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FDIC COMMENTS ON RHODE ISLAND SITUATION

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation confirmed today it is reviewing applications for deposit insurance submitted by five Rhode Island banks whose operations have been suspended by the state governor.

The FDIC said the applications are being processed on an "expedited" basis, and the FDIC Board of Directors is expected to act on them in the near future. The agency said a decision to grant deposit insurance to any or all of the institutions will be determined by whether they satisfy the statutory requirements of adequate capital, competent management and safe and sound operations, and do not pose undue risk to the FDIC fund.

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