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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 19, 2001

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas 0-6253 71-0407808 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) file number) (I.R.S. employer identification No.)

501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices)

71601 (Zip Code)

(870)541-1000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM: 9 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The following is the text of a press release issued by the registrant at 8:00 A.M. Central Standard Time on July 19, 2001.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

July 19, 2001

SIMMONS FIRST ANNOUNCES JUNE 2001 EARNINGS

Pine Bluff, Arkansas – Simmons First National Corporation today announced net income for the six-month period ended June 30, 2001 of \$9,041,000, or diluted earnings per share of \$1.27. The diluted earnings per share reflect an increase of 4.1%, or \$0.05 per share over the June 30, 2000 diluted earnings per share of \$1.22. Return on average assets and return on average stockholders' equity for the six-month period ended June 30, 2001, was 0.95% and 10.36%, respectively.

Net income for the second quarter of 2001 was \$4,487,000, compared to \$4,609,000 for the same period of the previous year. The diluted earnings per share of \$0.63 are unchanged when compared to the same period of the previous

year. Despite good growth in the loan portfolio and solid increases in non-interest income, the flat second quarter diluted earnings per share was primarily attributable to continued pressure on net interest margin.

"During the last six months, the Federal Reserve decreased the discount rate by 275 basis points. This had a negative impact on our net interest margin, due to Arkansas's usury law and its direct effect on the yield of our credit card portfolio. We anticipate our margin to improve when interest rates stabilize and/or when the usury cap is lifted, which is expected before year end," said J. Thomas May, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer. "The core banking components of our Company performed well during the first half of this year, especially in light of pressure on net interest margin experienced in our Company. Loans and deposits continue to grow, while capital remains strong."

Because of the Corporation's cash acquisitions, cash operating earnings (net income excluding amortization of intangibles) are an integral component of earnings. Year-to-date diluted cash earnings, on a per share basis, as of June 30, 2001 were \$1.41 an increase of 6.0%, or \$0.08 per share over the same period last year. Cash return on average assets was 1.07% and cash return on average stockholders' equity was 11.58% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2001. Diluted cash earnings for the second quarter of 2001 were \$0.70 per share compared with \$0.68 for the second quarter of 2000.

Total assets for the Corporation at June 30, 2001, were \$1.979 billion, an increase of \$209 million, or 11.8%, over the same figure at June 30, 2000. This increase includes the acquisition of eight branches with assets of \$72 million, which was completed during the third quarter of 2000. Excluding the acquisition, both loans and deposits increased approximately 5% over the same period last year. Stockholders' equity at the end of the second quarter of 2001 was \$178.6 million, a \$12.7 million, or 7.6%, increase from June 30, 2000.

The allowance for loan losses as a percent of total loans equaled 1.63%, which is unchanged from December 31, 2000. As of June 30, 2001, non-performing loans equaled 1.17% of total loans and the allowance for loan losses equaled 140% of non-performing loans.

As previously announced, the Company has adopted a stock repurchase program. This program authorizes the repurchase of up to 400,000 shares. During the previous twelve months, the Company repurchased 277,782 shares of stock with a weighted average repurchase price of \$21.97 per share.

CONFERENCE CALL

Management will conduct a conference call to review this information at 3:00 p.m. CST (4:00 p.m. EST) on Thursday, July 19, 2001. Interested parties can listen to this call by calling 1-800-874-9030 (United States and Canada only) and ask for Simmons First National Corporation conference call. A recorded playback of the call will be available the next morning by calling 1-800-642-1687. The passcode for this playback is 1357545 and the recording will be available through the end of business July 26, 2001. In addition, the call will also be available live or in recorded version on the Company's website at www.simmonsfirst.com under the "webcast" icon.

