, between the date of the merger agreement and the closing of the merger, directly or indirectly:

initiate, solicit, induce or encourage, or take any action to facilitate the making of, any inquiry, offer or proposal which constitutes, relates or could reasonably be expected to lead to an alternative acquisition proposal;

respond to any inquiry relating to an alternative acquisition proposal or an alternative acquisition transaction;

recommend or endorse an alternative acquisition transaction;

participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding, or furnish information or data to any person that may relate to an alternative acquisition proposal;

release anyone from, waive any provisions of, or fail to enforce any confidentiality agreement or standstill agreement to which Luzerne is a party; or

enter into any agreement, agreement in principle or letter of intent with respect to any alternative acquisition proposal or approve or resolve to approve any alternative acquisition proposal or any agreement, agreement in principle or letter of intent relating to an alternative acquisition proposal.

The merger agreement does not, however, prohibit Luzerne from furnishing information or access to a third party who has made an alternative acquisition proposal and participating in discussions and negotiating with such person prior to the receipt of shareholder approval if specified conditions are met. Among those conditions is a good faith determination by Luzerne s board of directors that the acquisition proposal constitutes a proposal that is more favorable to Luzerne and its shareholders than the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and is reasonably capable of being completed on its stated terms, taking into account all financial, regulatory, legal and other aspects of the proposal.

For further discussion of the restrictions on solicitation of acquisition proposals from third parties, see *The Merger Agreement Agreement Not to Solicit Other Offers* beginning on page 88.

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Termination of the Merger Agreement (page 92)

We may mutually agree to terminate the merger agreement before completing the merger, even after Luzerne or Penns Woods shareholder approval. In addition, either of us may decide to terminate the merger agreement, if (i) a court or governmental entity issues a final order that is not appealable prohibiting the merger, (ii) a bank regulator which must grant a regulatory approval as a condition to the merger denies such approval of the merger and such denial has become final and is not appealable, (iii) the shareholders of Penns Woods or Luzerne fail to approve the merger at their respective special meetings, or (iv) the other party breaches the merger agreement in a way that would entitle the party seeking to terminate the agreement not to consummate the merger, subject to the right of the breaching party to cure the breach within 30 days following written notice. Either of us may terminate the merger agreement if the merger has not been completed by July 31, 2013, unless the reason the merger has not been completed by that date is a breach of the merger agreement by the company seeking to terminate the merger agreement.

Penns Woods may terminate the merger agreement if the Luzerne board of directors, in connection with the receipt of an alternative acquisition proposal, (1) enters into a letter of intent, agreement in principle or an acquisition agreement with respect to the alternative acquisition proposal, (2) fails to make, withdraws, modifies or qualifies its recommendation of the merger agreement in a manner adverse to Penns Woods, or (3) delivers a written notice to Penns Woods of its determination to accept an alternative acquisition proposal.

Luzerne may terminate the merger agreement if Luzerne receives an alternative acquisition proposal and delivers a written notice to Penns Woods of its determination to accept the alternative acquisition proposal. Luzerne may also terminate the merger agreement within five days of the later of (i) the date on which all regulatory approvals, and waivers, if applicable, necessary for consummation of the merger and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement have been received or (ii) the date of the meeting of Luzerne shareholders if Luzerne's board determines that each of the following have occurred:

the average of the daily closing sales prices of a share of Penns Woods common stock as reported on Nasdaq for the 20 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the Determination Date is less than 85% of the closing sale price of Penns Woods common stock on the last trading date before the date of the merger agreement; and

the average of the daily closing sales prices of a share of Penns Woods common stock as reported on Nasdaq for the 20 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the Determination Date is such that the price performance of Penns Woods common stock is lower than the price performance of the Nasdaq bank Index minus 15%.

Termination Fee (page 93)

Luzerne will pay Penns Woods a termination fee of \$1.8 million in the event that the merger agreement is terminated:

by Penns Woods because Luzerne has received an alternative acquisition proposal, and Luzerne (1) enters into a letter of intent, agreement in principle or an acquisition agreement with respect to the alternative acquisition proposal, (2) fails to make, withdraws, modifies or qualifies its recommendation of the merger agreement in a manner adverse to Penns Woods, or (3) has otherwise made a determination to accept the alternative acquisition proposal; or

by Luzerne, if Luzerne receives an alternative acquisition proposal and delivers a written notice to Penns Woods of its determination to accept the alternative acquisition proposal in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement.

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Regulatory Approvals Required for the Merger (page 74)

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System must approve the merger under the provisions of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the Bank Holding Company Act), relating to the acquisition of a bank holding company by another bank holding company, and the applicable waiting period must expire before it can be completed. In addition, the Pennsylvania Department of Banking must approve the merger under the Pennsylvania Banking Code of 1965. The applications for approval of the merger were filed with the Federal Reserve and the Pennsylvania Department of Banking on or about January 25, 2013.

For further discussion of the regulatory requirements in connection with the merger, see *The Merger Regulatory Approvals Required for the Merger*, beginning on page 74.

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The following table provides historical consolidated summary financial data for Penns Woods. The data for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 are derived from Penns Woods' audited financial statements for the periods then ended. The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full year or any other interim period. Penns Woods' management prepared the unaudited information on the same basis as it prepared Penns Woods' audited consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of Penns Woods' management, this information reflects all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of this data for those dates.

<i>(In thousands except per share data)</i>	(Unaudited) At or For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			At or For the Years Ended December 31,			
	2012	2011	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Balance Sheet Data:							
Assets	\$ 840,606	\$ 752,650	\$ 763,953	\$ 691,688	\$ 676,204	\$ 652,803	\$ 628,138
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	477,530	422,989	428,805	409,522	400,872	377,122	356,348
Investment securities	296,255	266,691	270,151	215,648	208,875	208,386	214,732
Deposits	641,110	575,300	581,664	517,508	497,287	421,368	389,022
Borrowings	94,210	89,362	90,876	99,077	105,132	160,724	161,693
Shareholders' equity	93,779	78,572	80,460	66,620	66,916	61,027	70,559
Income Statement Data:							
Net interest income	\$ 23,058	\$ 21,125	\$ 28,720	\$ 26,494	\$ 23,793	\$ 21,276	\$ 19,502
Provision for loan losses	1,800	1,800	2,700	2,150	917	375	150
Non-interest income, including security gains and losses	7,815	5,808	8,219	7,459	2,287	5,456	7,478
Non-interest expense	16,265	14,812	19,964	19,492	19,812	17,949	17,316
Income before taxes	12,808	10,321	14,275	12,311	5,351	8,408	9,514
Net Income	10,754	8,967	12,362	10,929	6,093	8,003	8,877
Per Share Data:							
Basic earnings per share	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.34	\$ 3.22	\$ 2.85	\$ 1.59	\$ 2.07	\$ 2.28
Diluted earnings per share	2.80	2.34	3.22	2.85	1.59	2.07	2.28
Dividends declared	1.41	1.38	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.79
Book value	24.43	20.48	20.97	17.37	17.45	15.93	18.21
Earnings Performance Ratios:							
Return on average assets	1.78%	1.65%	1.69%	1.56%	0.92%	1.27%	1.49%
Return on average shareholders' equity	16.25%	16.46%	16.60%	15.30%	9.66%	12.02%	12.14%
Net interest margin	4.51%	4.67%	4.70%	4.57%	4.40%	4.14%	3.95%
Asset Quality Ratios:							
Net charge offs to average loans	0.31%	0.35%	0.37%	0.19%	0.16%	0.04%	0.06%
Non-performing loans to total loans	2.48%	3.34%	2.75%	1.50%	1.10%	0.46%	0.37%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	62.46%	44.30%	59.57%	97.10%	104.51%	248.21%	312.88%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	1.55%	1.48%	1.64%	1.45%	1.15%	1.14%	1.15%
Capital Ratios:							
Leverage ratio	9.52%	9.39%	9.57%	9.55%	9.32%	9.71%	10.74%
Total risk-based capital ratio	15.25%	15.05%	15.27%	15.95%	15.44%	16.02%	18.00%

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The following table provides historical consolidated summary financial data for Luzerne. The data for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 are derived from Luzerne's audited financial statements for the periods then ended. The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full year or any other interim period. Luzerne's management prepared the unaudited information on the same basis as it prepared Luzerne's audited consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of Luzerne's management, this information reflects all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of this data for those dates.

<i>(In thousands except per share data)</i>	(Unaudited) At or For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		At or For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2012	2011	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Balance Sheet Data:							
Assets	\$ 310,914	\$ 287,923	\$ 300,733	\$ 280,313	\$ 267,835	\$ 233,148	\$ 207,330
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	244,437	218,999	224,893	203,078	197,067	176,549	144,152
Investment securities	21,838	26,562	23,572	24,473	25,750	27,763	42,332
Deposits	273,001	250,955	263,415	243,645	226,858	187,489	171,750
Borrowings	6,929	8,004	8,005	9,456	15,874	22,406	11,748
Shareholders' equity	28,555	26,702	26,918	25,156	23,270	21,318	20,175
Income Statement Data:							
Net interest income	\$ 8,254	\$ 7,664	\$ 10,361	\$ 9,975	\$ 8,513	\$ 7,914	\$ 7,065
Provision for loan losses	439	420	848	675	430	370	321
Non-interest income, including security gains and losses	1,439	1,369	1,852	1,895	1,906	1,777	1,648
Non-interest expense	6,518	6,220	8,390	7,661	7,256	6,884	6,365
Income before taxes	2,736	2,393	2,975	3,534	2,733	2,437	2,027
Net Income	1,945	1,725	2,162	2,535	2,021	1,788	1,553
Per Share Data:							
Basic earnings per share	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.55	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.75	\$ 2.98	\$ 2.64	\$ 2.29
Diluted earnings per share	2.87	2.55	3.19	3.75	2.98	2.64	2.29
Dividends declared	0.45	0.45	0.75	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.70
Book value	42.20	39.46	39.78	37.17	34.35	31.47	29.73
Earnings Performance Ratios:							
Return on average assets	0.86%	0.83%	0.77%	0.95%	0.84%	0.83%	0.80%
Return on average shareholders' equity	9.39%	8.92%	8.28%	10.45%	9.06%	8.60%	8.00%
Net interest margin	4.00%	4.14%	4.09%	4.17%	3.95%	3.99%	4.02%
Asset Quality Ratios:							
Net loan charge offs to average loans	0.13%	0.14%	0.15%	0.17%	0.04%	0.05%	-0.01%
Non-performing loans to total loans	1.02%	1.68%	1.50%	0.31%	0.15%	0.27%	0.61%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	121.71%	71.99%	86.79%	385.15%	703.00%	356.33%	164.12%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	1.24%	1.21%	1.30%	1.19%	1.06%	0.98%	1.00%
Capital Ratios:							
Leverage ratio	9.17%	9.15%	8.91%	9.38%	9.09%	9.42%	9.85%
Total risk-based capital ratio	12.19%	12.66%	12.49%	12.71%	12.11%	12.86%	14.67%

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UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following unaudited pro forma combined consolidated financial information assumes that 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock will be exchanged for Penns Woods common stock at an exchange ratio of 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock for each share of Luzerne common stock and that the remaining 10% of the outstanding shares of common stock will be exchanged for cash consideration of \$61.86 for each share of Luzerne common stock. Utilizing the exchange ratio of 1.5534 and assuming that 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock are exchanged for Penns Woods common stock, it is anticipated that Luzerne common shareholders will own approximately 20% of the voting stock of the combined company after the merger.

