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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, acting pursuant to delegated authority for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, today approved the notification by Marshfield Investment Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust, Springfield, Missouri, to become a bank holding company through the acquisition of 30 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Marshfield Investment Company, Springfield, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire its subsidiary banks, Metropolitan National Bank, Springfield, Missouri, First National Bank, Lamar, Missouri, and Bank of Kimberling City, Kimberling City, Missouri.

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