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HELLER FINANCIAL INC

CIK: **46738** | IRS No.: **361208070** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
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SIC: **6153** Short-term business credit institutions

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Pricing Supplement No. 17 Dated: September 15, 1994
(To Prospectus dated March 17, 1993 and
Prospectus Supplement dated March 31, 1993)

U.S.\$2,500,000,000

HELLER FINANCIAL, INC.

MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES F

(REGISTERED NOTES - FLOATING RATE)

DUE FROM NINE MONTHS TO THIRTY YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUE

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000

Issue Price: 100 %

Original Issue Date: 9/30/94

Stated Maturity Date: 9/30/96

Form: Book-Entry Certificated

Depository: Depository Trust Company

Specified Currency: U.S. Dollars

(If other than U.S. Dollars, see attached)

Base Rate: Commercial Paper Rate LIBOR Treasury Rate

Federal Funds Rate Prime Rate Other:

Source: Federal Reserve H15 (Backup- Telerate Page 120)

Interest Reset Period: Daily; provided that the Base Rate for each of the four business days immediately preceding each Interest Payment Date shall be equal to the Base Rate calculated for the fifth day immediately preceding the applicable Interest Payment Date and provided further that the Base Rate for any day that is not a Business Day shall be equal to the Base Rate for the immediately preceding Business Day.

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Interest Reset Dates: (If other than as specified in the Prospectus Supplement) Each Business Day; provided that the Base Rate for each of the four business days immediately preceding each Interest Payment Date shall be equal to the Base Rate calculated for the fifth day immediately preceding the applicable Interest Payment Date and provided further that the Base Rate for any day that is not a Business Day shall be equal to the Base Rate for the immediately preceding Business Day.

Interest Payment Dates: (If other than as specified in the Prospectus

Supplement) The 30th of December, March, June and September, commencing December 30, 1994, and continuing until maturity.

Interest Determination Date(s): On each Interest Reset Date, effective for such date, provided that the Base Rate for each of the four business days immediately preceding each Interest Payment Date shall be equal to the Base Rate calculated for the fifth day immediately preceding the applicable Interest Payment Date and provided further that the Base Rate for any day that is not a Business Day shall be equal to the Base Rate for the immediately preceding Business Day.

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Initial Interest Rate: To be determined

Index Maturity: Daily.

Day Count Convention: Actual/360

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Spread (+/-): + .275%

Spread Multiplier: N/A

Optional Redemption: [] Yes [X] No

Initial Redemption Date:

The Redemption Price shall initially be % of the principal amount of the Note to be redeemed and shall decline at each anniversary of the Initial Redemption Date by % of the principal amount to be redeemed until the Redemption Price is 100% of such principal amount.

Optional Repayment: [] Yes [X] No

Optional Repayment Dates:

Optional Repayment Prices:

Repayment Provisions:

(If other than as specified in the Prospectus Supplement)

Discount Note: [] Yes [X] No

Calculation Agent: Heller Financial, Inc.

Exchange Rate Agent: N/A

Recognized Foreign Exchange Dealers: N/A

Discount or Commission: .05%

Other Provisions: a) AMOUNT ISSUED TO DATE, PRIOR TO PRICING SUPPLEMENT
NO. 17, UNDER MTN-SERIES F PROGRAM: \$412,000,000

b) CUSIP #: 42333HDY5

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