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Office of Finance Announces S&P has Placed the 'AAA' Long-Term Ratings of Select FHLBanks on CreditWatch Negative Following the U.S. Government Rating; Short-Term Ratings Remain Unchanged

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (S&P) placed the long-term credit ratings of the 10 of 12 Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks) whose issuer credit ratings are currently 'AAA' and therefore constrained by the long-term sovereign rating of the United States of America, on CreditWatch with negative implications on Friday, July 15. Additionally, S&P also placed the long-term 'AAA' rating on the senior unsecured debt issues of the Federal Home Loan Bank System (System) on CreditWatch with negative implications. S&P affirmed the short-term 'A-1+' ratings of all FHLBanks and the System's debt issues.

These ratings actions reflect S&P's placement of the long-term sovereign credit rating of the United States of America on CreditWatch negative. In the application of S&P's Government Related Entities (GRE) criteria, the ratings of FHLBanks are constrained by the long-term sovereign rating of the U.S.

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The FHLBanks have delivered innovation and service to the U.S. housing market since 1932, and currently have over 7,800 members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Obligations of the FHLBanks are not obligations of the United States and are not guaranteed by either the United States or any government agency. Please contact Kevin Kincaid at 703-467-3608 or kkincaid@fhlb-of.com for additional information.