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FDIC Announces Two Executive Appointments in Kansas City and Dallas

FDIC Chairman Don Powell today announced the appointments of James D. LaPierre as Regional Director in Kansas City and Ronald F. Bieker as Deputy Regional Director (Resolutions and Receiverships) in Dallas. The appointments are effective September 4, 2005.

In announcing the reassignments, Chairman Powell said, "Jim LaPierre and Ron Bieker are FDIC veterans with a broad range of Corporate experience. Those leadership experiences will be invaluable to the operations of both offices."

James D. LaPierre has been serving as Deputy Regional Director (Resolutions and Receiverships) in Dallas. Previously he was Assistant Director, Franchise and Asset Marketing, Division of Resolutions and Receiverships (DRR), Dallas Office. He served a three-month detail as Acting Regional Director in Chicago from October 2004 to January 2005.

As Regional Director, Mr. LaPierre will oversee the FDIC's bank supervision and consumer protection activities in Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa.

Mr. LaPierre joined the FDIC in 1986 as a bank examiner (trainee) in the Concord, New Hampshire, Field Office. In 1991, he joined the Boston regional office as a Resolutions Operations Supervisor, transferring to Washington in 1993 as a Senior Resolutions Specialist. From 1994 to 1997 he was Special Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer. In 1997 he became Deputy Executive Secretary, a position he held until moving to the Dallas Office in 2002.

Ronald F. Bieker has been serving as Regional Director in Kansas City since 2002. He had previously served as the FDIC's Ombudsman, from 2000 to 2002. As Deputy Regional Director (Resolutions and Receiverships), he will be responsible for the field operations relating to closed bank activities.



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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Mr. Bieker joined the FDIC in 1988, having spent the previous 13 years as a community banker. In 1993, he was appointed an Assistant Director for the Division of Resolutions. In 1995, he was named an Associate Director of the Division of Compliance and Consumer Affairs (DCA), and the following year was appointed the division's Deputy Director. From January to June 1999, he served as Acting Director of that division.