

such persons only in accordance with § 575.7 of this part.

(f) *Restrictions on indemnification.* The provisions of § 545.121 of this chapter shall apply to mutual holding companies in the same manner as if they were federal savings associations.

(g) *Restrictions on employment contracts.* The provisions of § 563.39 of this chapter and any policies of the OTS thereunder shall apply to mutual holding companies in the same manner as if they were savings associations.

(h) *Applicability of rules governing savings and loan holding companies.* Except as expressly provided in this part, mutual holding companies shall be subject to the provisions of 12 U.S.C. 1467a and 3201 *et seq.* and parts 563e, 574, 583, and 584 of this chapter.

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§ 575.12 Conversion or liquidation of mutual holding companies.

(a) *Conversion—(1) Generally.* A mutual holding company may convert to the stock form in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in part 563b of this chapter.

(2) *Exchange of savings association stock.* Any stock issued pursuant to § 575.7 of this part by a subsidiary savings association of a mutual holding company to persons other than the parent mutual holding company may be exchanged for the stock issued by the mutual holding company in connection with the conversion of the holding company to stock form provided that the holding company and the subsidiary savings association demonstrate to the satisfaction of the OTS that the basis for the exchange is fair and reasonable.

(b) *Involuntary liquidation—(1)* The OTS may file a petition with the federal bankruptcy courts requesting the liquidation of a mutual holding company pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1467a(o)(9) and title 11, United States Code, upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) The default of the resulting association, any acquiree association, or any subsidiary savings association of the mutual holding company that was in the mutual form when acquired by the mutual holding company;

(ii) The default of the mutual holding company; or

(iii) Foreclosure on any pledge by the mutual holding company of subsidiary savings association stock pursuant to § 575.11(b) of this part.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, the net proceeds of any liquidation of any mutual holding company shall be transferred to the members of the mutual holding company in accordance with the charter of the mutual holding company.

(3) If the FDIC incurs a loss as a result of the default of any savings association subsidiary of a mutual holding company and that mutual holding company is liquidated pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this section, the FDIC shall succeed to the membership interests of the depositors of such savings association in the mutual holding company, to the extent of the FDIC's loss.

(c) *Voluntary liquidation.* The provisions of § 546.4 of this chapter shall apply to mutual holding companies in the same manner as if they were federal savings associations.

§ 575.13 Procedural requirements.

(a) *Proxies and proxy statements—(1) Solicitation of proxies.* The provisions of §§ 563b.5 and 563b.6 of this chapter (exclusive of § 563b.6(c)(2)(iii), (d), and (e)) shall apply to all solicitations of proxies by any person in connection with any membership vote required under this part. All proxy materials utilized in connection with such solicitations shall be authorized for use by the OTS and shall be in the form and contain the information specified in § 563b.5(d) of this chapter and Form PS, 12 CFR 563b.101, to the extent such information is relevant to the action that members are being asked to approve, with such additions, deletions, and other modifications as are necessary or appropriate under the disclosure standard set forth in § 563b.5(g) of this chapter. Proxies and proxy statements shall be filed in accordance with § 563b.5(e) of this chapter and shall be addressed to the Corporate and Securities Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, at the address set forth in § 516.1(a) of this chapter. For purposes of this paragraph (a)(1), the term *conversion* as it appears in the provisions