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 Cooper Investments, Inc., Farmington, Missouri, to become a bank holding company through the retention of at least 24.5 percent of the outstanding voting shares of First State Bancshares, Inc., Farmington, Missouri, and thereby indirectly control its subsidiary bank, First State Community Bank, Farmington, Missouri, pursuant to Section 3(a)(1) of the Bank Holding Company Act.

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