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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 Reliance Bancshares, Inc., Des Peres, Missouri, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The Bank of Godfrey, Godfrey, Illinois.

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