

to enforce the provisions of any covered agreement.

§ 533.10 Transition provisions.

(a) *Disclosure of covered agreements entered into before the effective date of this part.* The following disclosure requirements apply to covered agreements that were entered into after November 12, 1999, and that terminated before April 1, 2001.

(1) *Disclosure to the public.* Each NGEF and each insured depository institution or affiliate that was a party to the agreement must make the agreement available to the public under § 533.6 of this part until at least April 1, 2002.

(2) *Disclosure to the relevant supervisory agency.* (i) Each NGEF that was a party to the agreement must make the agreement available to the relevant supervisory agency under § 533.6 of this part until at least April 1, 2002.

(ii) Each insured depository institution or affiliate that was a party to the agreement must, by June 30, 2001, provide each relevant supervisory agency either—

(A) A copy of the agreement under § 533.6(d)(1)(i) of this part; or

(B) The information described in § 533.6(d)(1)(ii) of this part for each agreement.

(b) *Filing of annual reports that relate to fiscal years ending on or before December 31, 2000.* In the event that a NGEF, insured depository institution or affiliate has any information to report under § 533.7 of this part for a fiscal that ends on or before December 31, 2000, and that concerns a covered agreement entered into between May 12, 2000, and December 31, 2000, the annual report for that fiscal year must be provided, no later than June 30, 2001, to—

(1) Each relevant supervisory agency; or

(2) In the case of a NGEF, to an insured depository institution or affiliate that is a party to the agreement in accordance with § 533.7(f)(2) of this part.

§ 533.11 Other definitions and rules of construction used in this part.

(a) *Affiliate.* *Affiliate* means—

(1) Any company that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another company; and

(2) For the purpose of determining whether an agreement is a covered agreement under § 533.2, an *affiliate* includes any company that would be under common control or merged with another company on consummation of any transaction pending before a Federal banking agency at the time—

(i) The parties enter into the agreement; and

(ii) The NGEF that is a party to the agreement makes a CRA communication, as described in § 533.3 of this part.

(b) *Control.* *Control* is defined in section 2(a) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1841(a)).

(c) *CRA affiliate.* A *CRA affiliate* of an insured depository institution is any company that is an affiliate of an insured depository institution to the extent, and only to the extent, that the activities of the affiliate were considered by the appropriate Federal banking agency when evaluating the CRA performance of the institution at its most recent CRA examination prior to the agreement. An insured depository institution or affiliate also may designate any company as a *CRA affiliate* at any time prior to the time a covered agreement is entered into by informing the NGEF that is a party to the agreement of such designation.

(d) *CRA public file.* *CRA public file* means the public file maintained by an insured depository institution and described in § 563.43 of this chapter.

(e) *Executive officer.* The term *executive officer* has the same meaning as in § 215.2(e)(1) of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve's Regulation O (12 CFR 215.2(e)(1)). In applying this definition under this part, the term *savings association* shall be used in place of the term *bank*.

(f) *Federal banking agency; appropriate Federal banking agency.* The terms *Federal banking agency* and *appropriate Federal banking agency* have the same meanings as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).

(g) *Fiscal year.* (1) The fiscal year for a NGEF that does not have a fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

(2) Any NGEF, insured depository institution, or affiliate that has a fiscal

year may elect to have the calendar year be its fiscal year for purposes of this part.

(h) *Insured depository institution.* *Insured depository institution* has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).

(i) *Nongovernmental entity or person or NGEF*—(1) *General.* A *nongovernmental entity or person or NGEF* is any partnership, association, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, corporation, limited liability corporation, company, firm, society, other organization, or individual.

(2) *Exclusions.* A nongovernmental entity or person does not include—

(i) The United States government, a state government, a unit of local government (including a county, city, town, township, parish, village, or other general-purpose subdivision of a state) or an Indian tribe or tribal organization established under Federal, state or Indian tribal law (including the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands), or a department, agency, or instrumentality of any such entity;

(ii) A federally-chartered public corporation that receives Federal funds appropriated specifically for that corporation;

(iii) An insured depository institution or affiliate of an insured depository institution; or

(iv) An officer, director, employee, or representative (acting in his or her capacity as an officer, director, employee, or representative) of an entity listed in paragraphs (i)(2)(i), (i)(2)(ii), or (i)(2)(iii) of this section.

(j) *Party.* The term *party* with respect to a covered agreement means each NGEF and each insured depository institution or affiliate that entered into the agreement.

(k) *Relevant supervisory agency.* The *relevant supervisory agency* for a covered agreement means the appropriate Federal banking agency for—

(1) Each insured depository institution (or subsidiary thereof) that is a party to the covered agreement;

(2) Each insured depository institution (or subsidiary thereof) or CRA affiliate that makes payments or loans or provides services that are subject to the covered agreement; and

(3) Any company (other than an insured depository institution or subsidiary thereof) that is a party to the covered agreement.

(l) *Term of agreement.* An agreement that does not have a fixed termination date is considered to terminate on the last date on which any party to the agreement makes any payment or provides any loan or other resources under the agreement, unless the relevant supervisory agency for the agreement otherwise notifies each party in writing.

PART 535—PROHIBITED CONSUMER CREDIT PRACTICES (Eff. until 7-1-2010)

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§ 535.1 Definitions.

(a) *Act.* For the purposes of this part, “Act” means the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*

(b) *Consumer.* The term “consumer” means a natural person who seeks or acquires goods, services, or money for personal, family, or household purposes, and who applies for or is extended “consumer credit” as defined in § 561.12 of this chapter.

(c) *Cosigner.* The term “cosigner” means a natural person who assumes liability for the obligation of a consumer without receiving goods, services, or money in return for the obligation, or in the case of an open-end credit obligation, without receiving the contractual right to obtain extensions of credit under the account. The term shall include any person whose signature is requested as a condition to granting credit to a consumer, or as a condition for forbearance on collection of a consumer’s obligation that is in default. The term shall not include a