



**Comptroller of the Currency
Administrator of National Banks**

Bank Organization and Structure
Southwestern District Office
1600 Lincoln Plaza
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Dallas, Texas 75201-3342

January 10, 2000

**Conditional Approval #349
February 2000**

William H. Harrison, Jr.
President
First National Bank of Eagle Lake
Post Office Box 247
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434-0247

Re: First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Eagle Lake, Texas; Charter Number 7534;
Domestic Branch Application; Control Number 1999-SW-05-0238

Dear Mr. Harrison:

This is to inform you that the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) has conditionally approved Eagle Lake National Bank's application to establish a domestic branch at the following address: 900 Clubside Drive, East Bernard, Wharton County, Texas 77435. This approval is subject to the following condition:

First National Bank of Eagle Lake must adhere to its board-approved capital plan dated December 31, 1999.

The condition of this approval is a condition "imposed in writing by the agency in connection with the granting of any application or other request" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. 1818. As such, the condition is enforceable under 12 U.S.C. 1818.

This decision is granted based on a thorough review of all information available, including the representations and commitments made in the application and by the bank's representatives. The bank must advise the Southwestern District Office in writing in advance of the desired opening date, so that the OCC may issue the necessary authorization letter. If the branch is not opened within 18 months from this date, the conditional approval will automatically terminate, unless the OCC grants an extension.

This letter is not intended to authorize approval of the official branch name. As a result of the Garn-St. Germain Depository Institutions Act of 1982, the OCC is no longer responsible for the approval of national bank or branch names. In selecting a branch name, the Board of Directors

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should follow the guidelines outlined in the May 1, 1998 *Interagency Statement: Branch Names*, which says, in part, “. . . an insured depository institution that intends to use a different name for a branch or other facility should take reasonable steps to ensure that customers will not become confused and believe that its facilities are separate institutions or that deposits in the different facilities are separately insured.”

If the branch is closed, a 90-day advance notice of proposed branch closing must be submitted to the OCC pursuant to 12 USC 1831r-1.

A separate letter is enclosed requesting your feedback on the OCC's handling of the referenced application. We would appreciate your response so we may improve our service. Questions or comments regarding this preliminary approval should be directed to National Bank Examiner Pansy G. Hale or to me at (214) 720-7052. All correspondence and documents should include the referenced application control number.

Yours truly,

/s/

Karen H. Bryant
Acting Licensing Manager