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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 of the Norma McLane-Smith Family Limited Partnership, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to become a bank holding company through the acquisitions of 53.77 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Poplar Bluff Banc Company, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and 11.10 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Midwest Bancshares, Inc., Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

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