

of directors as a result of comments from regulatory authorities or otherwise prior to the solicitation of proxies from the members of the reorganizing association and any acquiree association to vote on the Reorganization Plan and at any time thereafter with the concurrence of the OTS; and that the reorganization may be terminated by the board of directors of the reorganizing association or any acquiree association at any time prior to the meeting of the members of the association called to consider the Reorganization Plan and at any time thereafter with the concurrence of the OTS;

(h) Provide that the Reorganization Plan shall be terminated if not completed within a specified period of time (The time period shall not be more than 24 months from the date upon which the members of the reorganizing association or the date upon which the members of any acquiree association, whichever is earlier, approve the Reorganization Plan and may not be extended by the reorganizing or acquiree association); and

(i) Provide that the expenses incurred in connection with the reorganization shall be reasonable.

**§ 575.7 Issuances of stock by savings association subsidiaries of mutual holding companies.**

(a) *Approval requirements.* No savings association subsidiary of a mutual holding company (including any resulting association or acquiree association) may issue stock to persons other than its mutual holding company parent in connection with a mutual holding company reorganization, or at any time subsequent to the association's acquisition by the mutual holding company, unless the association obtains advance approval of each such issuance from the OTS. Issuance by the OTS of a notice of intent not to disapprove a mutual holding company reorganization pursuant to § 575.3(b) of this part, or failure by the OTS to disapprove such a reorganization within the time prescribed in § 575.3(b) of this part, shall be deemed to constitute approval of any stock issuance specifically applied for pursuant to this section in connection with the reorganization, unless otherwise specified by the OTS. The OTS

shall approve any proposed issuance that meets each of the criteria set forth below in paragraphs (a)(1)–(a)(7) of this section.

(1) The proposed issuance is to be made pursuant to a Stock Issuance Plan that contains all the provisions required by § 575.8 of this part.

(2) The Stock Issuance Plan is consistent with the terms of the association's charter (or any proposed amendments thereto), including terms governing the type and amount of stock that may be issued.

(3) The Stock Issuance Plan would provide the association, its mutual holding company parent, and any other savings association subsidiaries of the mutual holding company with fully sufficient capital and would not be inequitable or detrimental to the association or its mutual holding company parent or to members of the mutual holding company parent.

(4) The proposed price or price range of the stock to be issued is reasonable. (The OTS shall review the reasonableness of the proposed price or price range in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.)

(5) The aggregate amount of outstanding common stock of the association owned or controlled by persons other than the association's mutual holding company parent at the close of the proposed issuance shall be less than 50% of the association's total outstanding common stock, unless the association was a stock association when acquired by the mutual holding company and is not a resulting association or an acquiree association, in which case the foregoing restriction shall not apply. Any amount of preferred stock may be issued by any savings association subsidiary of a mutual holding company to persons other than the association's mutual holding company, consistent with any other applicable laws and regulations.

(6) The association furnishes the information required by the OTS in connection with the proposed issuance.

(7) The proposed stock issuance would fail to meet the convenience and needs standard of § 563b.11 of this chapter.

(8) The proposed issuance complies with all other applicable laws and regulations.

(b) *Pricing and sale of securities.* (1) All of the provisions of § 563b.7 of this chapter shall apply to a stock issuance applied for pursuant to this section, unless otherwise provided for in this part or clearly inapplicable, as determined by the OTS. For purposes of this paragraph (b)(1), the term *conversion* as it appears in the provisions of § 563b.7 of this chapter shall be deemed to refer to *the stock issuance*, and the term *converted* or *converting savings association* shall be deemed to refer to the savings association undertaking the stock issuance.

(2) Unless otherwise determined by the OTS, the limitations on the minimum and maximum amounts of the estimated price range required by § 563b.7(c) of this chapter shall not apply.

(3) To the extent the pricing materials submitted pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this section include any discount due to the minority status of the stock to be offered, the materials must indicate the amount of the discount and how that amount was determined.

(c) *Related approvals.* Approval by the OTS of any stock issuance pursuant to this section shall also be deemed to constitute:

(1) Approval under § 563.1 of this chapter of the form of stock certificate proposed to be utilized in connection with the stock issuance, provided such form was included in the application materials filed pursuant to this section; and

(2) Preliminary approval under § 552.4 of this chapter and approval under § 563.1 of this chapter of any charter or bylaw amendment required to authorize issuance of the stock, provided such amendment was proposed in the application materials filed pursuant to this section.

