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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 applications by First Banks, Inc., Hazelwood, Missouri, and its subsidiary bank holding company, The San Francisco Company, San Francisco, California, to acquire 100 percent of Pittsfield Community Bancorp, Inc., Pittsfield, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Community Bank of Pittsfield, Pittsfield, Illinois. Also approved is the companion application by First Bank, St. Louis, Missouri, to merge with Community Bank of Pittsfield, and to retain the acquired facilities as branch offices.

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