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FDIC SUSPENDS WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES FOR BANK DEPOSITORS VICTIMIZED BY SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA AND FREEZING TEMPERATURES IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Regional Director Roy E. Jackson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced that the FDIC has granted bank depositors in Oklahoma and Texas, who suffered losses as a result of severe storms, flooding and freezing temperatures, temporary exemption from the interest rate regulations that penalize holders of time deposits for withdrawal of funds prior to maturity. The waiver is limited to depositors in Cotton County, Oklahoma; PR-85-83 (10-28-83) included Caddo, Canadian, Cleveland, Comanche, Garvin, Grady, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, and Pottawatomie and continues in force under this news release. In the State of Texas the waiver is limited to Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy Counties.

Insured State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System, whether or not they are located in the immediate disaster areas, may allow depositors who can show that they have been damaged as a result of the disasters to withdraw all or part of their time deposits before maturity without paying a penalty. Depositors seeking to avail themselves of the suspension will be required to furnish their banks with proof of losses occasioned by these particular disasters.

This suspension is retroactive to October 26, 1983, for victims in the State of Oklahoma, and January 7, 1984, for victims in the State of Texas, and will be in effect for six months. This will provide eligible depositors sufficient time to determine their losses and the need for funds.

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