(d) *Offering restrictions.* (1) No representations may be made in any manner in connection with the offer or sale of any stock issued pursuant to this section that the price, price range or any other pricing information related to such stock issuance has been approved by the OTS or that the stock has been approved or disapproved by the OTS or that the OTS has endorsed

the accuracy or adequacy of any securities offering documents disseminated in connection with such stock.

(2) The sale of minority stock of the reorganized stock savings association to be made under the minority stock issuance plan, including any sale in a public offering or direct community marketing, shall be completed as promptly as possible and within 45 calendar days after the last day of the subscription period, unless extended by the OTS.

(3) In the offer, sale, or purchase of stock issued pursuant to this section, no person shall:

(i) Employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;

(ii) Make any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

(iii) Engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon a purchaser or seller.

(4) Prior to the completion of a stock issuance pursuant to this section, no person shall transfer, or enter into any agreement or understanding to transfer, the legal or beneficial ownership of the stock to be issued to any other person.

(5) Prior to the completion of a stock issuance pursuant to this section, no person shall make any offer, or any announcement of any offer, to purchase any stock to be issued, or knowingly acquire any stock in the issuance, in excess of the maximum purchase limitations established in the Stock Issuance Plan.

(6) All stock issuances pursuant to this section must:

(i) Comply with 12 CFR part 563g and, to the extent applicable, 12 CFR 563b.102; and

(ii) Provide that the offering be structured in a manner similar to a standard conversion under 12 CFR part 563b, including the stock purchase priorities accorded members of the issuing association's mutual holding company, unless the association would qualify for a supervisory conversion if it were to undertake a conversion

under 12 CFR part 563b; or demonstrates to the satisfaction of the OTS that a non-conforming issuance would be more beneficial to the association compared to a conforming offering, considering, in the aggregate, the effect of each on the association's financial and managerial resources and future prospects, the effect of the issuance upon the association, the insurance risk to the relevant Federal deposit insurance fund, and the convenience and needs of the community to be served.

(e) *Procedural and substantive requirements.* The procedural and substantive requirements of §§ 563b.3 through 563b.8 of this chapter shall apply to all mutual holding company stock issuances under this section, unless clearly inapplicable.

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#### **§ 575.8 Contents of Stock Issuance Plans.**

(a) *Mandatory provisions.* Each of the provisions mandatory for all stock issuance plans under this paragraph shall be deemed regulatory requirements. Each Stock Issuance Plan shall contain a complete description of all significant terms of the proposed stock issuance (including the information specified in § 563b.27(a) of this chapter to the extent known), shall attach and incorporate the proposed form of stock certificate, the proposed stock order form, and any agreements or other documents defining the rights of the stockholders, and shall:

(1) Provide that the stock shall be sold at a total price equal to the estimated *pro forma* market value of such stock, based upon an independent valuation, as provided in § 575.7(b) of this part;

(2) Provide that the aggregate amount of outstanding common stock of the association owned or controlled by persons other than the association's mutual holding company parent at the close of the proposed issuance shall be less than fifty percent of the association's total outstanding common stock (This provision may be omitted if the proposed issuance will be conducted by an association that was in the stock form when acquired by its mutual hold-

ing company parent, provided the association is not a resulting association or an acquiree association);

(3) Provide that the aggregate amount of common stock acquired in the proposed issuance, plus all prior issuances of the association, by any non-tax-qualified employee stock benefit plan of the association or any insider of the association and his or her associates, exclusive of any stock acquired by said plan or insider and his or her associates in the secondary market, shall not exceed ten percent of the outstanding shares of common stock of the association held by persons other than the association's mutual holding company parent at the close of the proposed issuance. In calculating the number of shares held by any insider or associate under this provision or the provision in paragraph (a)(4) of this section, shares held by any tax-qualified or non-tax-qualified employee stock benefit plan of the association that are attributable to such person shall not be counted;

(4) Provide that the aggregate amount of stock, whether common or preferred, acquired in the proposed issuance, plus all prior issuances of the association, by any non-tax-qualified employee stock benefit plan of the association or any insider of the association and his or her associates, exclusive of any stock acquired by said plan or insider and his or her associates in the secondary market, shall not exceed ten percent of the stockholders' equity of the association held by persons other than the association's mutual holding company parent at the close of the proposed issuance;

(5) Provide that the aggregate amount of common stock acquired in the proposed issuance, plus all prior issuances of the association, by any one or more tax-qualified employee stock benefit plans of the association, exclusive of any stock acquired by such plans in the secondary market, shall not exceed ten percent of the outstanding shares of common stock of the association held by persons other than the association's mutual holding company parent at the close of the proposed issuance;

(6) Provide that the aggregate amount of stock, whether common or