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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 Mississippi Valley Bancshares, Inc., Clayton, Missouri, to acquire 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Southwest Bank, Belleville, Illinois, a proposed de novo bank.

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