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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 by Mt. Sterling Bancorp, Inc., Mt. Sterling, Illinois, to become a bank holding company through the acquisition of 100 percent of the voting shares of Mt. Sterling Bancshares, Inc., Mt. Sterling, Illinois, and its subsidiary bank, Farmers State Bank & Trust Company, Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

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