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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 First Banks, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri ("Notificant"), to acquire 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Bank of Ste. Genevieve, Sainte Genevieve, Missouri. Also approved is the related notification by Notificants' lead bank subsidiary, First Bank, Creve Coeur, Missouri, to merge with Bank of Ste. Genevieve and to retain the acquired facilities as full service branch offices at those locations.

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