Simmons First National Corporation is a financial holding company, with community banks in Pine Bluff, Jonesboro, Lake Village, Dumas, Rogers, Russellville, Searcy and El Dorado, Arkansas. The Company's eight banks are conducting financial operations from 64 offices in 33 communities.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: BARRY L. CROW

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Simmons First National Corporation

(870) 541-1350

Ticker symbol: SFNCA

Statements in this press release that are not historical facts should be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements of this type speak only as of the date of this news release. By nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risk and uncertainties. Various factors, including, but not limited to, economic conditions, credit quality, interest rates, loan demand and changes in the assumptions used in making the forward-looking statements, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Additional information on factors that might affect Simmons First National Corporation's financial results is included in its Form 10-K filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated End of Period Balance Sheets For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)	d End of Period Balance Sheets rters Ended Jun 30		De 2
ASSETS			
Cash and non-interest bearing balances due from banks Interest bearing balances due from banks Federal funds sold and securities purchased	•	\$ 66,375 29,838	\$ 7 1
under agreements to resell	52,650	85 , 000	2
Cash and cash equivalents	182,738	181,213	11
Investment securities	382,244	372 , 775	39
Mortgage loans held for sale	21,457	16,494	
Assets held in trading accounts	162	43	
Loans	1,298,212	1,280,400	1,29
Allowance for loan losses	(21,221)	(21,368)	(2
Net loans	1,276,991	1,259,032	1,27
Premises and equipment	45,831	46,288	4
Foreclosed assets held for sale, net	1,252	1,211	
Interest receivable	17,248	17,476	1
Intangible assets tax deductible, net	·	32,284	3
Intangible assets non tax deductible, net	2,106	2,172	
Other assets	16,924 	16,609	1
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,978,545	\$ 1,945,597	\$ 1 , 91

LIABILITIES

Non-interest bearing transaction accounts Interest bearing transaction accounts and savings deposits Time deposits less than \$100,000 Time deposits greater than \$100,000	\$	465,872 585,430 351,523		214,632 465,490 596,686 348,167	21 47 59 32
Total deposits	Total deposits 1,631,058				 1 , 60
Federal funds purchased and securities			_		
sold under agreements to repurchase		94,990		76 , 531	6
Short-term debt		10,204		6,298	
Long-term debt - parent company		14,000		14,841	1
Long-term FHLB debt - affiliate banks		13,241		9,366	
Trust preferred securities		17,250		17,250	1
Accrued interest and other liabilities		•		21,335	2
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,799,982			 1 , 73
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Capital stock		7.101		7,072	
Surplus		•		45,355	4
Undivided profits				121,301	11
Accumulated other comprehensive income		•		,	
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on AFS securities		1,320		1,273	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		178 , 563		175 , 001	 17
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$:	1,978,545	\$	1,945,597	\$ 1,91

Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Average Quarter-to-Date Balance Sheets For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)	Jun 30 2001 		Jun 30 Mar 31 2001 2001 			Dec 20
ASSETS						
Cash and non-interest bearing balances due from banks	\$	63,036	\$	62 , 928	\$	5
Interest bearing balances due from banks		33,943		25,202		1
Federal funds sold and securities purchased						
under agreements to resell	_	47,674		46,205	_	1
Cash and cash equivalents		144,653		134,335		9
Investment securities - held-to-maturity		207,739		191,369		18
Investment securities - available-for-sale		172,145		197,562		21
Mortgage loans held for sale		17,913		11,263		
Assets held in trading accounts		246		693		
Loans		1,289,129	1,	287,630		1,27
Allowance for loan losses		(21,720)		(21,580)		(2
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1,25	1,266,050	1,267,409	Net loans
4	46,499	46,134	Premises and equipment
	1,130	1,295	Foreclosed assets held for sale, net
1	18,325	17,748	Interest receivable
3	34,840		Intangible assets, net
1	17 , 231	16 , 187	Other assets
	\$ 1,919,297 =======		TOTAL ASSETS
			LIABILITIES
		\$ 208,812	Non-interest bearing transaction accounts
14	146,592		Interest bearing transaction accounts
30	315,424		Savings deposits
	596,990		Time deposits less than \$100,000
30	333 , 952	356,517	Time deposits greater than \$100,000
1,55	1,595,646	1,609,835	Total deposits
			Federal funds purchased and securities
7	81,472	69 , 294	sold under agreements to repurchase
	6,156	6 , 885	Short-term debt
4	41,538	42,323	Long-term debt
1	19,595	20,058	Accrued interest and other liabilities
1,70 	1,744,407		TOTAL LIABILITIES
17	174,890	177,158	TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
	\$ 1,919,297		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Average Year-to-Date Balance Sheets For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)	Jun 30 2001 	Mar 31 2001 	Dec 20
ASSETS			
Cash and non-interest bearing balances due from banks	\$ 62,982	\$ 62,928	\$ 54
Interest bearing balances due from banks Federal funds sold and securities purchased	29,597	25,202	14
under agreements to resell	46,943	46,205	22
Cash and cash equivalents	139,522	134,335	90
Investment securities - held-to-maturity	199,599	191,369	176

