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Charter Bank, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Assumes All of the Deposits of Charter Bank, Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Charter Bank, Santa Fe, New Mexico, was closed today by the Office of Thrift Supervision, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect the depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with Charter Bank, Albuquerque, New Mexico, a newly-chartered federal savings bank and a subsidiary of Beal Financial Corporation, Plano, Texas, to assume all of the deposits of Charter Bank.

The eight branches of Charter Bank (Santa Fe) will reopen on Monday as branches of Charter Bank (Albuquerque). Depositors of Charter Bank (Santa Fe) will automatically become depositors of Charter Bank (Albuquerque). 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.

This evening and over the weekend, depositors of Charter Bank (Santa Fe) 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 September 30, 2009, Charter Bank (Santa Fe) had approximately \$1.2 billion in total assets and \$851.5 million in total deposits. Charter Bank (Albuquerque) did not pay the FDIC a premium for the deposits of Charter Bank (Santa Fe). In addition to assuming all of the deposits of the failed bank, Charter Bank (Albuquerque) agreed to purchase essentially all of the assets.



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 Charter Bank (Albuquerque) entered into a loss-share transaction on \$805.5 million of Charter Bank's (Santa Fe) assets. Charter Bank (Albuquerque) will share in the losses on the asset pools covered under the loss-share agreement. The loss-share transaction is projected to maximize returns on the assets covered by keeping them in the private sector. The transaction also is expected to minimize disruptions for loan customers. For more information on loss share, please visit: <http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/lossshare/index.html>.

Customers who have questions about today's transaction can call the FDIC toll-free at 1-800-323-6111. The phone number will be operational this evening until 9:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time (MST); on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., MST; on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., MST; and thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., MST. Interested parties also can visit the FDIC's Web site at <http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/charter-nm.html>.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$201.9 million. Charter Bank's (Albuquerque) acquisition of all the deposits was the "least costly" resolution for the FDIC's DIF compared to all alternatives. Charter Bank (Santa Fe) is the seventh FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the first in New Mexico. The last FDIC-insured institution closed in the state was Zia New Mexico Bank, Tucumcari, on April 23, 1999.
