Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury

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(e) A description of any charter or state law requirement that restricts or conditions votes by proxy.
(f) An acknowledgment that the member received a proxy statement before he or she signed the form of proxy.
(g) The date, time, and the place of the meeting, when available.
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(i) A statement that management will vote the proxy in accordance with the member’s specifications.
(j) A statement in bold face type indicating how management will vote the proxy if the member does not specify a choice for a matter.

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(a) You must comply with these proxy solicitation provisions when you provide proxy solicitation material to members for the meeting to vote on your plan of conversion.
(b) Your members must comply with these proxy solicitation provisions when they provide proxy solicitation materials to members for the meeting to vote on your conversion, pursuant to §563b.280, except where:
(1) The member solicits 50 people or fewer and does not solicit proxies on your behalf; or
(2) The member solicits proxies through newspaper advertisements after your board of directors adopts the plan of conversion. Any newspaper advertisements may include only the following information:
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(iv) Where a member may obtain a copy of the proxy solicitation material; and
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PROXY SOLICITATION

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