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 LINCO Bancshares, Inc., Columbia, Missouri, to acquire 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Community First Bank, Fairview Heights, Illinois (Bank), pursuant to Section 3(a)(3) of the Bank Holding Company Act. Also approved today is the application by Providence Bank, Columbia, Missouri, to merge with Bank, and to retain the acquired facility as a branch office, pursuant to Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act and Section 208.6 of Regulation H.

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