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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF ARIZONA COMMERCE BANK, TUCSON, ARIZONA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and secured liabilities of Arizona Commerce Bank, Tucson, Arizona, by two Arizona banks. The two banks involved in today's transaction are: Arizona Bank of Commerce, Tucson, Arizona, a newly chartered bank subsidiary of ABC Bancorporation, Inc., Tucson; and Caliber Bank, Phoenix, Arizona.

Arizona Commerce Bank, with total assets of \$81.8 million, was closed on Friday, April 12, 1991, by William H. Rivoir, III, Arizona Superintendent of Banks, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The failed bank's three offices will reopen on Monday, April 15, 1991, as branches of the assuming banks. The failed bank's former main office will reopen as Arizona Bank of Commerce, and the Phoenix office and the Mesa, Arizona, office will reopen as branches of Caliber Bank. The failed bank's depositors automatically will become depositors of their respective assuming bank.

Arizona Bank of Commerce will assume about \$28.4 million in 1,500 deposit accounts and has agreed to pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$1,776. It also will purchase \$25.5 million of the failed bank's loans and other assets and will have options to purchase other loans and assets.

Caliber Bank will assume about \$50.8 million in 3,500 deposit accounts and has agreed to pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$50,000. It will purchase certain of the failed bank's assets and will have options to purchase loans and other assets.

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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.

To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance \$53.4 million to the acquirers and will retain \$56.0 million of the failed bank's assets. The FDIC will recover a portion of its outlay through the liquidation of assets not transferred to the assuming banks.

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