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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 application by Mercantile Bancorp, Inc., Quincy, Illinois, to increase its ownership from 13.75 percent up to 21.00 percent of the outstanding voting shares of NorthStar Bancshares, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, and thereby increase its indirect control of NorthStar Bank, National Association, Kansas City, Missouri.

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