

Comptroller of the Currency Administrator of National Banks

Large Bank Licensing, MS 3-8 250 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20219

March 28, 2001

Mr. James E. Hanson, Manager Wells Fargo & Company Sixth & Marquette - N9305-152 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55479 DOCUMENT NO. 6973:
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JOAN MCCALMANT COUNTY RECORDER
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Dear Mr. Hanson:

This letter is the official certification of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) of the consolidation of Brenton Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, FDIC Certificate Nr. 20740, and Brenton Savings Bank, Federal Savings Bank, Ames, Iowa, FDIC Certificate Nr. 28123, into and under the charter and title of Wells Fargo Bank Iowa, National Association, Des Moines, Iowa, Charter Nr. 2307, effective March 24, 2001.

This letter is also the official authorization given to Wells Fargo Bank Iowa, N.A., (WFBI), Charter Nr. 2307, to operate the former head office and branches of Brenton Savings Bank, F.S.B., as branches at the sites indicated in the attachment to this letter.

This letter further serves to permit WFBI to operate the branches of Brenton Bank as branches of WFBI at the sites indicated in the attachment to this letter. The head office of Brenton Bank will not be retained by WFBI as a branch. Please furnish a copy of this certificate to personnel responsible for branch administration.

The OCC also authorizes the resulting bank, should the consolidation occur between Call Report dates, to recalculate its legal lending limit. The new lending limit should be calculated by using data from the last Call Report of the individual banks filed prior to consummating the consolidation, as adjusted for the combination. The resulting bank will then file a new Call Report and begin calculating its legal lending limit according to 12 C.F.R. 32.4(a) at the end of the quarter following consummation of the consolidation.

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In the event of questions, please contact Senior Licensing Analyst Abel Reyna at (202) 874-5060 or by e-mail at: largebanks@occ.treas.gov.

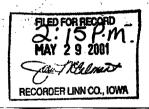
Sincerely,

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Richard T. Erb Licensing Manager

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N TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of my little, Cedar Rapids, lowa this

JOAN McCALMANT

BINN COUNTY RECORDER

Deputy