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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 Marshfield Investment Company, Springfield, Missouri, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Metropolitan Bancshares, Inc., Springfield, Missouri, and thereby acquire Metropolitan National Bank, Springfield, Missouri.

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