The unaudited pro forma combined consolidated financial information is based upon the assumption that the total number of shares of Luzerne common stock immediately prior to the completion of the merger will be 676,694 and utilizes the exchange ratio of 1.5534 for 90% of Luzerne's outstanding shares and cash of \$61.86 for the remaining 10% of Luzerne's shares, which will result in 946,059 Penns Woods common shares being issued in the transaction.

The following unaudited pro forma combined consolidated financial statements as of and for the period ended September 30, 2012 combine the historical consolidated financial statements of Penns Woods and Luzerne. The unaudited pro forma combined consolidated financial statements give effect to the proposed merger as if the merger occurred on September 30, 2012 with respect to the consolidated balance sheet, and to the beginning of the period, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and for the year ended December 31, 2011, with respect to the consolidated income statement.

The notes to the unaudited pro forma combined consolidated financial statements describe the pro forma amounts and adjustments presented below. THIS PRO FORMA DATA IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF THE OPERATING RESULTS THAT PENNS WOODS WOULD HAVE ACHIEVED HAD IT COMPLETED THE MERGER AS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD PRESENTED AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS REPRESENTATIVE OF FUTURE OPERATIONS.

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The unaudited pro forma combined consolidated financial information presented below is based on, and should be read together with, the historical financial information that Penns Woods and Luzerne have included in or incorporated by reference in this joint proxy statement/prospectus as of and for the indicated periods.

Pro Forma Combined Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2012 Unaudited (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Penns Woods	Luzerne	Combined	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Combined
Assets:					
Cash	\$ 21,144	\$ 27,951	\$ 49,095	\$ (186) (4)(6)	\$ 48,909
Securities	296,255	21,838	318,093		318,093
Loans	485,051	247,515	732,566	(2,522) (1)	730,044
Allowance for Loan Losses	(7,521)	(3,078)	(10,599)	3,078 (8)	(7,521)
Loans, net	477,530	244,437	721,967	556	722,523
Fixed assets	8,247	6,981	15,228		15,228
Accrued interest receivable	4,255	840	5,095		5,095
Bank-owned life insurance	16,238	6,605	22,843		22,843
Goodwill	3,032		3,032	11,782 (7)	14,814
Intangibles				838	838
Other assets	13,905	2,262	16,167		16,167
Total assets	\$ 840,606	\$ 310,914	\$ 1,151,520	\$ 12,990	\$ 1,164,510
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity:					
Deposits - Noninterest bearing	\$ 115,285	\$ 83,129	\$ 198,414	\$	\$ 198,414
Deposits - Interest bearing	525,825	189,872	715,697	638 (2)	716,335
Short term borrowing	17,932		17,932		17,932
Long term borrowing	76,278	6,929	83,207	4,200 (3)(6)	87,407
Accrued interest payable	501	145	646		646
Other liabilities	11,006	2,284	13,290		13,290
Total liabilities	746,827	282,359	1,029,186	4,838	1,034,024
Preferred stock					
Common stock	33,489	1,697	35,186	6,184 (5)	41,370
Additional paid-in capital	18,148	232	18,380	28,594 (5)	46,974
Retained earnings	41,737	26,384	68,121	(26,384)	41,737
Accumulated other comprehensive income	6,715	328	7,043	(328)	6,715
Treasury Stock	(6,310)	(86)	(6,396)	86	(6,310)
Total equity	93,779	28,555	122,334	8,152	130,533
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 840,606	\$ 310,914	\$ 1,151,520	\$ 12,990	\$ 1,164,510
Per Share Data:					
Common shares outstanding	3,838,181	676,694	4,514,875	946,059	4,784,240
Book value per common share	\$ 24.43	\$ 42.20			\$ 27.28
Tangible book value per common share	\$ 23.64	\$ 42.20			\$ 22.60

(1) Adjust Luzerne loans to fair value based on 9/30/12 fair value of 100.2% of carrying amount.

(2) Adjust Luzerne deposits to fair value based on 9/30/12 fair value of 100.3% of carrying amount.

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- (3) Adjust Luzerne borrowings to fair value based on 9/30/12 fair value of 102.9% of carrying amount.
- (4) Luzerne capital is liquidated upon merger and replaced by \$36.8 million in stock and \$4 million in cash.
- (5) Stock: \$7,881 common (946,059 shares * \$8.33 par), \$28,874 additional paid-in capital utilizing the closing price on January 3, 2013.
- (6) Long term borrowing of \$4 million to fund cash payment.
- (7) Difference between the fair market value of liabilities and shareholders equity acquired and the fair market value of assets acquired.
- (8) Elimination of Luzerne allowance for loan losses due to fair market valuation.

Table of Contents**Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Income****For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011****Unaudited (in thousands, except per share data)**

	Penns Woods	Luzerne	Combined	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Combined
Interest and dividend income:					
Loans, including fees	\$ 25,187	\$ 11,557	\$ 36,744	\$ (56) (4)	\$ 36,688
Investment securities	10,937	634	11,571		11,571
Other dividend and interest income	252	27	279		279
Total interest and dividend income	36,376	12,218	48,594	(56)	48,538
Interest expense:					
Deposits	4,566	1,615	6,181	(319) (5)	5,862
Borrowings	3,090		3,090	(60) (3)(6)	3,030
Other		242	242		242
Total interest expense	7,656	1,857	9,513	(379)	9,134
Net interest income	28,720	10,361	39,081	323	39,404
Provision for loan losses	2,700	848	3,548		3,548
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	26,020	9,513	35,533	323	35,856
Non-interest income:					
Service charges	2,021	953	2,974		2,974
Securities gains, net	621	1	622		622
Earnings on bank-owned life insurance	599	256	855		855
Gain on sale of loans	1,130		1,130	500 (1)	1,630
Insurance commissions	933		933		933
Brokerage commissions	997		997		997
Other	1,918	642	2,560		2,560
Total non-interest income	8,219	1,852	10,071	500	10,571
Non-interest expense:					
Salaries and employee benefits	10,479	4,821	15,300		15,300
Occupancy, net	1,262	870	2,132		2,132
Furniture and equipment	1,379	320	1,699		1,699
PA shares tax	689	183	872		872
Amortization of investment in limited partnerships	661		661		661
FDIC deposit insurance	525	194	719		719
Other	4,969	2,002	6,971	(100) (2)	6,871
Total non-interest expense	19,964	8,390	28,354	(100)	28,254
Income before taxes	14,275	2,975	17,250	923	18,173
Income tax expense	1,913	813	2,726	314 (7)	3,040
Net Income	\$ 12,362	\$ 2,162	\$ 14,524	\$ 609	\$ 15,133

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Earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.11
Diluted	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.11

- (1) Luzerne - estimated increase in gain on sale of loans.
- (2) Luzerne - estimated reduction in other expense.
- (3) Interest on long term borrowing at 1% to fund cash consideration.
- (4) Amortization of loan fair market value.
- (5) Amortization of deposit fair market value.
- (6) Amortization of borrowing fair market value discount.
- (7) 34% tax rate.

Table of Contents**Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Income****For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012****Unaudited (in thousands, except per share data)**

	Penns Woods	Luzerne	Combined	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Combined
Interest and dividend income:					
Loans, including fees	\$ 18,954	\$ 9,044	\$ 27,998	\$ (42) (4)	\$ 27,956
Investment securities	8,604	366	8,970		8,970
Other dividend and interest income	274	26	300		300
Total interest and dividend income	27,832	9,436	37,268	(42)	37,226
Interest expense:					
Deposits	2,797	1,026	3,823	(239) (5)	3,823
Borrowings	1,977		1,977	(45) (3)(6)	2,007
Other		156	156		156
Total interest expense	4,774	1,182	5,956	(284)	5,986
Net interest income	23,058	8,254	31,312	242	31,282
Provision for loan losses	1,800	439	2,239		2,239
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	21,258	7,815	29,073	242	29,043
Non-interest income:					
Service charges	1,394	822	2,216		2,216
Securities gains, net	1,206	1	1,207		1,207
Earnings on bank-owned life insurance	539	216	755		755
Gain on sale of loans	1,053		1,053	375 (1)	1,428
Insurance commissions	1,053		1,053		1,053
Brokerage commissions	698		698		698
Other	1,872	400	2,272		2,272
Total non-interest income	7,815	1,439	9,254	375	9,629
Non-interest expense:					
Salaries and employee benefits	8,806	3,810	12,616		12,616
Occupancy, net	963	684	1,647		1,647
Furniture and equipment	1,058	239	1,297		1,297
PA shares tax	505	139	644		644
Amortization of investment in limited partnerships	496		496		496
FDIC deposit insurance	349	121	470		470
Other	4,088	1,525	5,613	(75) (2)	5,538
Total non-interest expense	16,265	6,518	22,783	(75)	22,708
Income before taxes	12,808	2,736	15,544	692	16,236
Income tax expense	2,054	791	2,845	235 (7)	3,080
Net Income	\$ 10,754	\$ 1,945	\$ 12,699	\$ 457	\$ 13,156

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Earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.75
Diluted	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.75

- (1) Luzerne - estimated increase in gain on sale of loans.
- (2) Luzerne - estimated reduction in other expense.
- (3) Interest on long term borrowing at 1% to fund cash consideration.
- (4) Amortization of loan fair market value discount.
- (5) Amortization of deposit fair market value discount.
- (6) Amortization of borrowing fair market value discount.
- (7) 34% tax rate.

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The following table sets forth certain historical Penns Woods and Luzerne per share data. This data should be read together with Penns Woods and Luzerne's historical financial statements and notes thereto, included elsewhere in or incorporated by reference in this document. Please see *Information About Penns Woods Bancorp, Inc.* beginning on page 101, *Information About Luzerne National Bank Corporation* beginning on page 114 and *Incorporation of Certain Document by Reference* beginning on page 178. **The per share data is not necessarily indicative of the operating results that Penns Woods would have achieved had it completed the merger as of the beginning of the periods presented and should not be considered as representative of future operations.**

	As of and for the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011	As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
<i>(In dollars)</i>		
Comparative Per Share Data:		
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per common share:		
Penns Woods historical	\$ 3.22	\$ 2.80
Luzerne historical	3.19	2.87
Pro forma combined (1) (2)	3.16	2.75
Equivalent pro forma for one share of Luzerne common stock (3)	4.91	4.27
Book value per common share:		
Penns Woods historical	\$ 20.97	\$ 24.43
Luzerne historical	39.78	42.20
Pro forma combined (1) (2)	24.50	27.28
Equivalent pro forma for one share of Luzerne common stock (3)	38.06	42.38
Tangible book value per common share:		
Penns Woods historical	\$ 20.49	\$ 23.64
Luzerne historical	39.29	42.20
Pro forma combined (1) (2)	21.12	22.60
Equivalent pro forma for one share of Luzerne common stock (3)	32.81	35.11
Cash dividends declared per share:		
Penns Woods historical	\$ 1.84	\$ 1.41
Luzerne historical	0.75	0.45
Pro forma combined (1) (2)	1.84	1.41
Equivalent pro forma for one share of Luzerne common stock (3)	2.86	2.19

- (1) The pro forma combined basic earnings and diluted earnings of Penns Woods common stock is based on the pro forma combined net income per common share for Penns Woods and Luzerne divided by the pro forma common shares or diluted common shares of the combined entity, assuming 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock are exchanged for Penns Woods common stock at an exchange ratio of 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock for each share of Luzerne common stock in accordance with the merger agreement. The pro forma information includes adjustments related to the estimated fair value of

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- assets and liabilities and is subject to adjustment as additional information becomes available and as additional analysis is performed. The pro forma information does not include anticipated cost savings or revenue enhancements.
- (2) The pro forma combined book value of Penns Woods common stock is based on pro forma combined common shareholders equity of Penns Woods and Luzerne divided by total pro forma common shares of the combined entities, assuming 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock are exchanged for Penns Woods common stock at an exchange ratio of 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock for each share of Luzerne common stock in accordance with the merger agreement. The unaudited pro forma combined consolidated information does not include anticipated cost savings or revenue enhancements.
 - (3) The pro forma equivalent per share amount is calculated by multiplying the pro forma combined per share amount by an assumed exchange ratio of 1.5534, assuming 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock are exchanged for Penns Woods common stock at an exchange ratio of 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock for each share of Luzerne common stock in accordance with the merger agreement.

