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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 Mercantile Bancorp, Inc., Quincy, Illinois, to acquire up to 13.96 percent of the outstanding voting shares of NorthStar Bancshares, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, thereby indirectly acquiring its subsidiary bank, NorthStar Bank, National Association, Kansas City, Missouri.

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