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FDIC APPROVES DEPOSIT ASSUMPTION OF THE LIBERTY BANK OF SEATTLE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and other liabilities of The Liberty Bank of Seattle, Seattle, Washington, by The Emerald City Bank, Seattle, Washington, a newly chartered state nonmember bank.

The failed bank's two offices will reopen on Monday, June 20, 1988, as full service facilities of The Emerald City Bank. All depositors of the failed bank automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

The Liberty Bank of Seattle, with total assets of about \$19.0 million, was closed on Friday, June 17, 1988, by Thomas H. Oldfield, Washington Supervisor of Banking, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The Emerald City Bank will assume about \$19.0 million in 1,830 deposit accounts and will purchase \$16.7 million of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$3.3 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 transaction will result in a 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 The Emerald City Bank, the failed bank's customers will have the benefit of continuous, uninterrupted service.

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