

The FDIC sent all insured banks a letter dated March 2 advising of their adoption of an interim rule setting a special assessment of 20 basis points for June 30, to be collected September 30. They are welcoming comments on the interim rule, which are due 30 days after its publication in the Federal Register. I've attached a copy of our letter for your review.

This special assessment will cost State Bank of Lizton an additional \$500,000 in insurance premiums. This is over and above our budgeted \$124,500 that was probably light to start with. Our normal assessment will be between 12 and 16 basis points or \$300,000 based on the lowest possible rate. That equals a total FDIC insurance premium of \$800,000 for the year. For your information, last year we paid approximately \$26,000 for the whole year. Without editorializing too much, this is a significant blow to community banks across the nation. We are not only paying the price of the economic crisis as taxpayers, now our professional lives are being threatened.

The Independent Community Bankers Association sent out a letter, also attached, asking that all community banks let their voice be heard by sending a letter to the FDIC and our congressional delegates letting them know that our survival is at stake. Please join me in letting our voices be heard. This is too heavy for the banking industry. This is the industry that will help end this crisis. This action will prolong it. I've attached to this email addresses for the FDIC and our congressional delegates for your convenience.

Thanks,
Les

<http://www.fdic.gov>

<http://bayh.senate.gov/contact/>

<http://stevebuyer.house.gov/>

<http://lugar.senate.gov/>

*Les Mongell
Executive Vice President
State Bank of Lizton
P. O. Box 708
Brownsburg, IN 46112
(317) 858-6136*