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FDIC TRANSFERS INSURED DEPOSITS OF STRONG'S BANK, DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today approved the transfer of insured deposits of Strong's Bank, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, to Marshall & Ilsley Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Wednesday, June 19, 1985, as M&I Bank of Dodgeville.

The FDIC announced initially that a direct payoff of insured depositors would be undertaken because of unreliable bank records and the existence of irregular activities. During the past several days, the FDIC has been able to reconstruct bank records and identify all insured deposits. The FDIC Board has determined that the payoff of insured depositors can now be accomplished by transferring the insured accounts to another institution while continuing the investigation of irregularities. The transfer of insured accounts in no way changes the decision to withhold payment of brokered funds in the failed bank until this investigation is completed.

The insured deposits in the failed bank, up to the statutory insurance limit of \$100,000, will be available to their owners immediately. Even though insured depositors in the failed bank can automatically continue to conduct their banking transactions with the acquiring bank for an 18-month period, they are encouraged to visit the bank during the next several weeks to discuss the continuation of their banking relationships with the new bank. From the

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standpoint of customer convenience and service, it would be preferable for these visits to be spread out over the next month or longer than to occur within the next week or so.

Administration of the insured deposits transferred to the new bank will be funded by an equivalent cash payment from the FDIC. The new bank is paying the FDIC a premium of \$1,950,000 for the right to receive the transferred deposits, and will purchase other assets of the failed bank for \$16.7 million.

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