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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 the outstanding voting shares of San Diego Community Bank, Chula Vista, California. Also approved is the companion application by First Bank, St. Louis, Missouri, to merge with San Diego Community Bank, and to retain the acquired facilities as branch offices.

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