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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF THE BANK OF VERDE VALLEY, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits of The Bank of Verde Valley, Cottonwood, Arizona, by Stockmen's Bank, Kingman, Arizona.

The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Friday, January 17, 1991, as a branch of Stockmen's Bank, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

The Bank of Verde Valley, with total assets of \$10.1 million, was closed on Thursday, January 16, 1991, by Harold E. Feeney, Arizona Superintendent of Banks, and the FDIC was named receiver.

Stockmen's Bank will assume about \$9.8 million in 1,400 deposit accounts and will purchase approximately \$10.1 million of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$1,248,967.

The Board of Directors approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the FDIC. The transaction will result in a lower cost to the FDIC than if the assets were held and liquidated in receivership. Additionally, because the assets and deposits will be administered by Stockmen's Bank, the failed bank's customers will have the benefit of continuous uninterrupted service.

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