

does or does not apply to the unit. EPA also notes that, under 40 CFR 97.411(c), 97.511(c), 97.611(c), 97.711(c), 97.811(c), 97.1011(c), and 97.1012(c), allocations are subject to potential correction if a unit to which allowances have been allocated for a given control period is not actually an affected unit as of the start of that control period.

## II. Information for the Allowance Bank Recalibration Procedures

The CSAPR NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 3 Trading Program includes provisions calling for EPA to annually recalibrate the bank of CSAPR NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 3 allowances if the total quantity of banked allowances from previous control periods held in all facility and general accounts after compliance deductions for those control periods exceeds an allowance bank ceiling target for the current control period. The allowance bank recalibration procedures are set forth in the trading program regulations at 40 CFR 97.1026(d). Generally, if recalibration takes place for a given control period, the amount of banked CSAPR NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 3 allowances from previous control periods held in each facility or general account will be adjusted so that the amount of such banked allowances held in the account after recalibration will equal the amount held in the account immediately before recalibration multiplied by the allowance bank ceiling target, divided by the total amount of such banked allowances held in all facility and general accounts immediately before recalibration, and rounded up to the nearest allowance. Allowance bank recalibration for a given control period applies only to holdings of banked allowances issued for previous control periods; it does not affect any holdings of allowances issued for that control period. The regulations call for EPA to carry out the allowance bank recalibration procedures for the 2024 control period as soon as practicable on or after August 1, 2024.<sup>2</sup>

For the 2024 control period, the allowance bank ceiling target is expected to be 12,605 tons, computed as 21% the sum of the 2024 state emission budgets for the ten states currently covered by the trading program. Based on the emissions and allowance data available at [campd.epa.gov](http://campd.epa.gov) as of the date of signature of this notice, EPA estimates that after allowance deductions for 2023 compliance are completed in June 2024, approximately 38,545 banked vintage 2021–2023 allowances will be held in facility or

general accounts (84,378 current allowance holdings + 3,365 upcoming NUSA allocations – 49,198 reported 2023 ozone season emissions = 38,545 estimated remaining allowances). Based on these figures, EPA expects that allowance bank recalibration will take place for the 2024 control period and estimates that the amount of banked vintage 2021–2023 allowances that will be held in each facility or general account after recalibration will be the amount of such banked allowances held in the account immediately before recalibration multiplied by 12,605 and divided by 38,545 (or, equivalently, the amount of such banked allowances held in the account immediately before recalibration multiplied by approximately 33%). In the actual allowance bank recalibration process, instead of using the estimated figures described in this notice, EPA will use the most current information available as of the recalibration date. (Authority: 40 CFR 97.411(b), 97.511(b), 97.611(b), 97.711(b), 97.811(b), and 97.1012(a).)

### Rona Birnbaum,

Director, Clean Air and Power Division, Office of Atmospheric Protection, Office of Air and Radiation.

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## FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

[No. 2024–N–5]

### Freddie Mac Proposed Purchase of Single-Family Closed-End Second Mortgages; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Housing Finance Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed Enterprise new product; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) invites comments on a proposal by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) to purchase certain single-family closed-end second mortgages as a new product (proposed new product).

**DATES:** FHFA will accept written comments on the proposed new product on or before May 22, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments by electronic mail (Email) only on the proposed new product, identified by “Proposed Enterprise New Product; Comment Request ‘Freddie Mac Single-Family Closed-End Second Mortgages,’ (No. 2024–N–5),” by either of the following methods:

- Agency website: [www.fhfa.gov/open-for-comment-or-input](http://www.fhfa.gov/open-for-comment-or-input).
- Email: [RegComments@fhfa.gov](mailto:RegComments@fhfa.gov).

FHFA will post all public comments received without change, including any personal information you provide, such as your name, address, email address, and telephone number, on the FHFA website at <http://www.fhfa.gov>. In addition, all comments received will be available for examination by the public through the electronic comment docket for this notice also located on the FHFA website.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Bryant, Policy Analyst, Division of Housing Mission and Goals, (202) 253–4505, [eric.bryant@fhfa.gov](mailto:eric.bryant@fhfa.gov); William Merrill, Associate Director, Division of Housing Mission and Goals, (202) 649–3428, [william.merrill@fhfa.gov](mailto:william.merrill@fhfa.gov); Lyn Abrams, Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, (202) 649–3059, [lyn.abrams@fhfa.gov](mailto:lyn.abrams@fhfa.gov); or Dinah Knight, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, (202) 748–7801, [dinah.knight@fhfa.gov](mailto:dinah.knight@fhfa.gov), Federal Housing Finance Agency, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. These are not toll-free numbers. For TTY/TRS users with hearing and speech disabilities, dial 711 and ask to be connected to any of the contact numbers above.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

