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St. Louis, Missouri, November 13, 1995 -- 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 Bancorporation Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, to acquire 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of First Sterling Bancorp, Inc., Sterling, Illinois, thereby indirectly acquiring its subsidiary bank, First National Bank of Sterling-Rock Falls, Sterling, Illinois.

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