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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 Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc., Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to become a bank holding company through the retention of 100 percent of Southern Missouri Bank and Trust Company, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, upon its conversion from a state savings bank to a state chartered trust company.

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