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 Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc., Poplar Bluff, Missouri (Applicant), to acquire, through merger, Gideon Bancshares Company, Dexter, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire its subsidiary bank, First Commercial Bank, Gideon, Missouri, pursuant to Section 3(a)(5) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended. Also approved is the companion application by Applicant’s subsidiary bank, Southern Bank, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to merge with First Commercial Bank, pursuant to Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, and to retain the acquired facilities as branch offices of Southern Bank, pursuant to Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act and Section 208.6 of Regulation H.

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