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Bank of the West Earns \$141.5 million in Third Quarter

SAN FRANCISCO -- October 30, 2007: Bank of the West today announced that net income for the third quarter of 2007 was \$141.5 million, a 3.5% increase over earnings of \$136.7 million in the third quarter of 2006. Third quarter results reflect a 1.7% increase over the bank's \$139 million earnings in the second quarter of 2007.

Loans and leases outstanding for the bank stood at \$41.9 billion at September 30, 2007, up 7.5% over the third quarter of 2006. Deposits were up 2.4% year over year, at \$37.25 billion compared to \$36.36 billion. Assets at the end of September were \$59.4 billion, a 5.3% increase over the prior year date.

"Our asset quality remains strong and our earnings growth is encouraging," said Chairman and CEO Don J. McGrath. "We continue to see solid loan growth and fee income growth across our franchise, particularly in commercial and agricultural lending."

Bank of the West is one of the largest commercial banks headquartered in the Western U.S. The bank has more than 700 branch banking locations and commercial banking offices in 19 states: California, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Bank of the West's holding company, BancWest Corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of BNP Paribas, a leading global financial services institution.

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