##### A. FHFA’s Statutory and Regulatory Authority

FHFA oversees the government sponsored enterprises, the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac and, together with Fannie Mae, the Enterprises), to ensure that they operate in a safe and sound manner, achieve the purposes of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, as amended<sup>1</sup> (the Safety and Soundness Act), fulfill their statutory charters,<sup>2</sup> and comply with other applicable laws.<sup>3</sup>

In recognition of the significant impact that the activities of the Enterprises have on the U.S. housing finance system, market participants, and the broader economy, section 1321 of the Safety and Soundness Act requires the FHFA Director to review new Enterprise activities and to approve new Enterprise products before these activities and products are offered to the

<sup>1</sup> 12 U.S.C. 4501 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> 12 U.S.C. 1716 *et seq.* and 12 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> Since 2008, FHFA has also acted as conservator for each Enterprise.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1, *supra*.

market.<sup>4</sup> Under the Safety and Soundness Act, for any new activity, an Enterprise must seek a determination from the Director as to whether the new activity is a new product that is subject to FHFA prior approval.<sup>5</sup> Before taking a decision on a new product proposal, the Safety and Soundness Act requires the Director to provide the public with notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposal and prescribes a 30-day public notice period.<sup>6</sup> The Safety and Soundness Act also specifies the standards that must be considered by the Director in acting on a new product proposal.<sup>7</sup> Those standards specifically require the Director to make a determination that the proposed new product is in the public interest.

FHFA implements these statutory requirements through its regulation on Prior Approval for Enterprise Products.<sup>8</sup> The regulation establishes a framework for identifying new activities and new products and a process for an Enterprise to provide FHFA with advance notice of a new activity and to request prior approval of a new product.<sup>9</sup> The regulation also describes the factors that the Director may consider when determining whether a proposed new product is in the public interest. Those factors fall into three broad categories: (1) the impact of the new product on the Enterprise's public mission; (2) the impact of the new product on the stability of mortgage finance or financial system; and (3) the impact of the new product on the competitiveness of the housing finance market.<sup>10</sup> In addition to the enumerated public interest factors, the Director retains the discretion to seek public comment on any other appropriate factor.

FHFA has determined that Freddie Mac's proposed purchase of closed-end second mortgage loans is a new product for Freddie Mac that merits public notice and comment about whether it is in the public interest.<sup>11</sup> In turn, Freddie Mac has requested FHFA's approval to proceed with the proposed new product. Consistent with statutory and regulatory requirements, FHFA is seeking public comment on the proposed new product, including on the

public interest factors set forth in the regulation and additional factors which the Director has determined to be appropriate. The Director will consider all public comments received by the closing date of the comment period to inform the determination as to whether the proposed new product is in the public interest.<sup>12</sup>

#### *B. Freddie Mac's Charter Act*

One element of assessing the public interest is examining the degree to which the new product might advance any of the purposes of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (charter act).<sup>13</sup> Congress created Freddie Mac to serve four public purposes: "(1) provide stability in the secondary market for residential mortgages; (2) respond appropriately to the private capital market; (3) provide ongoing assistance to the secondary market for residential mortgages (including activities relating to mortgages on housing for low- and moderate-income families involving a reasonable economic return that may be less than the return earned on other activities) by increasing the liquidity of mortgage investments and improving the distribution of investment capital available for residential mortgage financing; and (4) promote access to mortgage credit throughout the Nation (including central cities, rural areas, and underserved areas) by increasing the liquidity of mortgage investments and improving the distribution of investment capital available for residential mortgage financing."<sup>14</sup>

Freddie Mac must operate within the confines of the powers expressly granted to it by Congress under its charter act, and the exercise of those powers must fulfill one or more of the statutory purposes that Congress articulated in the charter act. Section 305(a)(4) of the charter act specifically authorizes Freddie Mac to purchase, service, sell, lend on the security of and deal with subordinate mortgages secured by a single-family or multifamily property, provided certain conditions are met.<sup>15</sup>

## **II. The Proposed New Product**

### *A. Objective*

In the current housing market, marked by higher mortgage rates, low housing supply, and continued year-over-year

house price appreciation, existing borrowers face limited options to access the equity in their primary residences. For the many homeowners who purchased or refinanced their homes during a period of lower mortgage rates, a traditional cash-out refinance today may pose a significant financial burden, as it requires a refinancing of the entire outstanding loan balance at a new, and likely much higher, interest rate. Homeowners may also use second mortgages to access the equity in their homes. For a second mortgage, only the smaller, second mortgage would be subject to the current market rate, as the original terms of the first mortgage would remain intact. Moreover, second mortgages are typically offered at a lower interest rate than some financing alternatives such as consumer or personal loans.