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RISK FACTORS

In considering whether to vote in favor of the proposal to adopt the merger agreement, you should consider all of the information included in this document and its annexes and all of the information included in the documents we have incorporated by reference and the risk factors identified by Penns Woods with respect to its operations included in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. See *Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference*. In particular, you should consider the following risk factors.

Because the market price of Penns Woods common stock will fluctuate, Luzerne shareholders cannot be sure of the value of the stock portion of the merger consideration they may receive.

Upon completion of the merger, each share of Luzerne common stock will be converted into the right to receive merger consideration consisting of shares of Penns Woods common stock and/or cash pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, subject to the requirement that at least 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock be exchanged for shares of Penns Woods common stock. The value of the stock portion of the merger consideration to be received by Luzerne shareholders is fixed at 1.5534 shares of Penns Woods common stock for each share of Luzerne common stock. The sale prices for shares of Penns Woods common stock may vary from the sale prices of Penns Woods common stock on the date we announced the merger, on the date this joint proxy statement/prospectus was mailed to Luzerne shareholders and on the date of the special meeting of the Luzerne shareholders. Any change in the market price of Penns Woods common stock prior to closing the merger may affect the value of the stock portion of the merger consideration that Luzerne shareholders will receive upon completion of the merger. Luzerne is not permitted to resolicit the vote of Luzerne shareholders solely because of changes in the market price of either company's stock. Stock price changes may result from a variety of factors, including general market and economic conditions, changes in our respective businesses, operations and prospects and regulatory considerations. Many of these factors are beyond our control. You should obtain current market quotations for shares of Penns Woods common stock.

The market price of Penns Woods common stock after the merger may be affected by factors different from those currently affecting the shares of Luzerne.

The businesses of Penns Woods and Luzerne differ and, accordingly, the results of operations of the combined company and the market price of the combined company's shares of common stock may be affected by factors different from those currently affecting the independent results of operations of Penns Woods. For a discussion of the business of Penns Woods, see the documents incorporated by reference in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and referred to under *Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference* on page 178.

Luzerne shareholders will have a reduced ownership percentage and voting interest after the merger and will exercise less influence over management.

Luzerne's shareholders currently have the right to vote in the election of the board of directors of Luzerne and on certain other matters affecting Luzerne. When the merger occurs, each Luzerne shareholder that receives shares of Penns Woods common stock will become a shareholder of Penns Woods with a percentage ownership of the combined organization that is much smaller than the shareholder's current percentage ownership of Luzerne. Upon completion of the merger, if 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock are converted into shares of Penns Woods common stock, the former Luzerne shareholders will own approximately 20% of the outstanding shares of Penns Woods common stock.

Because of this, Luzerne's shareholders will have less influence on the management and policies of Penns Woods than they now have on the management and policies of Luzerne.

Future issuances of Penns Woods equity securities could dilute shareholder ownership and voting interest.

Penns Woods' articles of incorporation authorize the issuance of up to 15,000,000 shares of common stock. Any future issuance of equity securities by Penns Woods may result in dilution in the percentage ownership and

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voting interest of Penns Woods shareholders. Also, any securities Penns Woods sells in the future may be valued differently and the issuance of equity securities for future services, acquisitions or other corporate actions may have the effect of diluting the value of shares held by Penns Woods shareholders.

The merger agreement limits Luzerne's ability to pursue alternatives to the merger.

The merger agreement contains no shop provisions that, subject to specified exceptions, limit Luzerne's ability to discuss, facilitate or commit to competing third-party proposals to acquire all or a significant part of Luzerne. In addition, a termination fee is payable by Luzerne under certain circumstances, generally involving the decision to pursue an alternative transaction. These provisions might discourage a potential competing acquiror that might have an interest in acquiring all or a significant part of Luzerne from considering or proposing that acquisition, even if it were prepared to pay consideration with a higher per share value than that proposed in the merger, or might result in a potential competing acquiror proposing to pay a lower per share price to acquire Luzerne than it might otherwise have proposed to pay, if the merger with Penns Woods had not been announced.

Luzerne shareholders may receive aggregate consideration in a form different from what they elect.

Although each Luzerne shareholder may elect to receive all cash, all Penns Woods common stock or a mix of cash and stock in the merger, the pools of cash and Penns Woods common stock available for all Luzerne shareholders will be subject to the allocation and proration provisions of the merger agreement, and at least 90% of the Luzerne shares will be exchanged for shares of Penns Woods common stock. As a result, a Luzerne shareholder might receive a portion of the consideration for the merger in the form that such shareholder did not elect.

If you are a Luzerne shareholder and you tender shares of Luzerne common stock to make an election, you will not be able to sell those shares, unless you revoke your election prior to the Election Deadline.

If you are a registered Luzerne shareholder and want to make a valid cash or stock election, you will have to deliver your stock certificates, and a properly completed and signed form of election to the exchange agent. For further details on the determination of the Election Deadline, see *The Merger Agreement - Conversion of Shares; Exchange of Certificates; Elections as to Form of Consideration - Form of Election* on page 82. The Election Deadline may be significantly in advance of the closing of the merger. You will not be able to sell any shares of Luzerne common stock that you have delivered as part of your election unless you revoke your election before the deadline by providing written notice to the exchange agent. If you do not revoke your election, you will not be able to liquidate your investment in Luzerne common stock for any reason until you receive cash and/or Penns Woods common stock in the merger or the merger agreement is terminated and the certificates are returned to you. In the time between the Election Deadline and the closing of the merger, the trading price of Luzerne common stock may decrease, and you might otherwise want to sell your shares of Luzerne common stock to gain access to cash, make other investments, or reduce the potential for a decrease in the value of your investment. The date that you will receive your merger consideration depends on the completion date of the merger, which is uncertain. The completion date of the merger might be later than expected due to unforeseen events, such as delays in obtaining regulatory approvals.

Holders of Penns Woods common stock do not have dissenters' appraisal rights in the merger.

Dissenters' rights are statutory rights that, if applicable under law, enable shareholders to dissent from an extraordinary transaction, such as a merger, and to demand that the corporation pay the fair value for their shares as determined by a court in a judicial proceeding instead of receiving the merger consideration offered to shareholders in connection with the extraordinary transaction. Under Pennsylvania law, shareholders do not have dissenters' rights with respect to shares of any class of stock which, at the record date fixed to determine shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the meeting of shareholders at which a merger or

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consolidation was acted on, were listed on a national securities exchange. Because Penns Woods common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, a national securities exchange, holders of Penns Woods common stock will not be entitled to dissenters appraisal rights in the merger with respect to their shares of Penns Woods common stock.

The merger is subject to the receipt of consents and approvals from governmental and regulatory entities that may impose conditions that could have an adverse effect on Penns Woods.

Before the merger may be completed, various waivers, approvals or consents must be obtained from the Federal Reserve and the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities. These governmental entities may impose conditions on the completion of the merger or require changes to the terms of the merger. Such conditions or changes could have the effect of delaying completion of the merger or imposing additional costs on, or limiting the revenues of, Penns Woods following the merger, any of which might have an adverse effect on Penns Woods following the merger. In addition, neither Penns Woods nor Luzerne is obligated to complete the merger if the regulatory approvals received in connection with the completion of the merger include any condition or restriction that the boards of directors of Penns Woods or Luzerne reasonably determines would materially and adversely affect the business, operations, financial condition, property or assets of Penns Woods, Jersey Shore State Bank, Luzerne, or Luzerne Bank or would materially impair the value of Luzerne or Luzerne Bank to Penns Woods or of Penns Woods or Jersey Shore State Bank to Luzerne. Either Penns Woods or Luzerne could choose to waive this condition.

Luzerne directors and executive officers have financial interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of Luzerne shareholders.

Luzerne s directors and executive officers have financial interests in the merger that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of Luzerne shareholders. For example, the present members of the board of directors of Luzerne Bank will continue as directors of Luzerne Bank following the merger and three individuals selected by the board of directors of Luzerne will serve on the board of directors of Penns Woods after the merger; all of such directors will receive compensation for their services as directors. In addition, certain officers or employees have entered into new employment agreements that are effective upon completion of the merger or are parties to employment agreements under which they may receive severance payments under certain circumstances upon the change of control of Luzerne resulting from the merger.

Luzerne s board of directors was aware of these interests and took them into account in its decision to approve and adopt the agreement and plan of merger. For information concerning these interests, please see the discussion under the caption *The Merger Luzerne s Directors and Executive Officers Have Financial Interests in the Merger* on page 75.

The shares of Penns Woods common stock to be received by Luzerne shareholders receiving the stock consideration as a result of the merger will have different rights from the shares of Luzerne common stock.

Upon completion of the merger, Luzerne shareholders who receive the stock consideration will become Penns Woods shareholders. Their rights as shareholders will be governed by Pennsylvania corporate law and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Penns Woods. The rights associated with Luzerne common stock are different from the rights associated with Penns Woods common stock. See the section of this joint proxy statement/prospectus titled *Comparison of Shareholders Rights* beginning on page 171 for a discussion of the different rights associated with Penns Woods common stock.

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If the merger is not consummated by July 31, 2013, either Penns Woods or Luzerne may choose not to proceed with the merger.

Either Penns Woods or Luzerne may terminate the merger agreement if the merger has not been completed by July 31, 2013, unless the failure of the merger to be completed by such date has resulted from the failure of the party seeking to terminate the merger agreement to perform its obligations.

Termination of the merger agreement could negatively affect Luzerne.

If the merger agreement is terminated, there may be various consequences, including:

Luzerne's businesses may have been adversely impacted by the failure to pursue other beneficial opportunities due to the focus of management on the merger, without realizing any of the anticipated benefits of completing the merger; and

the market price of Luzerne common stock might decline to the extent that the current market price reflects a market assumption that the merger will be completed.

If the merger agreement is terminated and Luzerne's board of directors seeks another merger or business combination, Luzerne shareholders cannot be certain that Luzerne will be able to find a party willing to offer equivalent or more attractive consideration than the consideration Penns Woods has agreed to provide in the merger.

If the merger agreement is terminated and a different business combination is pursued, Luzerne may be required to pay a break-up fee of \$1.8 million to Penns Woods under certain circumstances. See *The Merger Agreement Termination Fee* beginning on page 93.

The unaudited pro forma financial data included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is preliminary and Penns Woods' actual financial position and results of operations after the merger may differ materially from the unaudited pro forma financial data included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

The unaudited pro forma financial data in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of what the combined company's actual financial position or results of operations would have been had the merger been completed on the dates indicated. The pro forma financial data reflect adjustments, which are based upon preliminary estimates, to record Luzerne's identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed at fair value and the resulting goodwill recognized. Accordingly, the final purchase accounting adjustments may differ materially from the pro forma adjustments reflected in this document.

