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FDIC SUSPENDS WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES FOR BANK DEPOSITORS
VICTIMIZED BY FLOOD DISASTER IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Regional Director David Meadows of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced that the FDIC has granted victims in nine additional Louisiana parishes temporary exemption from the interest rate regulations that penalize holders of time deposits for withdrawal of funds prior to maturity. This waiver is limited to depositors who have suffered losses in Avoyelles, Caldwell, Evangeline, Franklin, Lincoln, Morehouse, Richland, Union, and Vernon Parishes which were declared major disaster areas by the President and approved for disaster assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on January 14, 1983. Mr. Meadows previously announced suspension of early withdrawal penalties for victims in Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, and Winn Parishes by News Release on January 12, 1983.

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 disaster to withdraw all or part of their time deposits before maturity without paying any penalty. Depositors seeking to avail themselves of the suspension will be required to furnish their banks with proof of losses occasioned by this particular disaster.

This suspension is retroactive to January 11, 1983, and will be in effect for six months. This will provide eligible depositors sufficient time to determine their losses and their need for funds.

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