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FDIC APPROVES DEPOSIT ASSUMPTION OF AVOYELLES TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, BUNKIE, LOUISIANA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and fully secured liabilities of Avoyelles Trust & Savings Bank, Bunkie, Louisiana, by Bunkie Bank & Trust Company, Bunkie, Louisiana.

The failed bank's two offices will reopen on Friday, November 11, 1988, as branches of Bunkie Bank & Trust Company and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

Avoyelles Trust & Savings Bank, with total assets of about \$27.1 million, was closed on Thursday, November 10, 1988, by Fred C. Dent, Louisiana Commissioner of Financial Institutions, and the FDIC was named receiver.

Bunkie Bank & Trust Company will assume about \$30.5 million in 5,400 deposit accounts and will purchase approximately \$26.2 million of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$5,945,000.

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 Bunkie Bank & Trust Company, the failed bank's customers will have the benefit of continuous, uninterrupted service.

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