

or in part, such service or activity as the Office finds necessary in order to ensure compliance with the provisions and purposes of this part and of section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act, as amended, or to prevent evasions thereof.

(3) Except as may be otherwise provided in a resolution by or on behalf of the Office in a particular case, a service or activity commenced pursuant to this section shall not be altered in any material respect from that described in the notice filed under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, unless before making such alteration notice of intent to do so is filed in compliance with the appropriate procedures of said paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(d) *Service corporation subsidiaries of savings associations.* The Office hereby approves without application the furnishing or performing of such services or engaging in such activities as permitted by the Office pursuant to 12 CFR 545.74, as in effect on March 5, 1987, if such service or activity is conducted by a service corporation subsidiary of a subsidiary savings association of a savings and loan holding company and if such service corporation has legal power to do so.

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§ 584.2-2 Permissible bank holding company activities of savings and loan holding companies.

(a) *General.* For purposes of § 584.2(b)(6)(i) of this part, the services and activities permissible for bank holding companies pursuant to 12 CFR 225.24 or 225.28 are permissible for savings and loan holding companies, or subsidiaries thereof that are neither savings associations nor service corporation subsidiaries of subsidiary savings associations: *Provided*, That no such savings and loan holding company or subsidiary thereof shall commence, either *de novo* or by an acquisition (in whole or in part) of a going concern, any activity described in this paragraph (a) without the prior approval of the Office pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section. Where an activity is within the scope of both § 584.2-1 of this part

and this section, the procedures of § 584.2-1 of this part shall govern.

(b) *Procedures for applications.* Applications to commence any activity prescribed under paragraph (a) of this section shall be filed with the OTS. The OTS shall act upon such application pursuant to the guidelines set forth in § 516.2 of this chapter.

(c) *Factors considered in acting on applications.* In evaluating an application filed under paragraph (b) of this section, the OTS shall consider whether the performance by the applicant of the activity can reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public (such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency) that outweigh possible adverse effects (such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest, or unsound financial practices). This consideration includes an evaluation of the financial and managerial resources of the applicant, including its subsidiaries, and of any company to be acquired, and the effect of the proposed transaction on those resources.

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§ 584.4 Prohibited acquisitions.

No savings and loan holding company, directly or indirectly, or through one or more subsidiaries or through one or more transactions, shall:

(a) Acquire by purchase or otherwise, or retain, more than five percent of the voting stock or shares of a savings association not a subsidiary, or of a savings and loan holding company not a subsidiary, nor, in the case of a multiple savings and loan holding company (other than a multiple savings and loan holding company described in § 584.2a(a)(ii) of this chapter), acquire or retain more than five percent of the voting shares of any company not a subsidiary that is engaged in any business activity other than those specified in § 584.2(b) of this part: *Provided*, That this paragraph (a) shall not apply to voting shares of a savings association or of a savings and loan holding company—