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Hand Delivery: Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All comments should refer to the relevant OMB control number. A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary A. Kuiper or John Popeo, at the FDIC address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal To Renew the Following Currently-Approved Collection of Information

1. *Title:* Assessment Rate Adjustment Guidelines for Large and Highly Complex Institutions.

OMB Number: 3064-0179.

Affected Public: Large and highly complex depository institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11.

Estimated Time per Response: 80 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 880 hours.

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General Description of Collection: These guidelines established process through which large and highly complex depository institutions could request a deposit insurance assessment rate adjustment from the FDIC.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of February 2015.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

[No. 2015-N-01]

Notice of Annual Adjustment of the Cap on Average Total Assets That Defines Community Financial Institutions

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) has adjusted the cap on average total assets that defines a "Community Financial Institution" to \$1,123,000,000, based on the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as published by the Department of Labor (DOL). These changes took effect on January 1, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Statutory and Regulatory Background

The Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act) confers upon insured depository institutions that meet the statutory definition of a "Community Financial Institution" (CFI) certain advantages over non-CFI insured depository institutions in qualifying for Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank) membership, and in the purposes for which they may receive long-term advances and the collateral they may pledge to secure advances.¹ Section 2(10)(A) of the Bank Act and § 1263.1 of FHFA's regulations define a CFI as any Bank member the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and that has average total assets below a statutory cap.² The Bank Act was amended in 2008 to set the statutory cap at \$1

billion and to require the Director of FHFA to adjust the cap annually to reflect the percentage increase in the CPI-U, as published by the DOL, for the prior year.³ For 2014, FHFA set the CFI asset cap at \$1,108,000,000, which reflected a 1.2 percent increase over 2013, based upon the increase in the CPI-U between 2012 and 2013.⁴

II. The CFI Asset Cap for 2015

As of January 1, 2015, FHFA has increased the CFI asset cap from \$1,108,000,000 to \$1,123,000,000, which reflects a 1.3 percent increase in the unadjusted CPI-U from November 2013 to November 2014. The new amount was obtained by rounding to the nearest million, as has been the practice for all prior adjustments. Consistent with the practice of other Federal agencies, FHFA bases the annual adjustment to the CFI asset cap on the percentage increase in the CPI-U from November of the year prior to the preceding calendar year to November of the preceding calendar year, because the November figures represent the most recent available data as of January 1st of the current calendar year.

In calculating the CFI asset cap, FHFA uses CPI-U data that have not been seasonally adjusted (*i.e.*, the data have not been adjusted to remove the estimated effect of price changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year). The DOL encourages use of unadjusted CPI-U data in applying "escalation" provisions such as that governing the CFI asset cap, because the factors that are used to seasonally adjust the data are amended annually, and seasonally adjusted data that are published earlier are subject to revision for up to five years following their original release. Unadjusted data are not routinely subject to revision, and previously published unadjusted data are only corrected when significant calculation errors are discovered.

Dated: January 27, 2015.

Melvin L. Watt,

Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

TIME AND DATE: February 11, 2015; 10:00 a.m.

³ See 12 U.S.C. 1422(10); 12 CFR 1263.1 (defining the term *CFI asset cap*).

⁴ See 79 FR 1862 (Jan. 10, 2014).

¹ See 12 U.S.C. 1424(a), 1430(a).

² See 12 U.S.C. 1422(10)(A); 12 CFR 1263.1.