The fairness opinion obtained by Luzerne and Penns Woods from their respective financial advisors will not reflect changes in circumstances subsequent to the date of the merger agreement.

Luzerne has obtained a fairness opinion dated as of October 18, 2012, from its financial advisor, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC. Penns Woods has obtained a fairness opinion dated as of October 18, 2012, from its financial advisor, Monocacy Financial Advisors, LLC. Neither Luzerne nor Penns Woods has obtained and neither will obtain an updated opinion as of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus from their respective financial advisor. Changes in the operations and prospects of Penns Woods or Luzerne, general market and economic conditions and other factors that may be beyond the control of Penns Woods and Luzerne, and on which the fairness opinion was based, may alter the value of Penns Woods or Luzerne or the price of shares of Penns Woods common stock or Luzerne common stock by the time the merger is completed. The opinions do not speak to the time the merger will be completed or to any other date other than the date of such opinion. As a result, the opinions will not address the fairness of the merger consideration, from a financial point of view, at the time the merger is completed. For a description of the opinion that Luzerne received from Janney Montgomery

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Scott, please see *The Merger Opinion of Janney Montgomery Scott, Financial Advisor to Luzerne* beginning on page 44 of this joint proxy statement/prospectus. For a description of the opinion that Penns Woods received from Monocacy Financial Advisors, please see *The Merger Opinion of Monocacy Financial Advisors, Financial Advisor to Penns Woods* beginning on page 52 of this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Following the consummation of the merger, investors in the combined company will own an institution with different financial and other characteristics than either Penns Woods or Luzerne on a standalone basis.

Following the consummation of the merger, current shareholders of Penns Woods and Luzerne will become shareholders in a combined company that will have different financial and other characteristics than either company had on a standalone basis. For example, the merger will result in a combined company with higher dollar amounts of total assets, risk-based assets and non-performing assets, including non-performing loans and other real estate owned, from the amounts historically experienced by Penns Woods or Luzerne individually. Although the total dollar amount of non-performing loans will increase for the combined company following the merger, the percentage of non-performing loans to total loans was 1.93% on a pro forma basis at September 30, 2012, compared to historical amounts of 2.48% for Penns Woods and 1.02% for Luzerne as of such date. On a pro forma basis, after giving effect to the merger, total risk-based capital as of September 30, 2012 was 13.01%, compared to historical amounts of 15.25% for Penns Woods and 12.20% for Luzerne as of such date. If we are unable to successfully combine the businesses of Penns Woods and Luzerne, our future earnings may be adversely affected, which in turn could adversely impact the amount of capital of the combined company.

The merger agreement may be terminated in accordance with its terms and the merger may not be completed.

The merger agreement is subject to a number of conditions which must be fulfilled in order to complete the merger. Those conditions include, among others: approval of the merger agreement by Penns Woods and Luzerne shareholders, regulatory approvals, absence of orders prohibiting the completion of the merger, effectiveness of the registration statement of which this joint proxy statement/prospectus is a part, approval of the shares of Penns Woods common stock to be issued to Luzerne shareholders for listing on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, the continued accuracy of the representations and warranties by both parties and the performance by both parties of their covenants and agreements, and the receipt by both parties of legal opinions from their respective tax counsels. See *The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement* beginning on page 92 for a more complete discussion of the circumstances under which the merger agreement could be terminated. Therefore, the conditions to closing of the merger may not be fulfilled and the merger may not be completed.

We may fail to realize all of the anticipated benefits of the merger.

The success of the merger will depend, in part, on our ability to realize the anticipated benefits and cost savings from combining the businesses of Penns Woods and Luzerne. However, to realize these anticipated benefits and cost savings, we must successfully combine the businesses of Penns Woods and Luzerne. If we are not able to achieve these objectives, the anticipated benefits and cost savings of the merger may not be realized fully or at all, or may take longer to realize than expected.

Penns Woods and Luzerne have operated and, until the completion of the merger, will continue to operate, independently. It is possible that the integration process could result in the loss of key employees, the disruption of each company's ongoing businesses or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies that adversely affect our ability to maintain relationships with clients, customers, depositors and employees or to achieve the anticipated benefits of the merger. Integration efforts between the two companies will also divert management attention and resources. These integration matters could have an adverse effect on Penns Woods or Luzerne during the transition period.

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Another expected benefit from the merger is an expected increase in the revenues of the combined company from anticipated sales of Penns Woods' greater variety of financial products, and from increased lending out of Penns Woods' substantially larger capital base, to Luzerne's existing customers and to new customers in Luzerne's market area who may be attracted by the combined company's enhanced offerings. An inability to successfully market Penns Woods' products to Luzerne's customer base could cause the earnings of the combined company to be less than anticipated.

Failure to complete the merger could negatively affect the market price of Penns Woods' and Luzerne's common stock.

If the merger is not completed for any reason, Penns Woods and Luzerne will be subject to a number of material risks, including the following:

the market price of their common stock may decline to the extent that the current market prices of their shares already reflect a market assumption that the merger will be completed;

costs relating to the merger, such as legal, accounting and financial advisory fees, and, in specified circumstances, additional reimbursement and termination fees, must be paid even if the merger is not completed; and

the diversion of management's attention from the day-to-day business operations and the potential disruption to each company's employees and business relationships during the period before the completion of the merger may make it difficult to regain financial and market positions if the merger does not occur.

The combined company will incur significant transaction and merger-related costs in connection with the merger.

Penns Woods and Luzerne expect to incur costs associated with combining the operations of the two companies. Additional unanticipated costs may be incurred in the integration of the businesses of Penns Woods and Luzerne. Whether or not the merger is consummated, Penns Woods and Luzerne will incur substantial expenses, such as legal, accounting, printing and financial advisory fees, in pursuing the merger. Although Penns Woods and Luzerne expect that the elimination of certain duplicative costs, as well as the realization of other efficiencies related to the integration of the businesses may offset incremental transaction and merger-related costs over time, this net benefit may not be achieved in the near term, or at all.

Unanticipated costs relating to the merger could reduce Penns Woods' future earnings per share.

Penns Woods and Luzerne believe that they have reasonably estimated the likely incremental costs of the combined operations of Penns Woods and Luzerne following the merger. However, it is possible that unexpected transaction costs such as taxes, fees or professional expenses or unexpected future operating expenses such as unanticipated costs to integrate the two businesses, increased personnel costs or increased taxes, as well as other types of unanticipated adverse developments, including negative changes in the value of Luzerne's loan portfolio, could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations and financial condition of Penns Woods following the merger. In addition, if actual costs are materially different than expected costs, the merger could have a significant dilutive effect on Penns Woods' earnings per share.

Luzerne will be subject to business uncertainties and contractual restrictions while the merger is pending.

Uncertainty about the effect of the merger on employees and customers may have an adverse effect on Luzerne and consequently on Penns Woods. These uncertainties may impair Luzerne's ability to attract, retain and motivate key personnel until the merger is consummated, and could cause customers and others that deal with Luzerne to seek to change existing business relationships with Luzerne. Retention of certain employees may

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be challenging while the merger is pending, as certain employees may experience uncertainty about their future roles with Penns Woods. If key employees depart because of issues relating to the uncertainty and difficulty of integration or a desire not to remain with Penns Woods, Penns Woods' business following the merger could be harmed. In addition, the merger agreement restricts Luzerne from making certain acquisitions and taking other specified actions until the merger occurs without the consent of Penns Woods. These restrictions may prevent Luzerne from pursuing attractive business opportunities that may arise prior to the completion of the merger. Please see the section entitled *The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements* beginning on page 84 of this joint proxy statement/prospectus for a description of the restrictive covenants to which Luzerne is subject under the merger agreement.

Future governmental regulation and legislation, including the Dodd-Frank Act and the implementation of Basel III capital standards, could limit Penns Woods' future growth.

Penns Woods and its subsidiaries are subject to extensive state and federal regulation, supervision and legislation that govern almost all aspects of the operations of Penns Woods. These laws may change from time to time and are primarily intended for the protection of consumers, depositors and the deposit insurance fund. Any changes to these laws may negatively affect Penns Woods' ability to expand its services and to increase the value of its business. Additionally, the capital standards of Basel III and a number of provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, or the Dodd-Frank Act, remain to be implemented through the rulemaking process at various regulatory agencies. Certain aspects of the new law and regulations, including without limitation, higher capital requirements and the costs of compliance with disclosure and reporting requirements that may be issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection or other banking regulators, could have a significant adverse impact on the combined company's business, financial condition and results of operations. Compliance with the Dodd-Frank Act may require us to make changes to our business and operations and will likely result in additional costs and a diversion of management's time from other business activities, any of which may adversely impact our results of operations, liquidity or financial condition. Although we cannot predict what effect any presently contemplated or future changes in the laws or regulations or their interpretations would have on Penns Woods, these changes could be materially adverse to Penns Woods.

The federal income tax consequences of the merger for Luzerne stockholders will be dependent upon the merger consideration received.

The federal income tax consequences of the merger to you will depend upon the merger consideration you receive. In general, if you exchange your shares of Luzerne common stock solely for cash, you will recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between the cash you receive and your adjusted tax basis in your Luzerne common stock. If you receive solely Penns Woods common stock in exchange for your Luzerne common stock, you generally will not recognize any gain or loss for federal income tax purposes. However, you generally will have to recognize gain or loss in connection with cash received in lieu of fractional shares of Penns Woods common stock. If you receive a combination of cash and Penns Woods common stock in the transaction, you generally will not recognize loss but will recognize gain, if any, to the extent of any cash received. For a more detailed discussion of the federal income tax consequences of the transaction to you, see *Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger*.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This joint proxy statement/prospectus contains or incorporates by reference a number of forward-looking statements, including statements about the financial conditions, results of operations, earnings outlook and prospects of Penns Woods, Luzerne and the potential combined company and may include statements for the period following the completion of the merger. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as plan, believe, expect, anticipate, intend, outlook, estimate, forecast, project and other similar words and expressions.

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The forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties. The ability of either Penns Woods or Luzerne to predict results or the actual effects of its plans and strategies, or those of the combined company, is subject to inherent uncertainty. Factors that may cause actual results or earnings to differ materially from such forward-looking statements include those set forth on page 31 under *Risk Factors*, as well as, among others, the following:

those discussed and identified in public filings with the SEC made by Penns Woods;

completion of the merger is dependent on, among other things, receipt of shareholder and regulatory approvals, the timing of which cannot be predicted with precision and which may not be received at all;

the merger may be more expensive to complete than anticipated, including as a result of unexpected factors or events;

higher than expected increases in Penns Woods or Luzerne's loan losses or in the level of nonperforming loans;

a continued weakness or unexpected decline in the U.S. economy, in particular in north central Pennsylvania;

a continued or unexpected decline in real estate values within Penns Woods and Luzerne's market areas;

unanticipated reduction in Penns Woods or Luzerne's respective deposit bases or funding sources;

government intervention in the U.S. financial system and the effects of and changes in trade and monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including the interest rate policies of the FRB;

legislative and regulatory actions (including the impact of the Dodd-Frank Act and related regulations and the implementation of Basel III capital standards) could subject Penns Woods to additional regulatory oversight which may result in increased compliance costs and/or require Penns Woods to change its business model;

the integration of Luzerne's business and operations with those of Penns Woods may take longer than anticipated, may be more costly than anticipated and may have unanticipated adverse results relating to Luzerne's or Penns Woods' existing businesses; and

the anticipated cost savings and other synergies of the merger may take longer to be realized or may not be achieved in their entirety, and attrition in key client, partner and other relationships relating to the merger may be greater than expected.

