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FirstCity Financial Invites You to Listen to Its Quarterly Conference Call

Waco, Texas May 14, 2003... In conjunction with FirstCity Financial Corporation's (Nasdaq FCFC) First Quarter 2003 Earnings Release, the company invites you to participate in its quarterly conference call to be held on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., CST. James T. Sartain, FirstCity's President and Chief Executive Officer will lead the call. To participate, dial 1-800-493-3979 and specify conference I.D. number 3582788. Please dial in five minutes prior to the call. If you are unable to listen to the live conference call, a replay will be available by dialing 1-888-211-2648. The pass code for the replay is 3582788. The replay will be available until Wednesday May 28, 2003.

FirstCity will release its first quarter 2003 results prior to the call. A copy of the earnings release can be obtained from the company's web site: www.fcfc.com or by calling Suzy Taylor at 866-652-1810.

FirstCity is a diversified financial services Company with operations dedicated to portfolio asset acquisition and resolution and consumer lending with offices in the US and with affiliate organizations in France and Mexico. Its common (FCFC) and preferred (FCFCO) stocks are listed on the NASDAQ National Market System.