Freddie Mac proposes to purchase certain closed-end second mortgage loans from primary market lenders who are approved to sell mortgage loans to Freddie Mac (Sellers). In a closed-end second mortgage loan, the borrower's funds are fully disbursed when the loan closes, the borrower repays over a set time schedule, and the mortgage is recorded in a junior lien position in the land records. Freddie Mac has indicated that the primary goal of this proposed new product is to provide borrowers a lower cost alternative to a cash-out refinance in higher interest rate environments. Purchase parameters would seek to minimize credit risk to Freddie Mac while balancing with potential cost saving to existing homeowners.

### *B. Key Offering Parameters*

The following tables contain Freddie Mac's proposed parameters which help describe the proposed new product. There are two tables indicating the various parameters; one table focuses on general eligibility while the other table focuses on servicing and underwriting. The requirement field in the tables below represents the important criteria and features of the proposed new product. The observation field indicates how the specific requirements would assist Freddie Mac in managing the proposed new product to have a positive effect in the relevant marketplace. These items are potential considerations to minimize risk and assist with an efficient operational process.

<sup>4</sup> See generally, 12 U.S.C. 4541.

<sup>5</sup> 12 U.S.C. 4541(e)(2).

<sup>6</sup> 12 U.S.C. 4541(c).

<sup>7</sup> 12 U.S.C. 4541(b).

<sup>8</sup> 12 CFR part 1253.

<sup>9</sup> 12 CFR 1253.3 and 1253.4.

<sup>10</sup> 12 CFR 1253.4(b) and 1253.6(e).

<sup>11</sup> See, 12 CFR 1253.3(a)(1).

<sup>12</sup> 12 CFR 1253.6(b)(3).

<sup>13</sup> 12 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*

<sup>14</sup> 12 U.S.C. 1451 note.

<sup>15</sup> 12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(4).

TABLE 1—GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

| Terms                                     | Requirement   | Observation  |
|---|---|--|
| Seller Participation .....                | Seller must be an approved and active Seller/Service to Freddie Mac..   | Ability to meet the financial and counterparty standards to sell loans to Freddie Mac.                 |
| Second Mortgage .....                     | Freddie Mac will only purchase a second mortgage if it currently owns the first mortgage..  | Assist with servicing and risk oversight.  |
| Restricted Products .....                 | Certain second mortgages would be ineligible such as land trusts and co-operative share mortgages..   | Minimize additional layers of risk due to complexity and terms.  |
| Evaluation Period .....                   | Limitations on the number and aggregate unpaid principal balance of second mortgage purchases for an initial period..   | Provide an opportunity to manage risk and create the infrastructure to support possible future growth. |
| Loan Terms .....                          | Fixed-rate fully amortizing loan up to a 20-year term on borrower's primary residence..   | Fixed and stable payment for the borrower.   |
| Loan Acquisition: Commitments & Delivery. | Second mortgages would initially be delivered through the Cash Window..   | Help manage the market risk in the pipeline.   |
| Pricing .....                             | Freddie Mac would initially provide "spot bids" rather than forward prices to its Sellers..   | Help achieve appropriate risk vs. return ratios.   |
| Securitization .....                      | Loans would remain in portfolio for approximately six to nine months until the creation of second mortgage non-TBA guaranteed securities and for systems implementation.. | Allow for Credit Risk Transfer opportunities that would be evaluated in subsequent phases.             |