Because these forward-looking statements are subject to assumptions and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these statements, which speak only as of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus or the date of any document incorporated by reference in this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements concerning the merger or other matters addressed in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and attributable to Penns Woods or Luzerne or any person acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Except to the extent required by applicable law or regulation, Penns Woods and Luzerne undertake no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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THE MERGER

Background of the Merger

Mindful of the continuing pressure on smaller community banks to consolidate due to issues related to compliance, economies of scale, and access to capital, Robert Snyder, the Chief Executive Officer of Luzerne has had several informal discussions with the presidents or chief executive officers of other community banks in northeastern Pennsylvania relating to consolidation opportunities over the past few years.

In April 2011, Mr. Snyder was approached by the chief executive officer of a bank holding company with bank branches located in northern Pennsylvania and southern New York. Several members of the Board met with directors from this potential acquiror. Following these meetings, the potential acquiror presented Luzerne with a letter of intent to acquire all of the outstanding Luzerne shares at a value equal to 1.5 times Luzerne's book value. After discussing the terms outlined in the letter of intent, the Board determined that this was not an appropriate transaction for Luzerne shareholders, employees, customers or the members of the communities that Luzerne Bank serves. The Board felt that the cash portion of the merger consideration was high, causing the shareholders to pay a greater amount of tax. The transaction also would have required the merger of Luzerne Bank, which likely would have resulted in a significant loss of employment and the closure of some bank branches. However, in the course of these discussions, the Board determined that 1.5 times book value was an attractive price and would not consider a transaction below this price point.

Another bank, which had had informal conversations with Mr. Snyder over the past several years, made a presentation to the Board in January 2012. In this presentation, the bank demonstrated that the maximum it could pay to acquire the outstanding shares of Luzerne stock was \$44.50, which was significantly below 1.5 times Luzerne's book value. The Board did not take any additional action with respect to this bank's proposal following the presentation.

Luzerne has also attempted to grow through acquisitions over the past few years. In May 2010, Luzerne engaged a financial advisor and conducted due diligence to acquire a bank holding company with bank branches located in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties. After completing due diligence, the Board determined to terminate discussions.

In October 2010, Luzerne made a proposal to acquire a bank holding company with bank branches in Lackawanna county. This bank holding company was soliciting proposals from a number of potential acquirors; however, the proposal submitted by Luzerne was not accepted.

In October 2011, Joseph Kluger, Chairman of the Board of Luzerne, discussed acquiring a bank holding company that was experiencing financial difficulties. Through a due diligence review process, the Board determined to terminate discussions.

Mr. Snyder and Richard Grafmyre, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Penns Woods, had informally discussed an acquisition of Luzerne on a number of occasions over the last several years. On January 24, 2012, Mr. Snyder received a written indication of interest from Penns Woods, through Penns Woods's financial advisor, Monocacy Financial Advisors.

The Board discussed the letter at a meeting held on January 26, 2012. The Board believed that it would be helpful to learn more about Penns Woods' intentions with respect to a merger, including how Luzerne would operate following a merger, board structure, the treatment of employees and intentions with respect to the community. Mr. Kluger, Mr. Snyder and several other members of the Board agreed to meet with Mr. Grafmyre and report back to the rest of the Board.

On February 10, 2012, Mr. Kluger, Mr. Snyder and certain other members of the Board met with Mr. Grafmyre. During this meeting, Mr. Grafmyre described his vision for Luzerne Bank and for Penns Woods as a bank holding company. Mr. Grafmyre envisioned acquiring community banks and allowing them to operate

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independent of one another. As a holding company, Penns Woods would provide greater access to capital and more retail products. This approach would allow banks to retain the strengths that guided their prior success, while gaining certain cost savings by realizing synergies with other banks. As such, Mr. Grafmyre proposed that Luzerne merge into Penns Woods, but Luzerne Bank would retain its separate charter and board of directors.

On February 29, 2012, Robert Kafafian of The Kafafian Group, a financial advisor to Luzerne, provided a preliminary financial analysis of the proposed merger with Penns Woods to the Board during a strategic planning meeting.

On March 8, 2012, the Board met to discuss the February 10 meeting with Mr. Grafmyre. The Board discussed Mr. Grafmyre's vision for Luzerne Bank as described by Mr. Grafmyre to the Board members who met with him. In addition to the financial benefits this transaction would provide to Luzerne's shareholders, the Board also recognized the many benefits a transaction of this structure would have for Luzerne Bank's employees, customers and the communities in which Luzerne Bank operated. As presented by Mr. Grafmyre, a majority of Luzerne Bank employees would retain their jobs, at comparable salary and benefits. No bank branch closings were anticipated and Luzerne Bank would, in effect, operate autonomously and to serve the banking needs of the local communities. The Board decided that another meeting with Mr. Grafmyre should be arranged so that the other directors would have an opportunity to meet with him.

On March 22, 2012, the Board met with Mr. Kafafian to further discuss the Penns Woods letter. At this meeting, Mr. Kafafian compared a merger with Penns Woods to mergers with other bank holding companies that had previously expressed an interest in acquiring Luzerne. The Board recognized that, while other bank holding companies may have the ability to pay a premium similar to the premium that Penns Woods offered, it was unlikely that they would offer the other benefits envisioned by Penns Woods. Due in part to the autonomy of Luzerne Bank following the potential merger, a majority of the Luzerne Bank employees would retain their jobs at comparable terms, no branch closings were anticipated and Luzerne Bank would be able to continue serving the banking needs of the communities in which it operates. In addition, Luzerne shareholders would enjoy greater liquidity in their investment, because Penns Woods' stock trades on The Nasdaq Global Select Market. The Board also discussed the challenges facing Luzerne shareholders, including the lack of liquidity of the Luzerne stock. As a result of these discussions, the Board developed a list of additional questions for Mr. Grafmyre.

On March 26, 2012, the remaining members of the Board met with Mr. Grafmyre and certain of the Penns Woods directors to discuss the proposed merger. At that meeting, Mr. Grafmyre outlined the parameters of the transaction, covered the points he had discussed with other Board members at the February 10, 2012 meeting and responded to questions from Board members.

On April 12, 2012, the Board met to discuss the March 26, 2012 meeting with Mr. Grafmyre and the Penns Woods directors. Overall, based on the presentations made by Mr. Grafmyre, the Board believed this could be a beneficial transaction for Luzerne's shareholders and other constituencies. The Board authorized Mr. Kluger to appoint a committee to continue discussions with Penns Woods.

On April 24, 2012, Mr. Kluger, Mr. Snyder, John Nackley and Gary Lamont met with the board of directors of Penns Woods. During this meeting, the Penns Woods directors described the attributes of their company and their bank subsidiary and the advantages of merging with Luzerne. The Penns Woods board members emphasized the points made by Mr. Grafmyre to the Board at previous meetings with Board members. The Penns Woods directors also provided the Luzerne directors its investor presentation which described Penns Woods.

In late April and early May 2012, Luzerne and Penns Woods began to further discuss Luzerne Bank's independence following a merger. It was decided that, so long as Luzerne Bank continued to meet certain financial performance metrics, it would retain its separate charter. Once it no longer met those metrics, Penns Woods could exercise more control over Luzerne Bank, including merging it with Jersey Shore State Bank. On May 3, 2012, management of Luzerne and Penns Woods preliminarily agreed to those metrics, subject to Luzerne Board approval.

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Commencing on May 25, 2012, Board representatives interviewed four law firms to consider and select legal counsel to advise them on the potential merger. Each of these firms had relevant experience and expertise. Following those interviews, the Board invited Ballard Spahr LLP (Ballard Spahr) to attend the next meeting of the Board.

On June 1, 2012, the Board met to discuss the status of the negotiations of a letter of intent with Penns Woods. A draft of the letter of intent had been provided to Luzerne by Penns Woods financial advisors on May 30, 2012. This letter provided for the acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock at a price equal to 1.5 times book value and for Luzerne Bank to continue to operate autonomously. At this meeting, the Board engaged Ballard Spahr to advise the Board on the potential merger.

On June 7, 2012, the Board formed a special committee (the Special Committee) to explore and evaluate strategic alternatives, including the potential merger with Penns Woods and to provide to the Board the results of its evaluations and recommendations with respect thereto. Mr. Kluger was appointed chairman of the Special Committee and James Clemente, Patricia Finan Castellano, Mr. Lamont, Mr. Nackley and Angelo Terrana, Jr. were appointed members of the Special Committee. Mr. Snyder would be invited to attend all meetings of the Special Committee in a non-voting capacity. The Board continued to discuss the letter of intent.

On June 11, 2012, the Special Committee met to discuss the status of the negotiations of the letter of intent with Ballard Spahr and to consider and select a financial advisor to assist with the potential transaction. After interviewing two investment banking firms, the Special Committee selected Janney Montgomery Scott (Janney). Both firms had relevant experience and expertise.

On June 14, 2012, the Special Committee, Ballard Spahr and Janney met to discuss the status of the letter of intent and a confidentiality agreement.

On June 22, 2012, a confidentiality agreement between Luzerne and Penns Woods was executed.

On July 2, 2012, the Special Committee met with its advisors to discuss the remaining open issues on the letter of intent, including autonomy of Luzerne Bank and board composition of Luzerne Bank following the merger and representation on Penn Woods board.

On July 6, 2012, Luzerne and Penns Woods executed the letter of intent.

Throughout July and August, Luzerne and Penns Woods conducted due diligence, including on-site due diligence meetings and Penns Woods and its legal counsel prepared a draft merger agreement, which was provided to Luzerne and its advisors. On July 23, 2012, the Special Committee met to have a discussion with Mr. Grafmyre regarding the status of the potential transaction.

On September 5, 2012, the Special Committee met to review the draft merger agreement. Representatives of Ballard Spahr and Janney gave presentations to the Special Committee outlining the material terms of the draft agreement. During this meeting, the Special Committee discussed several issues related to the proposed merger, including the termination provisions, termination fee and whether Penns Woods proposed merger was the best transaction available for Luzerne, particularly with respect to the merger consideration.

During September and the first half of October 2012, Luzerne and Penns Woods continued to negotiate the terms of the draft merger agreement. Ballard Spahr and Janney provided frequent updates to the Special Committee as the negotiations progressed, including with respect to Penns Woods position on a pre-signing market check. On October 5, 2012, the Special Committee met to discuss and resolve outstanding issues.

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On October 18, 2012, there was a joint meeting of the Special Committee and the Board. At this meeting, the Special Committee and the Board reviewed the near final draft merger agreement. Representatives of Ballard Spahr gave a presentation on the material terms of the draft agreement. Representatives of Janney made a presentation regarding the fairness of the transaction from a financial point of view. They described the various analyses performed by Janney in reaching its opinion and noted that the premium in the transaction is 75.4% as of October 17, 2012. In reviewing the performance of Penns Woods as compared with other comparable banks, Janney stated that Penns Woods is a top performing community bank in Pennsylvania and that it is trading in line with its performance. Representatives of Janney concluded by stating that, in the opinion of Janney, the consideration to be received by Luzerne shareholders in the proposed merger is fair to Luzerne shareholders from a financial point of view.

