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**FDIC SUSPENDS WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES FOR BANK DEPOSITORS
VICTIMIZED BY SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES AND FLOODING IN
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA AND BY HURRICANE ALECIA 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, tornadoes, flooding and hurricane damage, 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 Hughes County, Oklahoma; in the State of Texas the waiver is limited to Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Matagorda, and any additional counties or areas covered by a subsequent Presidential proclamation of disaster issued as a result of the hurricane on or about August 19, 1983.

Insured State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System, whether or not they are located in the immediate disaster area, 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 June 10, 1983, for victims in the State of Oklahoma, and August 19, 1983, 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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