TABLE 2—SERVICING &amp; UNDERWRITING ELIGIBILITY

| Terms  | Requirement   | Observation  |
|--|---|--|
| Loan Servicing .....                         | Overall servicing for second mortgages would be similar to servicing requirements for current first mortgages..   | Consistency with servicing and risk oversight.                       |
| Loss Mitigation .....                        | Overall loss mitigation servicing for second mortgages would be comparable to current servicing requirements for delinquent first mortgages. Specific loss mitigation solutions for all foreclosure activities on the closed-end second mortgage would require Freddie Mac approval.. | Freddie Mac could holistically review the performance of both loans. |
| Manual Underwriting .....                    | Initially, the Seller would manually underwrite the mortgage..  | Interim approach until automated underwriting is available.          |
| Maximum Total Loan-to-Value (TLTV) ratio.    | <= 80%, Manufactured Home <= 65%, Not to exceed the maximum LTV/TLTV for cash-out refinance mortgage..  | Helps maintain acceptable risk levels.                               |
| Payoffs .....                                | If the first mortgage is refinanced the second mortgage must be paid in full with the first mortgage unless prohibited by law..   | Avoids Freddie Mac master servicing only second mortgages.           |
| Representation and Warranty (R&W) Framework. | R&W framework for the second mortgage and the first mortgage, if applicable, would be applied independently..   | Encourages independent and holistic quality control measures.        |

### A. Potential Impact

Freddie Mac's proposed new product may impact various stakeholders such as borrowers, Freddie Mac, and the relevant market participants.

#### Potential Borrower Benefit

In the current mortgage interest rate environment, a closed-end second mortgage may provide a more affordable option to homeowners than obtaining a new cash-out refinance or leveraging other consumer debt products. A significant portion of borrowers have low interest rate first mortgages, and the proposal would allow those homeowners to retain this beneficial interest rate on the first mortgage and

avoid resetting to a higher rate through a cash-out refinance.<sup>16</sup>

The following table is an illustrative example of a borrower having two distinct choices to access the \$30,000 equity available in their current home. In Option A, the closed-end second mortgage, the borrower retains their existing three percent fixed rate mortgage, which has an initial unpaid principal balance (UPB) of \$150,000 and current UPB of \$120,000. The borrower obtains a second mortgage for \$30,000 at a fixed interest rate of 9.5 percent for a 20-year term.

In Option B, the cash-out refinance, the borrower obtains a cash-out

refinance at a hypothetical mortgage interest rate of 7.5 percent. The borrower refinances into a new first mortgage with a new principal balance of \$150,000 and pays off the original first mortgage with an outstanding UPB of \$120,000, retaining \$30,000 to use for their personal benefit.

<sup>17</sup> Refinance Rates Slide Down Again: Mortgage Refinance Rates for March 18, 2024—CNET Money, available at <https://www.cnet.com/personal-finance/mortgages/mortgage-interest-rates-today/>. "Refinance rates are currently between 6.5% and 7.5%, but your personal interest rate will depend on your credit history, financial profile and application."

<sup>18</sup> Current Home Equity Interest Rates √ Bankrate, the home equity loan average rate range is 8.41%—9.49%, available at <https://www.bankrate.com/home-equity/current-interest-rates/?zipCode=20024>.

<sup>16</sup> U.S. Economic, Housing and Mortgage Market Outlook, Freddie Mac (December 2023), p. 4, available at [https://www.freddiemac.com/research/pdf/Freddie\\_Mac\\_Outlook\\_December\\_2023.pdf](https://www.freddiemac.com/research/pdf/Freddie_Mac_Outlook_December_2023.pdf).

TABLE 3—ILLUSTRATIVE COMPARISON OF CASH-OUT REFINANCE TO A SECOND MORTGAGE USING FREDDIE MAC PROVIDED INFORMATION

|   | Option A  | Option B   |
|---|---|--|
| Scenario .....  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain First Mortgage .....</li> <li>• Origination UPB \$150,000 .....</li> <li>• Current First Mortgage UPB \$120,000 .....</li> <li>• Obtain a Second Mortgage for \$30,000</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash-out refinance for \$150,000.</li> <li>• Payoff Existing First Mortgage for \$120,000.</li> <li>• Borrower Receives \$30,000 cash.</li> </ul> |
| First Mortgage <i>Initial</i> terms ..                              | 3% fixed rate .....   | 7.5% fixed rate <sup>17</sup> .  |
|   | 360-month term .....  | 360-month term.  |
|   | Originated ~ 8.5 years ago .....  | Originated in 2024.  |
| <i>Current</i> First Mortgage UPB and terms.                        | \$120,000 .....   | \$150,00.0   |
| First Mortgage Monthly Payment.                                     | 258 remaining months .....  | 360 remaining months.  |
|   | \$632.41 .....  | \$1,048.82.  |
| Second Mortgage UPB and terms.                                      | \$30,000 .....  | N/A.   |
|   | 9.5% fixed rate <sup>18</sup> .....   |  |
|   | 240 payments .....  |  |
| Second Mortgage Monthly Payment.                                    | \$279.64 .....  | N/A.   |
| Total First and Second Mortgage Monthly Payment (if any) Amounts.   | \$912.05 .....  | \$1,048.82.  |
| Total First and Second Mortgage Interest Paid (if any) by Borrower. | <sup>19</sup> \$114,779 .....   | \$227,576 <sup>20</sup> .  |