The Board discussed whether it was getting the right price for the stock. The Board discussed the fact that Luzerne did not conduct a formal pre-signing market check. The Board discussed the offers and indications of interest that were made to acquire Luzerne in the past. While one of the prior potential transactions offered a comparable premium, none of those transactions would have offered significant benefits to Luzerne's other constituencies. The Board noted the significant premium and other benefits that the proposed merger could bring to a variety of Luzerne's constituencies, including greater liquidity to shareholders, continued employment at comparable terms for the majority of employees, no anticipated branch closures and the ability to continue to serve the banking needs of the local community. The Board discussed the fact that Luzerne Bank serves many small businesses. Larger banks generally do not seek small businesses as customers. The Board also noted that the bank is very active in local civic and charitable events. The Board discussed the comparable transactions described in Janney's presentation. Janney analyzed 23 transactions that have been announced since 2009 that involved target banks with assets under \$1 billion at the time of announcement and headquarters in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York or Pennsylvania. Of these comparable transactions, the median one day premium to market was 38.7% and the average one day premium to market was 36.0%. The Board discussed the fact that the premium in the merger with Penns Woods was 75.4% as of October 17, 2012, significantly above the mean and average premiums of the comparable transactions. The Board then discussed the likelihood that another bank would make an offer superior to Penns Woods' offer. After discussing other potential acquirors, the Board felt it was highly unlikely that any would be interested in acquiring Luzerne or, if interested, would offer consideration comparable to that offered by Penns Woods. In addition, the Board believed that even if another bank were to offer to acquire Luzerne, it was highly unlikely that Luzerne Bank would be able to maintain its independence. If Luzerne Bank were to be merged with another bank, the Board believed it was very likely that some branches would close and, as a result, many employees would lose their jobs. The Board was also concerned that a merger of Luzerne Bank would make banking more difficult for small local businesses, which tend to be the target customer for smaller banks such as Luzerne Bank. Representatives of Ballard Spahr indicated that they had discussed with Penns Woods' counsel the possible advantages from a legal perspective of conducting a formal pre-signing market check. Counsel for Penns Woods advised Ballard Spahr that Penns Woods had indicated that Penns Woods would terminate discussions if Luzerne undertook any effort to conduct a pre-signing market check. Representatives of Janney noted that the process followed by the Board is not out of the ordinary. Representatives of Ballard stated that in accordance with Pennsylvania law, the Board is able to consider the impact on various constituencies in determining to enter into a deal that go beyond price. After further discussion, the Board concluded that, based on the prior offers and indications of interest and the comparable transactions presented by Janney, that a pre-signing market check is highly unlikely to result in a transaction with a premium as substantial as the premium offered by Penns Woods and the many benefits to each of Luzerne's constituencies. Furthermore, the Board considered the risk of Penns Woods abandoning the merger to be significant and not in the best interest of Luzerne.

After discussion, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Special Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve the merger. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously authorized and approved the merger with Penns Woods.

Thereafter, on October 18, 2012, Luzerne and Penns Woods announced the merger.

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Luzerne s Reasons for the Merger

In reaching its conclusion to approve the merger agreement and the merger and recommend that Luzerne s shareholders vote **FOR** adoption of the merger agreement, Luzerne s board of directors, at its meeting held on October 18, 2012, considered the merger agreement and determined it to be fair to, advisable and in the best interests of Luzerne, its shareholders and its other constituencies. Luzerne s board of directors unanimously voted in favor of the merger agreement and the transactions it contemplates. In evaluating the merger, Luzerne s board of directors considered the unanimous recommendation of the Special Committee, and consulted with management, as well as its legal and financial advisors, and considered a number of factors, including:

a review of Luzerne s current business, operations, earnings, financial condition and prospects and of Penns Woods s current business, operations, earnings, financial condition and prospects, taking into account its familiarity with Penns Woods, its management and the results of Luzerne s due diligence review of Penns Woods;

knowledge of the current environment in the financial services industry, including economic conditions, the continuing consolidation, increasing operating costs resulting from regulatory initiatives and compliance mandates, increasing competition from larger regional institutions and current financial market conditions and the likely effects of these factors on Luzerne s potential growth, productivity and strategic options;

the terms and conditions of the merger, including both the amount and nature of the consideration proposed to be paid in connection with the merger and Luzerne s board s assessment of the likelihood that the merger would be completed in a timely manner;

the fact that Luzerne shareholders will receive a significant premium;

the financial analyses and presentation of Janney Montgomery Scott, and its opinion that the merger consideration is fair to the Luzerne shareholders from a financial point of view;

the fact that Luzerne s stock is not very liquid and that Penns Woods stock trades on The Nasdaq Global Select Market which provides greater liquidity;

the fact that the merger consideration will be tax-free to Luzerne shareholders to the extent they receive Penns Woods stock;

the current Penns Woods cash dividend rate which is significantly higher than the current Luzerne dividend rate;

expansion of the Penns Woods board to include three Luzerne representatives;

significant autonomy for Luzerne Bank following the merger;

the fact that all of the current members of the Luzerne Bank board will remain directors of Luzerne Bank;

the fact that the merger is not expected to result in significant employment loss at Luzerne Bank;

the fact that no Luzerne Bank branch closings are anticipated;

the opportunity to offer Luzerne's customers additional products and services;

the potential cost saving opportunities; and

the positive anticipated impact of the merger on Luzerne Bank's employees and the surrounding community.

Luzerne's board of directors considered a variety of risks and other potentially negative factors concerning the merger, including, without limitation, the following factors:

the risk that potential benefits of the merger, including possible synergies, might not be realized;

the possibility that the consummation of the merger may be delayed, or not occur;

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the incurrence of substantial expenses related to the merger, including transaction expenses and integration costs;

the time commitment of management to effectuate the merger; and

the other potential risks as described under the heading "Risk Factors" in this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

The foregoing discussion of the information and factors considered by Luzerne's board of directors is not exhaustive, but includes the material factors considered by the board. In view of the wide variety of factors considered by the board of directors in connection with its evaluation of the merger and the complexity of these matters, the board of directors did not consider it practical to, and did not attempt to, quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative weights to the specific factors that it considered in reaching its decision. Luzerne's board of directors evaluated the factors described above, including asking questions of Luzerne's legal and financial advisors. In considering the factors described above, individual members of Luzerne's board of directors may have given different weights to different factors. The board of directors relied on the experience and expertise of its legal advisors regarding the structure of the merger and the terms of the merger agreement and on the experience and expertise of its financial advisors for quantitative analysis of the financial terms of the merger. It should also be noted that this explanation of the reasoning of Luzerne's board of directors and all other information presented in this section is forward-looking in nature and, therefore, should be read in light of the factors discussed under the heading "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" on page 37.

Recommendation of Luzerne's Board of Directors

Luzerne's board of directors believes that the terms of the transaction are in the best interests of Luzerne and its shareholders and has unanimously approved the merger agreement. **Accordingly, Luzerne's board of directors unanimously recommends that Luzerne's shareholders vote FOR adoption of the merger agreement.**

Opinion of Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC, Financial Advisor to Luzerne

On June 18, 2012, Luzerne engaged Janney to render financial advisory and investment banking services to Luzerne. Janney agreed to assist Luzerne in assessing the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the consideration in the proposed merger with Penns Woods, to the shareholders of Luzerne. Luzerne selected Janney on the basis of Janney's experience and expertise in representing community banks in similar transactions.

As part of its engagement, representatives of Janney attended the meeting of the Luzerne Board of Directors held on October 18, 2012, at which the Luzerne Board of Directors evaluated the proposed merger with Penns Woods. At this meeting, Janney reviewed the financial aspects of the proposed merger and rendered an oral opinion (subsequently confirmed in writing) to the Luzerne Board of Directors that, as of such date and based upon and subject to the factors and assumptions set forth in its written opinion, the merger consideration was fair, from a financial point of view, to the holders of Luzerne common stock. The Luzerne Board of Directors approved the merger agreement at this meeting.

The full text of Janney's written opinion is attached as Annex B to this document and is incorporated in this joint proxy statement/prospectus by reference. Luzerne shareholders are urged to read the opinion in its entirety for a description of the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered, and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Janney. The description of the opinion set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such opinion.

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Janney's opinion speaks only as of the date of the opinion. The opinion is directed to the Luzerne Board of Directors and addresses only the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the merger consideration to the holders of Luzerne common stock. It does not address the underlying business decision to proceed with the merger and does not constitute a recommendation to any Luzerne shareholder as to how the shareholder should vote at the Luzerne special meeting on the merger or any related matter.

In rendering its opinion, Janney, among other things:

reviewed the draft merger agreement;

reviewed the historical financial performance, current financial positions and general prospects of Luzerne and Penns Woods;

examined the historical stock prices and trading volumes of Luzerne's and Penns Woods' common stock;

reviewed certain internal financial data and projections of Luzerne and Penns Woods;

considered the proposed financial terms of the merger and examined the estimated results of the proposed merger on tangible book value and earnings per share;

to the extent deemed relevant, analyzed selected public information of certain other bank holding companies and compared Luzerne and Penns Woods, from a financial point of view, to these other bank and thrift holding companies;

compared the terms of the merger with terms of other comparable transactions to the extent information concerning such acquisitions was deemed generally comparable;

discussed with certain members of senior management of Luzerne and Penns Woods the strategic aspects of the merger; and

performed such other analyses and examination as deemed necessary.

In conducting its review and arriving at its opinion, Janney relied upon the accuracy and completeness of all financial and other information provided to it or otherwise publicly available. Janney did not independently verify the accuracy or completeness of any such information or assume any responsibility for such verification or accuracy. Janney relied upon the management of Luzerne and Penns Woods as to the reasonableness and achievability of the financial and operating forecasts and projections (and the assumptions and bases therefore) provided to Janney, and Janney assumed that such forecasts and projections reflected the best currently available estimates and judgments of such management and that such forecasts and projections will be realized in the amounts and in the time periods estimated by such managements. Janney did not make any adjustments to the forecasts and projections provided by the management of Luzerne. Janney based its analysis of Penns Woods on internal management projections provided by senior management, which Janney updated to account for financial results as of June 30, 2012, while maintaining growth rates similar to those contained within the Penns Woods projections.

Janney assumed, without independent verification, that the aggregate allowance for loan and lease losses for Luzerne and Penns Woods are adequate to cover those losses. Janney did not make or obtain any evaluation or appraisals of the property, assets and liabilities of Luzerne and Penns Woods, nor did it examine any individual credit files.

Luzerne and Penns Woods do not publicly disclose internal management projections of the type provided to Janney in connection with its review of the merger. As a result, such projections were not prepared with a view towards public disclosure. The projections were based on numerous variables and assumptions, which are inherently uncertain, including factors related to general economic and competitive conditions.

Accordingly, actual results could vary significantly from those set forth in the projections.

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For purposes of rendering its opinion, Janney assumed that, in all respects material to its analyses:

the merger will be completed substantially in accordance with the terms set forth in the merger agreement;

the representations and warranties of each party in the merger agreement and in all related documents and instruments related to the merger agreement are true and correct;

each party to the merger agreement and all related documents will perform all of the covenants and agreements required to be performed by such party under such documents; and

in the course of obtaining the necessary regulatory, contractual, or other consents or approvals for the merger, no restrictions, including any divestiture requirements, termination or other payments or amendments or modifications, will be imposed that will have a material adverse effect on the future results of operations or financial condition of the combined entity or the contemplated benefits of the merger, including the cost savings, revenue enhancements and related expenses expected to result from the merger.

