

meets each of the standards for a “satisfactory” rating under this paragraph and exceeds some or all of those standards may warrant consideration for a lending test rating of “outstanding.”

(iii) *Needs to improve or substantial non-compliance ratings.* A small savings association may also receive a lending test rating of “needs to improve” or “substantial non-compliance” depending on the degree to which its performance has failed to meet the standard for a “satisfactory” rating.

(2) *Community development test ratings for intermediate small savings associations—(i) Eligibility for a satisfactory community development test rating.* The OTS rates an intermediate small savings association’s community development performance “satisfactory” if the savings association demonstrates adequate responsiveness to the community development needs of its assessment area(s) through community development loans, qualified investments, and community development services. The adequacy of the savings association’s response will depend on its capacity for such community development activities, its assessment area’s need for such community development activities, and the availability of such opportunities for community development in the savings association’s assessment area(s).

(ii) *Eligibility for an outstanding community development test rating.* The OTS rates an intermediate small savings association’s community development performance “outstanding” if the savings association demonstrates excellent responsiveness to community development needs in its assessment area(s) through community development loans, qualified investments, and community development services, as appropriate, considering the savings association’s capacity and the need and availability of such opportunities for community development in the savings association’s assessment area(s).

(iii) *Needs to improve or substantial non-compliance ratings.* An intermediate small savings association may also receive a community development test rating of “needs to improve” or “substantial non-compliance” depending on the degree to which its performance has failed to meet the standards for a “satisfactory” rating.

(3) *Overall rating—(i) Eligibility for a satisfactory overall rating.* No intermediate small savings association may receive an assigned overall rating of “satisfactory” unless it receives a rating of at least “satisfactory” on both the lending test and the community development test.

(ii) *Eligibility for an outstanding overall rating.* (A) An intermediate small savings association that receives an “outstanding” rating on one test and at least “satisfactory” on the other test may receive an assigned overall rating of “outstanding.”

(B) A small savings association that is not an intermediate small savings association that meets each of the standards for a “satisfactory” rating under the lending test and exceeds some or all of those standards may warrant consideration for an overall rating of “outstanding.” In assessing whether a savings association’s performance is “outstanding,” the OTS considers the extent to which the savings association exceeds each of the performance standards for a “satisfactory” rating and its performance in making qualified investments and its performance in providing branches and other services and delivery systems that enhance credit availability in its assessment area(s).

(iii) *Needs to improve or substantial non-compliance overall ratings.* A small savings association may also receive a rating of “needs to improve” or “substantial non-compliance” depending on the degree to which its performance has failed to meet the standards for a “satisfactory” rating.

(e) *Strategic plan assessment and rating—(1) Satisfactory goals.* The OTS approves as “satisfactory” measurable goals that adequately help to meet the credit needs of the savings association’s assessment area(s).

(2) *Outstanding goals.* If the plan identifies a separate group of measurable goals that substantially exceed the levels approved as “satisfactory,” the OTS will approve those goals as “outstanding.”

(3) *Rating.* The OTS assesses the performance of a savings association operating under an approved plan to determine if the savings association has met its plan goals:

(i) If the savings association substantially achieves its plan goals for a satisfactory rating, the OTS will rate the savings association’s performance under the plan as “satisfactory.”

(ii) If the savings association exceeds its plan goals for a satisfactory rating and substantially achieves its plan goals for an outstanding rating, the OTS will rate the savings association’s performance under the plan as “outstanding.”

(iii) If the savings association fails to meet substantially its plan goals for a satisfactory rating, OTS will rate the savings association as either “needs to improve” or “substantial non-compliance,” depending on the extent to which it falls short of its plan goals, unless the savings association elected in its plan to be rated otherwise, as provided in § 563e.27(f)(4).

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#### APPENDIX B TO PART 563e—CRA NOTICE

(a) *Notice for main offices and, if an interstate savings association, one branch office in each state.*

## COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT NOTICE

Under the Federal Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) evaluates our record of helping to meet the credit needs of this community consistent with safe and sound operations. The OTS also takes this record into account when deciding on certain applications submitted by us.

Your involvement is encouraged.

You are entitled to certain information about our operations and our performance under the CRA, including, for example, information about our branches, such as their location and services provided at them; the public section of our most recent CRA Performance Evaluation, prepared by the OTS; and comments received from the public relating to our performance in helping to meet community credit needs, as well as our responses to those comments. You may review this information today.

At least 30 days before the beginning of each quarter, the OTS publishes a nationwide list of the savings associations that are scheduled for CRA examination in that quarter. This list is available from the Regional Director (address). You may send written comments about our performance in helping to meet community credit needs to (name and address of official at savings association) and OTS (address). Your letter, together with any response by us, will be considered by the OTS in evaluating our CRA performance and may be made public.

You may ask to look at any comments received by the Regional Director. You may also request from the Regional Director an announcement of our applications covered by the CRA filed with the OTS. We are an affiliate of (name of holding company), a savings and loan holding company. You may request from the Regional Director an announcement of applications covered by the CRA filed by savings and loan holding companies.

(b) *Notice for branch offices.*

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You are entitled to certain information about our operations and our performance under the CRA. You may review today the public section of our most recent CRA evaluation, prepared by the OTS, and a list of services provided at this branch. You may also have access to the following additional information, which we will make available to you at this branch within five calendar

days after you make a request to us: (1) A map showing the assessment area containing this branch, which is the area in which the OTS evaluates our CRA performance in this community; (2) information about our branches in this assessment area; (3) a list of services we provide at those locations; (4) data on our lending performance in this assessment area; and (5) copies of all written comments received by us that specifically relate to our CRA performance in this assessment area, and any responses we have made to those comments. If we are operating under an approved strategic plan, you may also have access to a copy of the plan.

[If you would like to review information about our CRA performance in other communities served by us, the public file for our entire savings association is available at (name of office located in state), located at (address).]

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