Table 3 above illustrates the potential borrower’s savings between the two options for the total monthly loan payment amounts. Option A (closed-end second mortgage) [\$632.41 + \$279.64 = \$912.05]; Option B (cash-out refinance) [\$1048.82]. In this scenario the borrower will save \$136.77 per month by choosing Option A, the closed-end second mortgage. Table 3 also illustrates the total interest savings from a closed-end second mortgage. It specifically highlights the lower costs of the closed-end second mortgage (Option A) [\$77,666 first mortgage + \$37,113 second mortgage = \$114,779 total interest paid] versus the cash-out refinance (Option B) [\$227,576 total interest paid]. Thus, the closed-end second mortgage saves the borrower \$112,797 in total interest paid compared to the cash-out refinance. The savings to the borrower could vary by the interest rates and the loan terms.

Borrowers may possibly benefit from lower costs if more lenders offer closed-end second mortgages. If there is more competition among second mortgage lenders, this may provide borrowers with more lender choices and better pricing to further reduce their costs.

Potential Enterprise Impact

Freddie Mac believes the proposed new product may advance its charter act purposes by providing liquidity and stability in the secondary mortgage market. Freddie Mac also believes it could provide a foundation for more

consistent liquidity in the secondary mortgage market because of its credit guarantee and experience securitizing mortgage loans. Freddie Mac believes that the shorter duration of the second mortgage term as described in table 1, relative to a typical 30-year cash-out refinance, would lower Freddie Mac’s credit risk relative to a cash-out refinance while providing borrowers with significant cost savings due to the interest savings on a shorter repayment schedule. Finally, Freddie Mac would specifically review and develop compliance and technology risk mitigation strategies for this proposed new product.

Since Freddie Mac would only purchase a closed-end second mortgage if it has purchased the first mortgage, Freddie Mac would have insight into the performance of both loans, enabling better risk management by providing consistent servicing support for both mortgages. Moreover, loss mitigation activities for closed-end second mortgages would be similar to Freddie Mac’s current solutions available for first mortgages. Certain loss mitigation solutions or proceeding with foreclosure on second mortgages would be decided by Freddie Mac, not the servicer. The borrower’s lower cost of credit and the servicer’s holistic approach should provide more sustainability and thus the potential for lower credit losses for Freddie Mac.

Potential Market and Seller Impacts

Financial institutions who choose to originate and/or buy closed-end second mortgages could securitize the loans or hold them on their balance sheet. Freddie Mac’s involvement could provide participating Sellers with additional liquidity which could be beneficial in creating lending opportunities for more borrowers. Sellers would have an additional secondary market option to consider for obtaining their most favorable execution terms.

Sellers targeted for this proposed new product would be all lenders that are currently offering closed-end second mortgages or plan to offer such mortgages in the near term. Freddie Mac expects to be able to provide Sellers with pricing that would enable them to offer rates competitive with current market rates for closed-end second mortgages.

Current mortgage-backed securities (MBS) investors may experience slower pre-payment speeds if borrowers decided against a cash-out refinance. The retention of the existing mortgage avoids a payoff transaction to the MBS. This could be beneficial to investors by enabling them to realize a more predictable and consistent rate of return.

The proposed new product may provide data and process standardization to drive operational efficiency and assist with servicing the loans. Increasing secondary market

<sup>19</sup> This amount reflects life of loan interest costs on both mortgages.

<sup>20</sup> This amount does not include mortgage interest already paid on the prior mortgage.

transactions across many lenders may improve operational processes and data standards. Freddie Mac's ownership of both loans reduces the challenges of obtaining concurrence for loss mitigation solutions on the closed-end second mortgage and may assist with holistic borrower retention activities including loan modifications.

### III. Request for Comments

FHFA requests comments on the questions below. Commenters do not need to answer each question. Please identify the question answered by the number assigned below.

1. To what degree might the proposed new product advance any of the purposes set forth in Freddie Mac's charter act (*see* section I.B above)?

2. To what degree might the proposed new product advance Freddie Mac's Duty to Serve Underserved Markets activities<sup>21</sup> and support Freddie Mac in meeting its housing goals?<sup>22</sup>

3. To what degree might the proposed new product already be supplied by other market participants?

4. To what degree might the proposed new product promote or lessen competition in the marketplace?

5. To what degree might the proposed new product overcome natural market barriers or inefficiencies?

6. To what degree might the proposed new product raise or mitigate risks to the mortgage finance or financial system?

7. To what degree might the proposed new product further fair housing and fair lending?

8. To what degree might borrowers benefit from or be adversely affected by the proposed new product?

9. Are there any other factors that the Director should take into consideration concerning the proposed new product?

**Sandra L. Thompson,**

*Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.*

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<sup>21</sup> Under the Safety and Soundness Act, the Enterprises have a statutory duty to serve three specified underserved markets—manufactured housing, affordable housing preservation, and rural housing—by increasing the liquidity for mortgage investments and improving the distribution of investment capital available for residential financing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families in those markets. 12 U.S.C. 4565; 12 CFR part 1282.

<sup>22</sup> As required by the Safety and Soundness Act, the Director establishes annual housing goals with respect to mortgage purchases by the Enterprises. 12 U.S.C. 4561, 12 CFR part 1282. Purchases of subordinate lien mortgages, including the proposed new product, would not be treated as mortgage purchases for purposes of Freddie Mac's housing goals. 12 CFR 1282.16(b)(10).

## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (Act) (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board's Freedom of Information Office at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm>. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in paragraph 7 of the Act.

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would not be appropriate for public disclosure.

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20551-0001, not later than May 7, 2024.

A. *Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas* (Karen Smith, Director, Mergers & Acquisitions) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272. Comments can also be sent electronically to [Comments.applications@dal.frb.org](mailto:Comments.applications@dal.frb.org):  
1. *Sandra Davis Maddox, Dallas, Texas*; to retain voting shares of First West Texas Bankshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of West Texas National Bank, both of Midland, Texas.

In addition, *David Lynn Davis, as executor of the Estate of Michael Keith Davis and as trustee of the Michael K. Davis Family Trust and the Michael K. Davis Marital Trust, Nicholas Andrew Davis, as trustee of the Nicholas Andrew*

*Davis Exempt GST Trust and the Nicholas Andrew Davis Non-Exempt GST Trust, Eric Ryan Davis, individually and as trustee of the Eric R. Davis Exempt GST Trust and the Eric R. Davis Non-Exempt GST Trust, and Richard Dell Hatchett, all of Midland, Texas; Jeffrey Lyle Maddox, as trustee of the Jeffrey L. Maddox Exempt GST Trust and the Jeffrey L. Maddox Non-Exempt GST Trust, and Amber Lynette Klimczak, as trustee of the Amber L. Maddox Exempt GST Trust and the Amber L. Maddox Non-Exempt GST Trust, all of Dallas, Texas; Brian Lee Maddox, as executor of the Estate of Lori Davis Winter, and as trustee of the Brian L. Maddox Exempt GST Trust and the Brian L. Maddox Non-Exempt GST Trust, Alexander Nolan Davis, and Christopher Lane Maddox, as trustee of the Christopher L. Maddox Exempt GST Trust and the Christopher L. Maddox Non-Exempt GST Trust, all of Houston, Texas; Amy Louise Patyk, as trustee of the Amy L. Maddox Exempt GST Trust and the Amy L. Maddox Non-Exempt GST Trust, all of Fort Worth, Texas; Dawn Marie Belizaire, as trustee of the Dawn M. Davis Exempt GST Trust and the Dawn M. Davis Non-Exempt GST Trust, all of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts; Matthew Lynn Davis, as trustee of the Matthew L. Davis Exempt GST Trust and the Matthew L. Davis Non-Exempt GST Trust, all of Coppell, Texas; and Randall Keith Moore of Slaton, Texas; to join the Davis/Maddox family group, a group acting in concert, to acquire voting shares of First West Texas Bankshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of West Texas National Bank, both of Midland, Texas. David Lynn Davis and Nicholas Andrew Davis are members of the Davis/Maddox family group and were both previously permitted by the Federal Reserve System to acquire control of voting shares of First West Texas Bankshares, Inc.*

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**Michele Taylor Fennell,**

*Deputy Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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