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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF PLYMOUTH FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK, PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits of Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank, Plymouth, Massachusetts, by Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

The failed bank's eight offices will reopen on Saturday, September 19, 1992, as branches of Citizens Bank, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

Plymouth Five Cents Savings, with total assets of \$216.2 million, was closed on Friday, September 18, 1992, by Alan R. Morse, Jr., Massachusetts Bank Commissioner, and the FDIC was named receiver.

Citizens Bank will assume about \$182.1 million in about 31,000 deposit accounts, including about \$4.9 million in 116 accounts that exceeded the FDIC insurance limit of \$100,000. The Mutual Savings Central Fund, Inc., a corporation established to provide financial assistance and deposit insurance to Massachusetts' savings banks, through its Deposit Insurance Fund provided the FDIC \$285,000 to facilitate the assumption of the \$4.9 million in uninsured deposits.

The assuming bank will pay a premium of \$7.0 million for the right to receive the failed bank's deposits and will purchase \$152.3 million of the failed bank's assets. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance about \$22.6 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed

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bank with a book value of about \$77.1 million.

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. Non-depositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in the proceeds realized from liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

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