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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF  
LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK, LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and secured liabilities of Liberty National Bank, Lovington, New Mexico, by Western Commerce Bank, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Liberty National Bank, with total assets of \$57.9 million, was closed on Thursday, May 23, 1991, by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The failed bank's four offices will reopen Friday, May 24, 1991, as branches of Western Commerce Bank, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

Western Commerce Bank will assume about \$55.7 million in 10,200 deposit accounts and will purchase approximately \$52.7 million of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$3,296,000.

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 Western Commerce Bank, the failed bank's customers will have the benefit of continuous uninterrupted service.

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