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Comptroller of the Currency  
Administrator of National Banks

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## Conditional Approval #501 November 2001

October 3, 2001

Steven J. Tock  
701 Devonshire Drive, C-50  
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Subject: De Novo Bank Charter (OCC Control Number 01-CE-01-006)

Dear Mr. Tock:

The Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) has reviewed your application to establish a new national bank with the title of **First National Bank in Champaign**. On October 3, 2001, after a thorough evaluation of all data available to the OCC, we found that your proposal met the requirements for preliminary conditional approval. The bank also may offer credit life, health, and accident insurance in accordance with 12 C.F.R. § 2.

This conditional approval is granted based on a thorough review of all information available, including the representations and commitments made in the application and by the proposed bank's representatives. We also made our decision to grant preliminary conditional approval with the understanding that the proposed national bank will apply for membership in the Federal Reserve System and obtain FDIC insurance.

This conditional approval is subject to the condition that the bank shall obtain OCC's non-objection before significant deviation or change from the proposed operating plan occurs during the bank's first three years of operations. The bank shall notify the Champaign Field Office at least sixty (60) days prior to any proposed significant deviation or change, and obtain OCC's non-objection in writing to such proposed deviation or change. The bank must also provide a copy of such notice to the FDIC's Chicago Regional Office. This condition is enforceable under 12 U.S.C. § 1818.

The bank's initial paid-in capital, net of organizational and preopening expenses, shall be no less than \$5 million. The manner in which capital is raised must not deviate from that described in the operating plan without prior OCC notification. If the capital for the new bank is not raised within

12 months or if the new bank is not opened for business within 18 months from the preliminary conditional approval date, the OCC will withdraw approval. The OCC is opposed to granting extensions, except under the most extenuating circumstances and when the OCC determines that the delay is beyond the applicant's control. The organizers are expected to proceed diligently, consistent with their application, for the bank to open for business as soon as possible.

Until final approval is granted, the OCC has the right to alter, suspend, or revoke preliminary approval should any interim development be deemed by the OCC to warrant such action.

Please refer to the "Corporate Organization" booklet (enclosed) in the *Comptroller's Corporate Manual* for the instructions on organizing your bank. The booklet contains all of the steps you must take to receive your charter. As detailed in the booklet, you may establish the corporate existence of and begin organizing the bank as soon as you adopt and forward acceptable Articles of Association and the Organization Certificate to this office. As a "body corporate" or legal entity, you may begin taking those steps necessary for obtaining final approval, but you may not begin the business of banking until you fulfill all requirements for a bank in organization and you are granted final approval by the OCC.

Enclosed are standard requirements that must be met before the bank will be allowed to commence business. Management must ensure that the applicable policies and procedures are established and adopted by the board of directors before the bank begins operation. Applicable standard requirements also must be satisfied before the bank will be allowed to commence business.

The OCC poses no objection to the following persons serving as executive officers as proposed in the application. Additional executive officers are subject to the OCC's prior review and clearance.

President: Steven J. Tock  
Cashier: James E. Welch

The OCC poses no objection to Donald C. Dodds, Jr., Zelema M. Harris, Edward J. Hynds, Jr., Robert F. Toalson, Steven J. Tock and James E. Welch serving as directors. All other directors are subject to the OCC's prior review and clearance.

You are also reminded that for a period of two years after the bank has opened for business, the OCC must review and have no objection to any new executive officer or director prior to that person assuming such position.

The OCC will send to you under separate cover an appropriate set of OCC handbooks, manuals, issuances and selected other publications.

This approval, and activities and communications by OCC employees in connection with the filing, do not constitute a contract, express or implied, or any other obligation binding the OCC, the U.S., any agency or entity of the U.S., or an officer or employee of the U.S., and do not affect the ability of the OCC to exercise its supervisory, regulatory and examination authorities under

applicable law and regulations. The foregoing may not be waived or modified by any employee or agent of the OCC or the U.S.

You should direct any questions concerning this preliminary conditional approval to Daniel J. Walters at (312) 360-8872.

Sincerely,

**-signed-**

David J. Rogers  
National Bank Examiner  
Central District

Enclosures: "Corporate Organization" Booklet  
Minimum Policies and Procedures  
Standard Requirements