Investment securities - available-for-sale Mortgage loans held for sale Assets held in trading accounts	14,607	197,562 11,263 693	227 7 1
Loans Allowance for loan losses		1,287,630 (21,580)	(19
Net loans		1,266,050	
Premises and equipment Foreclosed assets held for sale, net Interest receivable Intangible assets, net Other assets	1,213 18,035 34,461	46,499 1,130 18,325 34,840 17,231	43 1 17 30 17
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 1,919,297 =======	
LIABILITIES Non-interest bearing transaction accounts Interest bearing transaction accounts Savings deposits Time deposits less than \$100,000 Time deposits greater than \$100,000 Total deposits	148,028 314,196 589,491 345,298	\$ 202,688 146,592 315,424 596,990 333,952 1,595,646	145 299 587 273
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase Short-term debt Long-term debt Accrued interest and other liabilities	6,523 41,932 19,829	81,472 6,156 41,538 19,595	43 17
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,744,407	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		174,890	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,922,443	\$ 1,919,297	\$ 1,794

Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Statements of Income - Quarter-to-Date			
For the Quarters Ended	Jun 30	Mar 31	D
(In thousands, except per share data)	2001	2001	,
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INTEREST INCOME			
Loans	\$ 28,368	\$ 29,161	\$ 3
Federal funds sold and securities purchased			
under agreements to resell	504	639	
Investment securities	5,261	5,700	

Mortgage loans held for sale, net of unrealized gains (losses)	267	172	
Assets held in trading accounts Interest bearing balances due from banks	2 354	7 335	
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	•	36,014	
INTEREST EXPENSE			
Time deposits	13,601	13,897	
Other deposits	2,683	3,181	
Federal funds purchased and securities			
sold under agreements to repurchase	690	1,057	
Short-term debt	76	104	
Long-term debt	840	819	
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE		19 , 058	=
NET INTEREST INCOME	16,866		
Provision for loan losses	1,967	1,853	
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION			
FOR LOAN LOSSES	14,899	15,103	-
NON-INTEREST INCOME			
Trust income	1,249	1,407	
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,307	2,101	
Other service charges and fees	438	528	
Income on sale of mortgage loans, net of commissions	813	624	
Income on investment banking, net of commissions	178	162	
Credit card fees	2,666	2,456	
Other income	660	815	
Gain on sale of securities, net	-		
TOTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME	8,311 	8,093 	
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE			
Salaries and employee benefits	8,902	9,003	
Occupancy expense, net	1,094	1,166	
Furniture & equipment expense	1,338	1,336	
Loss on foreclosed assets	87	75	
Deposit insurance	77	76	
Other operating expenses	5,348 	5 , 161	
TOTAL NON-INTEREST EXPENSE	16,846	16,817	-
NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	6,364	6 , 379	
Provision for income taxes	1,877	1,825	
NET INCOME	\$ 4,487	\$ 4,554	\$
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.63	====== \$ 0.64	\$
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	====== \$ 0.63	====== \$ 0.64	== \$
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Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Statements of Income - Year-to-Date Jun 30 Mar 31 2001 2001 D For the Quarters Ended 2001 (In thousands, except per share data) ----INTEREST INCOME \$ 57,529 \$ 29,161 \$11 Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell 1,143 639 10,961 439 5,700 Investment securities 2 172 Mortgage loans held for sale, net of unrealized gains (losses) 7 9 Assets held in trading accounts 689 335 Interest bearing balances due from banks ----_____ 13 70,770 36,014 TOTAL INTEREST INCOME INTEREST EXPENSE 27,498 13,897 Time deposits 1 Other deposits 5,864 3,181 Federal funds purchased and securities 1,747 1,057 sold under agreements to repurchase 104 180 Short-term debt 1,659 819 Long-term debt 36,948 _____ TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE 19,058 ---------NET INTEREST INCOME 33**,**822 16**,**956 3,820 Provision for loan losses 1,853 NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION 30,002 15,103 FOR LOAN LOSSES --------NON-INTEREST INCOME 1,407 2,656 Trust income 4,408 2,101 Service charges on deposit accounts 966 Other service charges and fees 528 624 162 Income on sale of mortgage loans, net of commissions 1,437 340 Income on investment banking, net of commissions 5,122 1,475 2,456 1 Credit card fees 815 Other income Gain on sale of securities, net 16,404 8,093 TOTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME ---------NON-INTEREST EXPENSE 17,905 9,003 2,260 1,166 2,674 1,336 3 Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy expense, net Furniture & equipment expense 162 75 Loss on foreclosed assets Deposit insurance 153 76 10,509 5,161 Other operating expenses 16,817 6 33,663 TOTAL NON-INTEREST EXPENSE ----12,743 6,379 3,702 1,825 12,743 NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES 2 Provision for income taxes ____ \$ 9,041 \$ 4,554 \$ 1 NET INCOME _____ ====== \$ 1.27 \$ 0.64 \$ BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE

DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

Total risk-based capital

Risk weighted assets

Assets for leverage ratio

Ratios at end of quarter

Total risk-based capital

Leverage ratio

Tier 1 capital

Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Risk-Based Capital				
For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)		un 30 2001	Mar 31 2001	Dec 3 2000
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Tier 1 capital Stockholders' equity Trust preferred securities Intangible assets	1	7,250	175,001 17,250 (34,456)	
Unrealized loss (gain) on AFS securities Debt issuance costs	((898) (898)	(1,273) (907)	 (35 , 2
Total Tier 1 capital	15 	9,897	 155 , 615	 154 , 4
Tier 2 capital				
Qualifying unrealized gain on AFS securities Qualifying allowance for loan losses		366 .6,376	 367 16 , 059	 4 16,1
Total Tier 2 capital	1	6,742	 16 , 426	 16 , 6

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\$ 1,883,934 \$ 1,837,1

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\$ 1,887,167

8.47% 12.25% 13.53%

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Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Loans and Investments For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)		Jun 30 2001 		Mar 31 2001		Dec 31 2000
Loan Portfolio - End of Period						
Consumer						
Credit cards	\$	187,880	\$	185,411	\$	197,567
Student loans	т.	71,619	-	74,562		67,145
Other consumer				187,408		
Real Estate		·		•		·
Construction		73,348		70,123		69,169
Single-family residential		236,856		240,049		244,377
Other commercial		284,521		284,488		287,272
Unearned income		(80)		(91)		(102)
Commercial						
Commercial		166,892		173,040		161,134
Agricultural		70,538		49,274		57 , 164
Financial institutions		6,146		4,741		2 , 339
Other	_	14,246		11,395		16,050
Total Loans	Ś	1,298,212	Ś	1,280,400	Ś	1.294.710
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Investment Securities - End of Period						
Held-to-Maturity	<u>^</u>	21 070	<u> </u>	04 700	<u>^</u>	01 000
U.S. Treasury	Ş	31,072		24,702		
U.S. Government agencies				60,997		
Mortgage-backed securities		9,005		10,153		
State and political subdivisions				109,076		110,380
Other securities	-	129	-	178	-	80
Total held-to-maturity	_	212,359	_	205,106	_	184,413
Available-for-Sale						
U.S. Treasury		20,146		21,655		24,037
U.S. Government agencies		120,146		113,219		156,436
Mortgage-backed securities		13,410		14,501		15,181
State and political subdivisions		6 , 710		6 , 912		6,821
FHLB stock		4,276		6,267		6,165
Other securities	_	5 , 197	_	5,115	_	5,430
Total available-for-sale	_	169,885	_	167,669	_	214,070
Total investment securities	\$	•		372 , 775		398,483
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Fair Value - HTM investment securities		215,894		208,641		185,663
Investment Securities - QTD Average						
Taxable securities	\$	260,941	\$	273,507	\$	286,981
Tax exempt securities		118,943		115,424		114,971
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Total investment securities - QTD average	\$ 379 , 884	\$ 388 , 931	\$ 401,952

Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Allowance and Asset Quality For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)	Jun 30 2001	Mar 31 2001	Dec 31 2000
Allowance for Loan Losses			
Balance, beginning of quarter	\$ 21,368 	\$ 21,157 	\$ 20,691
Loans charged off			
Credit card	1,192	965	962
Other consumer	581	617	630
Real estate	425	209	211
Commercial	362	271	474
Total loans charged off	2,560 	2,062 	2,277
Recoveries of loans previously charged off			
Credit card	129	131	121
Other consumer	196	192	149
Real estate	44	63	2
Commercial	77	34	27
Total recoveries	446	420	299
Net loans charged off	2 , 114	1,642	1,978
Allowance for loan losses of acquired branches	_	_	450
Provision for loan losses	1,967	1,853	1,994
Balance, end of year	\$ 21,221 ======	\$ 21,368 ======	\$ 21,157 ======
Non-performing assets			
Non-performing loans			
Nonaccrual loans			
Real estate	\$ 6,366	\$ 4,862	\$ 4,739
Commercial	3,144	2,872	791
Consumer	2 , 975	2,083	2 , 682
Total nonaccrual loans	12,485	9,817	8,212
Loans past due 90 days or more	2 , 656	2,121	2,752
Total non-performing loans	15 , 141	11,938	10,964

YEAR-TO-DATE

Other non-performing assets			
Foreclosed assets held for sale	1,252	1,211	1,104
Other non-performing assets	247	147	196
Total other non-performing assets	1,499	1,358	1,300
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Total non-performing assets	\$ 16,640 ======	\$ 13,296 ======	\$ 12,264 ======
Ratios			
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	1.63%	1.67%	1.63%
Allowance for loan losses to	_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
non-performing loans	140.16%	178.99%	192.97%
Allowance for loan losses to			
non-performing assets	127.53%	160.71%	172.51%
Non-performing loans to total loans	1.17%	0.93%	0.85%
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.84%	0.68%	0.64%
Simmons First National Corporation			
Consolidated - Selected Financial Data			
For the Quarters Ended	Jun 30	Mar 31	Dec 31
(In thousands, except per share data)	2001	2001	2000
QUARTER-TO-DATE			
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.64	
Diluted cash earnings per share	0.70	0.71	0.75
Cash dividends declared - per common share	0.22	0.21	0.21
Cash dividends declared - amount	1,564	1,485	1,507
Cash earnings	4,963	5 , 072	5 , 501
Return on average stockholders' equity	10.16%	10.56%	11.52%
Cash return on average stockholders' equity	11.32%	11.85%	12.86%
Return on average assets	0.93%	0.96%	1.05%
Cash return on average assets	1.05%	1.09%	1.19%
Net interest margin (FTE)	4.00%	4.08%	4.23%
FTE Adjustment	787	750	743
Amortization of intangibles	728	785	808
	728 476	518	534
Amortization of intangibles, net of taxes			
Average shares outstanding	7,086,745	7,121,100	
Diluted shares outstanding	28,823	20,157	20,033
Shares repurchased	2,000	118,955	93,200
Average price of repurchased shares	23.64	23.77	20.06
Average earning assets	1,768,789		1,716,597
Interest bearing liabilities	1,519,525	1,522,124	1,487,678

Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.27	\$ 0.64	\$ 2.58
Diluted cash earnings per share	1.41	0.71	2.83
Cash dividends declared - per common share	0.43	0.21	0.80
Cash earnings	10,035	5,072	20,741
Return on average stockholders' equity	10.36%	10.56%	11.33%
Cash return on average stockholders' equity	11.58%	11.85%	12.56%
Return on average assets	0.95%	0.96%	1.05%
Cash return on average assets	1.07%	1.09%	1.18%
Net interest margin (FTE)	4.04%	4.08%	4.24%
FTE Adjustment	1,537	750	2,910
Amortization of intangibles	1,513	785	2,811
Amortization of intangibles, net of taxes	994	518	1,872
Average shares outstanding	7,103,827	7,121,100	7,298,842
Average earning assets	1,764,382	1,759,924	1,648,734
Interest bearing liabilities	1,520,817	1,522,124	1,422,078
END OF PERIOD			
Book value	\$ 25.15	\$ 24.75	\$ 24.14
Shares outstanding	7,101,045	7,072,216	7,180,966
Full-time equivalent employees	937	928	927
Total number of ATM's	59	59	59
Total number of branches	62	61	61
Parent company only - investment in subsidiaries	194,700	192 , 997	190,159
Parent company only - intangible assets	72	94	116

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION

Date: July 19, 2001 /s/Barry L. Crow

Barry L. Crow, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer