To State Member Banks, Bank
Holding Companies, Financial Holding
Companies, Savings and Loan Holding Companies,
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Agencies Provide Guidance on Regulatory Capital Rulemakings

The U.S. federal banking agencies issued three notices of proposed rulemaking in June that would revise
and replace the current regulatory capital rules. The proposals suggested an effective date of January 1,
2013. Many industry participants have expressed concern that they may be subject to a final regulatory
capital rule on January 1, 2013, without sufficient time to understand the rule or to make necessary
systems changes.

In light of the volume of comments received and the wide range of views expressed during the comment
period, the agencies do not expect that any of the proposed rules would become effective on January 1,
2013. As members of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the U.S. agencies take seriously our
internationally agreed timing commitments regarding the implementation of Basel III and are working as
expeditiously as possible to complete the rulemaking process. As with any rule, the agencies will take
operational and other considerations into account when determining appropriate implementation dates
and associated transition periods.

Additional Information

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