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Country Club Bank and Norbank Apply for Merger

KANSAS CITY, MO. ... On Feb. 20 Norbank of North Kansas City, Mo, applied to the Federal Reserve Board and Missouri Division of Finance for permission to merge with Country Club Bank, N.A., Prairie Village, Kan.

Country Club Bank, N.A., will be merged into Norbank. The name of the surviving bank will be Country Club Bank, with the head office located at 414 Nichols Rd., Kansas City, Mo. As a result of this merger, all of the other existing offices of Country Club Bank and Norbank will be retained as branches.

Because Norbank was chartered in Missouri in 1905 and holds one of the oldest surviving charters in the state, the application requests that Country Club Bank assume the earlier charter. Originally chartered in Missouri in 1953, Country Club Bank changed its charter in 1995 to a national charter headquartered in Kansas, to become one of the first interstate banks in Kansas City with branches in both Missouri and Kansas.

“Norbank had the strength to survive the Great Depression, when as many as one third of the banks closed, so we wanted to ensure that its long, rich history was preserved,” explains Paul J. Thompson, CEO of Country Club Bank and the current chairman of the Missouri Bankers Association.

Country Club Bank has nine full-service financial centers and also provides financial services to five retirement centers. The bank has over \$600 million in banking assets and is the parent of Country Club Trust Company which has well over a billion dollars in trust assets. Norbank operates a single location at 401 Armour Rd., and has assets of approximately \$35 million.

Country Club Bank is a locally-owned community bank with assets of \$624 million as of Dec. 31, 2008. The bank has served the greater Kansas City area since 1953 through its nine financial service centers, and through its affiliates Country Club Trust Co., Country Club Financial Services, Tower Wealth Managers and the Capital Markets Group.