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FDIC APPROVES DEPOSIT ASSUMPTION OF FIRST STATE BANK OF ATMORE, ATMORE, ALABAMA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposit liabilities of First State Bank of Atmore, Atmore, Alabama, by The First National Bank of Atmore, Atmore, Alabama.

The failed bank's only office will reopen on Friday, February 20, 1987, as a branch of The First National Bank of Atmore and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

First State Bank of Atmore, with total assets of \$11.5 million, was closed on Thursday, February 19, 1987, by Zack Thompson, Alabama Superintendent of Banks, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The First National Bank of Atmore will assume about \$11.4 million in 3,300 deposit accounts and has agreed to pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$76,000. It also will purchase certain of the failed bank's loans and other assets for \$8.7 million. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance about \$2.6 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$2.8 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 Atmore.

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 shareholders of the closed bank.

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