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This document of the Department of Energy was signed on June 25, 2021, by Kelly Speakes-Backman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal Register** Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 25, 2021.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 235

[Regulation II; Docket No. R–1748]

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Debit Card Interchange Fees and Routing

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 13, 2021, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) published in the **Federal Register** a proposal to amend Regulation II to clarify that the requirement that each debit card transaction must be able to be processed on at least two unaffiliated payment card networks applies to card-not-present transactions, clarify the requirements that Regulation II imposes on debit card issuers to ensure that at least two unaffiliated payment card networks have been enabled for debit card transactions, and standardize and clarify the use of certain terminology. The proposal provided for a comment period ending on July 12, 2021. The Board is extending the comment period for 30 days, until August 11, 2021.

DATES: The comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking published on May 13, 2021 (86 FR 26189), is extended. Comments must be received by August 11, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the methods identified in the proposal.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 13, 2021, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) published in the **Federal Register** a proposal to amend Regulation II to

clarify that the requirement that each debit card transaction must be able to be processed on at least two unaffiliated payment card networks applies to card-not-present transactions, clarify the requirements that Regulation II imposes on debit card issuers to ensure that at least two unaffiliated payment card networks have been enabled for debit card transactions, and standardize and clarify the use of certain terminology.¹

The proposal provided for a comment period ending on July 12, 2021. Since the publication of the proposal, the Board has received comments requesting a 30-day extension of the comment period. An extension of the comment period will provide additional opportunity for interested parties to analyze the proposal and prepare and submit comments. Therefore, the Board is extending the end of the comment period for the proposal from July 12, 2021 to August 11, 2021.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Secretary of the Board under delegated authority.

Ann E. Misback,

Secretary of the Board.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Part 615

RIN 3052-AD44

Bank Liquidity Reserve

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA, we, our) is contemplating revising its liquidity regulations so Farm Credit System (FCS or System) banks can better withstand crises that adversely impact liquidity and pose a risk to their viability. FCA is considering whether to amend our existing liquidity regulatory framework. We are seeking comments from the public on how to amend or restructure our liquidity regulations.

DATES: Please send us your comments on or before September 28, 2021.

ADDRESSES: For accuracy and efficiency reasons, please submit comments by email or through FCA's website. We do not accept comments submitted by facsimiles (fax), as faxes are difficult for us to process and achieve compliance with section 508 of the Rehabilitation

Act of 1973. Please do not submit your comment multiple times via different methods. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** Send us an email at reg-comm@fca.gov.
- **FCA website:** <http://www.fca.gov>. Click inside the "I want to . . ." field near the top of the page; select "comment on a pending regulation" from the dropdown menu; and click "Go." This takes you to an electronic public comment form.

• **Mail:** Kevin J. Kramp, Director, Office of Regulatory Policy, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, VA 22102-5090.

You may review copies of comments we receive on our website at <http://www.fca.gov>. Once you are on the website, click inside the "I want to . . ." field near the top of the page; select "find comments on a pending regulation" from the dropdown menu; and click "Go." This will take you to the Comment Letters page where you can select the regulation for which you would like to read the public comments.

We will show your comments as submitted, including any supporting data provided, but for technical reasons we may omit items such as logos and special characters. Identifying information that you provide, such as phone numbers and addresses, will be publicly available. However, we will attempt to remove email addresses to help reduce internet spam. You may also review comments at our office in McLean, Virginia. Please call us at (703) 883-4056 or email us at reg-comm@fca.gov to make an appointment.

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I. Introduction

A. Objectives of the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

FCA's purpose in this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is to gather public input to:

- Ensure that each FCS bank operates under a comprehensive liquidity framework, so it consistently maintains adequate liquidity to cover all of its potential obligations, including unfunded commitments and other material contingent liabilities, under stressful conditions;

- Assess if, and to what extent, the Basel III International framework for liquidity risk measurement, standards and monitoring (hereafter "Basel III Liquidity Framework"), issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS), and regulations of the Federal banking regulatory agencies (FRBAs) implementing this framework for banking organizations should influence revisions to FCA's existing liquidity framework;¹

- Determine if the Basel III Liquidity Framework is appropriate for FCS banks, and evaluate the impacts of augmenting FCA's existing liquidity framework to incorporate appropriate aspects of the Basel III Liquidity Framework and the FRBAs' implementation of the framework;² and

- Determine the respective costs and benefits of updating FCA's liquidity framework for FCS banks.

B. Background on System Liquidity

In 1916, Congress created the System to provide permanent, stable, affordable,

¹ The Federal banking regulatory agencies include the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (hereafter Federal Reserve Board), and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. See "Liquidity Coverage Ratio: Liquidity Risk Measurement Standards," 79 FR 61440 (October 10, 2014) and "Net Stable Funding Ratio: Liquidity Risk Measurement Standards and Disclosure Requirements," 86 FR 9120 (February 11, 2021).

² Basel III was published in December 2010 and revised in June 2011. The text is available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs189.htm>. The BCBS was established in 1974 by central banks with bank supervisory authorities in major industrial countries. The BCBS develops banking guidelines and recommends them for adoption by member countries and others. BCBS documents are available at <https://www.bis.org/>. The FCA does not have representation on the Basel Committee, as do the FRBAs, and is not required by law to follow the Basel standards. The Basel III Liquidity Coverage Ratio and liquidity risk monitoring tools document was published in January 2013 and the Net stable funding ratio document was published in October 2014.

¹ 86 FR 26189 (May 13, 2021).