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FDIC APPROVES DEPOSIT ASSUMPTION OF LATIMER BANK & TRUST, LATIMER, IOWA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposit liabilities of Latimer Bank & Trust, Latimer, Iowa, by The First National Bank of Clarion, Clarion, Iowa.

The failed bank's three offices will reopen on Friday, January 16, 1987, as branches of The First National Bank of Clarion and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

Latimer Bank & Trust, with total assets of \$23.0 million, was closed on Thursday, January 15, 1987, by Iowa Superintendent of Banking William R. Bernau and the FDIC was named receiver.

The First National Bank of Clarion will assume about \$21.9 million in 3,400 deposit accounts and has agreed to pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$121,200. It also will purchase certain of the failed bank's loans and other assets for \$15.0 million. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance \$6.8 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$8.0 million.

The Board of Directors approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the FDIC. The Board made such a finding in this case because of the premium paid by The First National Bank of Clarion.

The FDIC will recover a portion of its outlay through the liquidation of assets not transferred to the assuming bank. In this respect, the FDIC notes that its claim will have priority over the claims of nondepositor creditors and shareholders of the closed bank.

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