Janney further assumed that the merger will be accounted for using the acquisition method under generally accepted accounting principles, and that the merger will qualify as a tax-free reorganization for United States federal income tax purposes. Janney's opinion is not an expression of an opinion as to the prices at which shares of Luzerne common stock or shares of Penns Woods common stock will trade following the announcement of the merger or actual value of the shares of common stock of the combined company when issued pursuant to the merger, or the prices at which the shares of common stock of the combined company will trade following the completion of the merger.

In performing its analyses, Janney made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business, economic, market and financial condition and other matters, which are beyond the control of Janney, Luzerne and Penns Woods. Any estimates contained in the analyses performed by Janney are not necessarily indicative of actual values or future results, which may be significantly more or less favorable than suggested by these analyses. Additionally, estimates of the value of businesses or securities do not purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which such businesses or securities might actually be sold. Accordingly, these analyses and estimates are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty. In addition, the Janney opinion was among several factors taken into consideration by the Luzerne Board of Directors in making its determination to approve the merger agreement and the merger. Consequently, the analyses described below should not be viewed as determinative of the decision of the Luzerne Board of Directors with respect to the fairness of the consideration.

The following is a summary of the material analyses presented by Janney to the Luzerne Board of Directors on October 18, 2012, in connection with its fairness opinion. The summary is not a complete description of the analyses underlying the Janney opinion or the presentation made by Janney to the Luzerne Board of Directors, but summarizes the material analyses performed and presented in connection with such opinion. The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex analytic process involving various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances. Therefore, a fairness opinion is not readily susceptible to partial analysis or summary description. In arriving at its opinion, Janney did not attribute any particular weight to any analysis or factor that it considered, but rather made qualitative judgments as to the significance and relevance of each analysis and factor. The financial analyses summarized below include information presented in tabular format. Accordingly, Janney believes that its analyses and the summary of its analyses must be considered as a whole and selecting portions of its analyses and factors or focusing on the information presented below in tabular format, without considering all analyses and factors or the full narrative description of the financial analyses, including the methodologies and assumptions underlying the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the process underlying its analyses and opinion. The tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the financial analyses.

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Summary of Proposal. Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, upon completion of the merger, each share of Luzerne common stock will be converted, at the election of the shareholder, into either the right to receive (a) 1.5534 shares of common stock of Penns Woods, par value \$8.33 per share, (b) \$61.86 in cash or (c) a combination of cash and Penns Woods common stock. At the closing of the merger, 90% of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock will be converted into the right to receive shares of Penns Woods common stock and the remainder of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock will be converted into the right to receive cash subject to the right of Penns Woods, in its discretion, to increase the percentage of the total stock consideration. Based on Penns Woods' price at the close of the stock markets on October 17, 2012, one day before the announcement of the transaction, of \$44.26, the merger consideration represented a price of \$68.06 per share to Luzerne's common shareholders.

Selected Comparable Companies Analyses. Using publicly available information, Janney compared the financial condition and market performance of Luzerne to selected publicly traded banks headquartered in northeastern Pennsylvania with assets between \$100 million and \$700 million. Companies included in this group were:

American Bank Inc.	Neffs Bancorp Inc.
CCFNB Bancorp Inc.	Northumberland Bancorp
Dimeco Inc.	Norwood Financial Corp.
Embassy Bancorp Inc.	Peoples Financial Services Corp.
Fidelity D & D Bancorp Inc.	Peoples Ltd.
Honat Bancorp	Turbotville National Bancorp
JTNB Bancorp Inc.	UNB Corp.
Landmark Bancorp Inc.	Union Bancorp Inc.
Mauch Chunk Trust Financial Corp.	West Milton Bancorp Inc.
MNB Corporation	Woodlands Financial Services Co.
Muncy Bank Financial Inc.	

Additionally, using publicly available information, Janney compared the financial condition and market performance of Penns Woods to selected publicly traded banks headquartered in central and eastern Pennsylvania with assets between \$500 million and \$1.1 billion. Companies included in this group were:

ACNB Corp.	First Keystone Corp.
American Bank Inc.	First National Community Bancorp Inc.
CCFNB Bancorp Inc.	Franklin Financial Services Corp.
Citizens Financial Services Inc.	Honat Bancorp
Codorus Valley Bancorp Inc.	Kish Bancorp Inc.
Dimeco Inc.	Mid Penn Bancorp Inc.
Embassy Bancorp Inc.	Norwood Financial Corp.
ENB Financial Corp	Penseco Financial Services Corp.
Fidelity D & D Bancorp Inc.	Peoples Financial Services Corp.

To perform this analysis, Janney used financial information as of the twelve month period ended June 30, 2012, and market price information as of the close of the stock markets on October 17, 2012. Earnings estimates for 2012 and 2013 were taken from a nationally recognized earnings estimate consolidator for comparable companies. Certain financial data prepared by Janney, and as referenced in the tables presented below, may not correspond to the data presented in Luzerne's and Penns Woods's historical financial statements as a result of the different periods, assumptions and methods used by Janney to compute the financial data presented.

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Janney's analysis showed the following concerning Luzerne's and Penns Woods's financial condition:

	Luzerne	Luzerne Group Minimum	Luzerne Group Maximum
Return on Average Assets	0.76%	-0.66%	1.54%
Return on Average Equity	8.40%	-7.46%	15.40%
Net Interest Margin	3.98%	2.67%	4.64%
Noninterest Income / Average Assets	0.64%	0.10%	1.12%
Efficiency Ratio	68.7%	41.6%	89.5%

	Penns Woods	Penns Woods Group Minimum	Penns Woods Group Maximum
Return on Average Assets	1.76%	-0.20%	1.61%
Return on Average Equity	16.57%	-5.28%	18.07%
Net Interest Margin	4.63%	2.67%	4.52%
Noninterest Income / Average Assets	1.03%	0.19%	1.22%
Efficiency Ratio	50.4%	46.6%	101.0%

	Luzerne	Luzerne Group Minimum	Luzerne Group Maximum
Tangible Common Equity / Tangible Assets	9.1%	6.2%	16.6%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	10.6%	10.5%	32.0%
Loans / Assets	80.6%	34.8%	76.0%
Nonperforming Assets + 90 Days / Assets	1.37%	0.04%	4.07%
Last Twelve Months Net Charge-Offs / Average Loans	0.12%	-0.10%	2.84%

	Penns Woods	Penns Woods Group Minimum	Penns Woods Group Maximum
Tangible Common Equity / Tangible Assets	10.4%	4.2%	12.7%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	13.6%	6.7%	18.4%
Loans / Assets	56.8%	51.3%	75.4%
Nonperforming Assets + 90 Days / Assets	2.00%	0.19%	4.07%
Last Twelve Months Net Charge-Offs / Average Loans	0.79%	-0.02%	0.72%

	Luzerne	Luzerne Group Minimum	Luzerne Group Maximum
Stock Price / Tangible Book Value per Share	94.1%	56.8%	165.7%
Stock Price / Last Twelve Months EPS	11.6x	8.2x	13.2x
Dividend Yield	1.5%	0.0%	4.8%
Last Twelve Months Dividend Payout Ratio	22.4%	0.0%	49.3%

	Penns Woods	Penns Woods Group Minimum	Penns Woods Group Maximum
Stock Price / Tangible Book Value per Share	199.7%	72.8%	172.1%

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Stock Price / Last Twelve Months EPS	12.5x	7.8x	13.1x
Dividend Yield	4.2%	0.0%	4.8%
Last Twelve Months Dividend Payout Ratio	52.4%	0.0%	63.2%

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Recent Transactions Analysis. Janney reviewed publicly available information related to selected bank transactions involving institutions with assets under \$1 billion announced since January 1, 2009, and headquartered in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York or Pennsylvania. Further, transaction multiples for the merger were evaluated based on the exchange ratio of 1.5534 and \$61.86 cash consideration per share using the October 17, 2012 stock market closing price (one day prior to announcement) of Penns Woods' s common stock to arrive at an aggregate offer price of \$68.06 per common share for Luzerne. For each transaction referred to below, Janney derived and compared, among other things, the following implied ratios:

price per common share paid for the acquired company to book value per share of the acquired company based on the latest publicly available financial statements of the company available prior to the announcement of the acquisition;

price per common share paid for the acquired company to tangible book value per share of the acquired company based on the latest publicly available financial statements of the company available prior to the announcement of the acquisition;

tangible book value premium to core deposits (total deposits less time deposits greater than \$100,000) based on the latest publicly available financial statements of the company available prior to the announcement of the acquisition;

price per common share paid for the acquired company to total assets per share of the acquired company based on the latest publicly available financial statements of the company available prior to the announcement of the acquisition;

price per common share paid for the acquired company to last twelve months earnings per share of the acquired company based on the latest publicly available financial statements of the company available prior to the announcement of the acquisition; and

price per common share paid for the acquired company to closing price of the acquired company on day prior to the announcement of the acquisition (expressed as a percentage and referred to as the 1-day market premium).

Acquiror	Acquiree
Hana Financial Group Inc.	BNB Financial Services Corp.
Investors Bancorp Inc.	Marathon Banking Corporation
S&T Bancorp Inc.	Gateway Bank of Pennsylvania
Provident New York Bancorp	Gotham Bank
Sandy Spring Bancorp Inc.	CommerceFirst Bancorp Inc.
S&T Bancorp Inc.	Mainline Bancorp Inc.
BankUnited Inc.	Herald National Bank
BCB Bancorp Inc.	Allegiance Community Bank
Bridge Bancorp Inc.	Hamptons State Bank
GNB Financial Services Inc.	Herndon National Bank
Community Bank System Inc.	Wilber Corporation
Modern Capital Partners L.P.	Madison National Bancorp Inc.
Chemung Financial Corp.	Fort Orange Financial Corp.
Old Line Bancshares Inc.	Maryland Bankcorp Inc.
Customers Bancorp Inc.	Berkshire Bancorp Inc.
F.N.B. Corp.	Comm Bancorp Inc.
WSFS Financial Corp.	Christiana Bank & Trust Co.
Kearny Financial Corp.	Central Jersey Bancorp
Bank of Princeton	MoreBank
Millbrook Bank System Inc.	SNB Bancorp Inc.
Donegal Financial Services Corp.	Union National Financial Corp.

Roma Financial Corp.
Capital Funding Bancorp Inc.

Sterling Banks Inc.
AmericasBank Corp.

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The results of the analysis are set forth in the following table:

Transaction Price to:	Penns Woods/ Luzerne Merger	Comparable Transactions Median	Comparable Transactions Minimum	Comparable Transactions Maximum
Book Value	165.0%	118.7%	3.5%	186.1%
Tangible Book Value	165.0%	125.9%	3.5%	189.7%
Core Deposit Premium	9.8%	2.5%	-9.1%	13.6%
Assets	15.0%	10.6%	0.2%	27.2%
Last Twelve Months EPS	20.3x	23.8x	13.4x	54.2x
1-Day Market Premium	75.4%	38.7%	0.1%	67.8%

No company or transaction used as a comparison in the above analysis is identical to Luzerne, Penns Woods or the merger. Accordingly, an analysis of these results is not mathematical. Instead, it involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics of the companies.

