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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 Union Illinois Company Employee Stock Ownership Trust, Swansea, Illinois, to retain its acquisition of an additional 1.90 percent of the outstanding voting common stock of Union Illinois Company, Swansea, Illinois, for total ownership of 33.10 percent of this class of stock.

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