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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 notification of Midwest Community Bancshares, Inc., Marion, Illinois, to become a bank holding company through the acquisition of Bank of Marion, Marion, Illinois.

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