Financial Impact Analysis. Janney performed pro forma merger analysis on the combined projected income statement and balance sheet information of Luzerne and Penns Woods. Assumptions regarding the accounting treatment, acquisition adjustments and cost savings were used to calculate the financial impact the merger would have on certain projected financial results of Penns Woods. In the course of this analysis, Janney used earnings estimates for Penns Woods based on discussion with Penns Woods's management and used earnings estimates for Luzerne based on discussions with Luzerne's management. This analysis indicated that the merger is expected to be accretive to Penns Woods's estimated earnings per share in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Luzerne shareholders will be expected to receive an annual pro forma dividend of \$2.63, on average, per share, which compares to Luzerne's current annual dividend rate of \$0.60 (or \$0.75 if the recurring annual special dividend is included) and assumes that 90% of Luzerne's common stock will be converted into Penns Woods stock. The analysis also indicated that the merger is expected to be dilutive to tangible book value per share for Penns Woods and that Penns Woods is expected to maintain well-capitalized capital ratios. For all of the above analyses, the actual results achieved by Penns Woods following the merger may vary from the projected results, and the variations may be material.

Discounted Dividends Analysis. Janney performed a discounted dividends analysis to estimate a range of the present values of after-tax cash flows that Luzerne could theoretically produce for dividends to equity holders through 2017 on a standalone basis. In performing this analysis, Janney used management's earnings estimates for Luzerne for 2012 through 2014 and had discussion with Luzerne management to develop reasonable projections for 2015 through 2017. Janney assumed discount rates ranging from 12.0% to 18.0%. The range of values was determined by adding the present value of projected cash flows to Luzerne shareholders from 2012 through 2017 and the present value of the terminal value of Luzerne's common stock. In determining the cash flows available to shareholders, Janney assumed that Luzerne would maintain a tangible common equity to tangible asset ratio of 8.0% and would retain sufficient earnings to maintain that level. Any earnings in excess of what would need to be retained represented dividendable cash flows for Luzerne. In calculating the terminal value of Luzerne, Janney applied multiples ranging from 9.0 to 17.0 times 2017 projected earnings. This resulted in a range of values for Luzerne from \$30.54 to \$64.44 per share. The discounted dividends present value analysis is a widely used valuation methodology that relies on numerous assumptions, including growth rates, terminal values and discount rates. The analysis did not purport to be indicative of the actual values or expected values of Luzerne.

Information Regarding Janney. Janney, as part of its investment banking services, is regularly engaged in the independent valuation of businesses and securities in connection with mergers, acquisitions, private placements and valuations for corporate and other purposes. Luzerne and Janney have entered into an agreement whereby Janney has acted as financial advisor to Luzerne in connection with the merger. Luzerne paid Janney a fee of \$15,000 upon the execution of the engagement agreement, a fee of approximately \$50,000 upon the

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execution of the definitive agreement and plan of merger, and a fee of \$135,000 upon the closing of the transaction. In addition, Luzerne has agreed to reimburse Janney for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and disbursements incurred in connection with its retention and to indemnify Janney for certain liabilities arising out of its engagement. During the two years preceding the date of its opinion to Luzerne Janney has not received compensation (other than the \$15,000 engagement retainer fee from Luzerne in connection with the merger and the \$50,000 fee due upon the execution of the definitive agreement and plan of merger) for investment banking services from either Luzerne or Penns Woods.

Penns Woods Reasons for the Merger

The board of directors and senior management of Penns Woods periodically review and evaluate the economic and regulatory environments in which Penns Woods and its affiliated companies operate. Part of this review in recent years has included an acknowledgement of the effects of additional oversight and regulation on revenues, expenses and capital requirements for financial institutions, particularly community banks, as a result of the passage in 2010 of the Dodd-Frank Act and other factors. The board of directors and senior management generally believe that greater size and scale can help a community-oriented financial institution address the costs of anticipated additional regulation as well as provide additional revenue opportunities. In light of these observations, Penns Woods has elected to pursue a controlled growth strategy, which may include both organic growth and the targeted acquisition of other financial institutions with strong performance characteristics in Penns Woods market area or in contiguous market areas. This strategy may also include a bank holding company model with Penns Woods serving as the holding company for Jersey Shore State Bank as well as additional separately chartered banking subsidiaries in contiguous markets in northern Pennsylvania or in other markets.

Penns Woods entered into the merger agreement to further implement this strategy, as well as to provide additional opportunities for revenue growth. Penns Woods board of directors reviewed and discussed the transaction with senior management, as well as its financial and legal advisors, in unanimously determining that the merger was advisable and in the best interests of Penns Woods. In reaching its determination, the Penns Woods board of directors considered a number of factors, including the following:

the board's understanding of the business operations, management, financial condition, asset quality, product offerings, and prospects of Luzerne based on, among other things, presentations of management and Penns Woods' financial advisor;

the board's concurrence with management that the merger provides Penns Woods with an expansion opportunity into a favorable market that extends the Penns Woods market area contiguously to the east;

the board's view that Luzerne's product offerings and business mix are compatible with those of Penns Woods and provide Penns Woods with opportunities to accelerate loan growth and to build upon the market share of secondary market loan generations, as well as opportunities to expand Penns Woods' insurance and investment business activities;

the board's understanding, based on information then available, that the merger is expected to be accretive to earnings within 18 months after closing;

the results of the due diligence examination of Luzerne and its business operations, including asset quality and composition of its investment portfolio;

the board's assessment of the compatibility of the respective employee and business cultures of Penns Woods and Luzerne and the ability of Penns Woods to effectively operate Luzerne Bank as a separately chartered banking subsidiary of Penns Woods;

the board's view that the combined company will have the potential for a stronger competitive position in a market place where relatively greater size and scale may become increasingly more important factors for financial performance and success;

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the financial information and analyses presented by Penns Woods financial advisor, Monocacy, and the opinion of Monocacy to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion, based on and subject to the factors and assumptions set forth in the opinion, the consideration to be paid in the merger is fair from a financial point of view to Penns Woods; and

the review by the board of directors with, Stevens & Lee, its legal advisor, and Monocacy, its financial advisor, of the structure of the merger and the financial and other terms of the merger agreement.

The foregoing discussion of the information and factors considered by Penns Woods board of directors is not exhaustive, but includes the material factors considered by the board. In view of the wide variety of factors considered by the board of directors of Penns Woods in connection with its evaluation of the merger and the complexity of these matters, the board of directors did not consider it practical to, and did not attempt to, quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative weights to the specific factors that it considered in reaching its decision. Penns Woods board of directors evaluated the factors described above, including asking questions of Penns Woods legal and financial advisors. In considering the factors described above, individual members of Penns Woods board of directors may have given different weights to different factors. The board of directors relied on the experience and expertise of its legal advisors regarding the structure of the merger and the terms of the merger agreement and on the experience and expertise of its financial advisors for quantitative analysis of the financial terms of the merger. It should also be noted that this explanation of the reasoning of Penns Woods board of directors and all other information presented in this section is forward-looking in nature and, therefore, should be read in light of the factors discussed under the heading *Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements* on page 37.

Recommendation of Penns Woods Board of Directors

Penns Woods board of directors believes that the terms of the transaction are in the best interests of Penns Woods and its shareholders and has unanimously approved the merger agreement. Accordingly, Penns Woods board of directors unanimously recommends that Penns Woods shareholders vote FOR adoption of the merger agreement.

Opinion of Monocacy Financial Advisors, LLC, Financial Advisor to Penns Woods

Penns Woods retained Monocacy to act as Penns Woods investment banker and financial advisor in connection with the merger and related matters based upon its qualifications, expertise and reputation, as well as its familiarity with Penns Woods and other community banking organizations like Penns Woods and Luzerne. Monocacy is a nationally recognized investment banking, advisory, and consulting firm providing services of similar nature to community banking organizations. As a part of its investment banking and advisory business, Monocacy is continually engaged in the valuation of businesses in connection with mergers and acquisitions, private placements, and valuations for ESOPs, capital formation and capital structure transactions, going private transactions, corporate and other purposes.

At the October 18, 2012, special meeting of the Penns Woods board of directors, Monocacy provided an oral opinion (with a written opinion following the close of business) that the 1.5534 exchange ratio and \$61.86 cash consideration (determined as (a) 1.5534 shares of common stock of Penns Woods, par value \$8.33 per share, (b) \$61.86 in cash or (c) a combination of cash and Penns Woods common stock with a maximum of 90% (with Penns Woods discretion to exceed this amount if potentially elected by Luzerne shareholders) of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock converted into the right to receive shares of Penns Woods common stock and the remainder of the outstanding shares of Luzerne common stock will be converted into the right to receive cash) offered to Luzerne is fair to Penns Woods shareholders from a financial point of view. No limitations were imposed by Penns Woods on the scope of Monocacy's investigation or on the procedures followed by Monocacy in rendering its opinion. At the same meeting, the Penns Woods board of directors approved the merger and the merger agreement, subject to review by the Penns Woods board of directors of the final version of certain ancillary agreements and the receipt on Monocacy's written opinion.

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Later that day, Monocacy delivered its written opinion to the Penns Woods board of directors confirming its oral opinion, and the Penns Woods board of directors voted, unanimously, to adopt the merger agreement and recommend that the shareholders of Penns Woods approve the merger agreement.

The full text of the opinion of Monocacy, which sets forth, among other things, assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and limits on the review undertaken by Monocacy, is attached as Annex C to this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Holders of Penns Woods common stock are urged to read the opinion in its entirety. Monocacy's opinion is directed only to the exchange ratio and consideration described in the merger agreement and does not constitute a recommendation to any Penns Woods shareholder as to how such shareholder should vote at the Penns Woods special shareholder meeting. The summary set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus of the opinion of Monocacy is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of its opinion attached to this document as Annex C.

In arriving at its opinion, Monocacy engaged in discussions with members of both the management teams of Penns Woods and Luzerne, separately, concerning the historical and current business operations, financial conditions and prospects of Penns Woods and Luzerne and reviewed:

the merger agreement;

certain publicly available information for Luzerne, including each of its Annual Reports to Shareholders for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, and the quarterly call reports for Luzerne Bank for each of the quarterly periods ended on March 31 and June 30, 2012, and the Luzerne internal consolidated and consolidating financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 furnished by Luzerne management;

certain publicly available information for Penns Woods, including each of its Annual Reports to Shareholders and Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 and the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for each of the quarterly periods ended on March 31 and June 30, 2012, and the Penns Woods internal consolidated and consolidating financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 furnished by Penns Woods management;

certain information, including historical and forecasted financial information, relating to earnings, dividends, assets, liabilities, and prospects of Luzerne furnished by senior management of Luzerne;

certain information, including historical and forecasted financial information, relating to earnings, dividends, assets, liabilities, and prospects of Penns Woods as furnished by senior management of Penns Woods;

Luzerne senior management projected earnings estimates or budget(s) for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, if available;

Penns Woods senior management projected earnings estimates or budget(s) for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, if available;

the estimated amount and timing of the deal costs, cost savings and potential mark to market impacts expected to result from the merger which were furnished by senior management teams of Luzerne and Penns Woods and observed in other similar transactions reviewed by Monocacy;

the financial condition and operating results of certain other financial institutions that we deemed comparable;

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an underlying value (contribution and receipt) analysis of Luzerne and Penns Woods to the combined entity with regard to certain financial metrics as of September 30, 2012;

the recent stock prices and trading activity for the common stock of both Penns Woods and Luzerne during the last 2 years and up until the day prior to the announcement of the merger;

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various valuation analyses of Luzerne and Penns Woods that Monocacy performed including an analysis of comparable companies, analysis of comparable transactions, discounted dividend cash flow analysis, and financial impact (accretion/dilution) analysis; and

such other information, financial studies, regulatory overviews and summaries, analyses and investigations and such other factors that Monocacy deemed relevant for the purposes of its opinion.

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