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ST. LOUIS - 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 First Nokomis Bancorp, Inc., Nokomis, Illinois, to acquire 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Ayars State Bank, Moweaqua, Illinois.

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