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## **First American Bank and Trust Company, Athens, Georgia, Assumes All of the Deposits of First Piedmont Bank, Winder, Georgia**

First Piedmont Bank, Winder, Georgia, was closed today by the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect the depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with First American Bank and Trust Company, Athens, Georgia, to assume all of the deposits of First Piedmont Bank.

First Piedmont Bank's two offices will reopen on Monday as branches of First American Bank and Trust Company. Depositors of First Piedmont Bank will automatically become depositors of First American Bank and Trust Company. Deposits will continue to be insured by the FDIC, so there is no need for customers to change their banking relationship to retain their deposit insurance coverage. Customers should continue to use their existing branches until First American Bank and Trust Company can fully integrate the deposit records of First Piedmont Bank.

Over the weekend, depositors of First Piedmont Bank can access their money by writing checks or using ATM or debit cards. Checks drawn on the bank will continue to be processed. Loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual.

As of July 6, 2009, First Piedmont Bank had total assets of \$115 million and total deposits of approximately \$109 million. First American Bank and Trust Company paid a deposit premium of 1.01 percent. In addition to assuming all of the deposits of the failed bank, First American Bank and Trust Company agreed to purchase approximately \$111 million of assets. The FDIC will retain the remaining assets for later disposition.



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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The FDIC and First American Bank and Trust Company entered into a loss-share transaction on approximately \$90 million of First Piedmont Bank's assets. First American Bank and Trust Company will share in the losses on the asset pools covered under the loss-share agreement. The loss-sharing arrangement is projected to maximize returns on the assets covered by keeping them in the private sector. The agreement also is expected to minimize disruptions for loan customers.

Customers who have questions about today's transaction can call the FDIC toll-free at 1-877-367-2717. The phone number will be operational this evening until 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); on Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., EDT; on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., EDT; and thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., EDT. Interested parties can also visit the FDIC's Web site at <http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/piedmont.html>.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$29 million. First American Bank and Trust Company's acquisition of all the deposits was the "least costly" resolution for the FDIC's DIF compared to alternatives. First Piedmont Bank is the 54th FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the tenth in Georgia. The last FDIC-insured institution to be closed in the state was Neighborhood Community Bank, Newnan, on June 26, 2009.

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