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FDIC APPROVES DEPOSIT ASSUMPTION OF WHITTIER THRIFT AND LOAN, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and fully secured liabilities of Whittier Thrift and Loan, Whittier, California, by Liberty Thrift and Loan, a newly-chartered subsidiary of Investors Bancor, Orange, California.

The failed bank's three offices will reopen on Monday, June 15, 1987, as Liberty Thrift and Loan, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

Whittier Thrift and Loan, with total assets of about \$15.5 million, was closed on Friday, June 12, 1987, by Howard Gould, California Superintendent of Banks, and the FDIC was named receiver.

Liberty Thrift and Loan will assume about \$14.8 million in 2,100 deposit accounts and will purchase all of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$2.7 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. The transaction will result in a substantially lower cost to the FDIC than if the assets were held and liquidated in receivership. Additionally, because the assets and deposits will be administered by Liberty Thrift and Loan, the failed bank's customers will have the benefit of continuous, uninterrupted service.

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