

less than 15 days after the reconsideration vote.

(e) The petitioners, through the petitioners' representative, and board of directors of the terminating association shall each have the opportunity to present to the stockholders and other equity holders a written statement of their views regarding the reasons for calling a reconsideration vote. Such statements shall be reasonable in length and shall be mailed to stockholders and other equity holders along with the notice of stockholders' meeting for the reconsideration vote.

(f) The terminating association shall, at its expense, immediately provide the stockholders initiating the petition with a list of the names and addresses of all of the eligible voting stockholders of the association. All other expenses for the petition shall be borne by the petitioners. Reasonable expenses for the reconsideration vote shall be borne by the terminating association.

§ 611.1240 Exit fee.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) *Assets* means all assets less appropriate valuation reserves as determined in accordance with GAAP except where otherwise noted in this section.

(2) *Contingent liabilities* means those liabilities that, in accordance with GAAP, will materialize if certain events occur.

(3) *Total capital* means all capital stock, surplus and undivided profits accounts as determined in accordance with GAAP, except where otherwise noted in this section, and as adjusted pursuant to the requirements of § 611.1240.

(b) A terminating association shall pay an exit fee equal to the amount by which the total capital of the association exceeds 6 percent of its assets. The exit fee shall be paid to the Farm Credit Assistance Fund if the effective date of termination is prior to January 1, 1992 or to the Farm Credit Insurance Fund if the effective date is after that date.

(c) The computation date for the exit fee shall be the quarter end preceding the filing date. A certified audit of the terminating association shall be per-

formed by a qualified public accountant, as defined in § 621.2(i), as of the computation date. The Farm Credit Administration may, in its complete discretion, waive this requirement if such an audit was performed as of a date within the 6 months preceding the computation date.

(d) The method of computation shall be as follows:

(1) The average daily balance of assets and total capital for the past 12 months preceding the computation date will be computed as a basis for determining the exit fee; and

(2) Account balances shall be computed in accordance with GAAP and adjusted in accordance with paragraphs (e), (f), (g), and (h) of this section.

(e) For purposes of determining the amount of the exit fee, the Farm Credit Administration will review the terminating association's transactions over a 3-year period prior to the date of the adoption of the termination resolution. If this review determines that the terminating association's account balances do not accurately reflect the value of its assets and liabilities, or that the association has retired capital outside the ordinary course of business, or that the association has taken any other actions unrelated to its core business that have the effect of increasing or decreasing the amount of the exit fee, the Farm Credit Administration may make adjustments to the association's assets, liabilities, or capital and recompute the exit fee based on these adjustments. The review by the Farm Credit Administration shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Additions to or subtractions from the allowance for loan losses;

(2) Additions to assets from transactions that are outside the terminating association's ordinary course of business;

(3) Dividends or patronage refunds exceeding the terminating association's usual practices;

(4) Changes in the terminating association's capitalization plan or implementation of that plan that increased or decreased the level of borrower investment;

(5) Contingent liabilities, such as loss-sharing obligations, that can be reasonably quantified; and

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(6) Assets that may be overvalued, undervalued or not recorded on the books of the association.

(f) Capital of the terminating association owned by another Farm Credit institution or by the Financial Assistance Corporation shall not be included in capital for the purpose of determining the exit fee.

(g) In the event that GAAP requires that a liability be recorded on the balance sheet that will be offset by an unrecorded asset, the transaction recording the liability shall be reversed.

(h) In the event the terminating association has recorded expenses that would not have been recorded but for the termination, such transactions shall be reversed.

(i) The exit fee shall be paid by certified check, or other means agreed upon by the Farm Credit Administration and the terminating association.

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§ 611.1250 Repayment of debts.

(a) The terminating association shall provide for the payment or assumption by the successor institution of all outstanding debt obligations.

(b) The terminating association may establish and maintain an OFI relationship with the Farm Credit Bank or agricultural credit bank, subject to all applicable requirements of part 614, subpart P, of this chapter. The general financing agreement establishing the OFI relationship shall provide for the assumption by the successor institution of any direct loan or other obligation that a production credit association is authorized to incur and that is not repaid at the time of termination. Any part of the direct loan or other obligation that is not linked to a loan covered by the general financing agreement shall be repaid as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) A terminating association that will not become an OFI shall either repay its direct loan and any other obligations to the Farm Credit Bank or agricultural credit bank upon termination or shall arrange with the appropriate bank to repay the loan or obligation. The terminating association may, with the concurrence of the Farm Credit Bank or agricultural credit bank,

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repay the loan or obligation over a period that shall not exceed 3 years following termination.

(d) The terminating association shall pay or make provision for payment of obligations to any other Farm Credit institutions under any loss-sharing agreement or other agreement.

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§ 611.1255 Retirement of equities owned.

(a) The Farm Credit Bank or agricultural credit bank may retire all equities of the bank that are owned by the terminating association on the termination date or may enter into an agreement with the terminating association that would provide for a phased retirement of the equities. Any such plan for phased retirement shall provide for such retirement to be completed by the earlier to occur of the date on which the terminating association repays all indebtedness to the bank or the date that is 3 years from the termination date, provided that no retirement shall occur during that period if any such retirement would result in the Bank's failure to meet minimum capital requirements.

(b) If the Farm Credit Bank or agricultural credit bank, and the terminating association are unable to reach agreement regarding the retirement of the bank's equities, either institution may send the most recent proposals to the Farm Credit Administration along with an explanation of the points of disagreement. The Farm Credit Administration may require the bank to retire terminating association equities under such conditions as the Farm Credit Administration may require.

(c) No retirement shall occur if the Farm Credit Administration determines that the retirement of equities of the Farm Credit Bank or the agricultural credit bank would threaten the viability of the bank.

(d) The amount to be paid to a terminating association in the retirement of equities owned in the Farm Credit Bank or the agricultural credit bank shall be equal to the amount of the allocated equities owned by the terminating association in the bank, less