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TO: All Fedwire® Securities Service Participants

SUBJECT: Book-Entry Services for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac)

Effective June 3, 2019, Freddie Mac plans to issue securities backed by fixed-rate and adjustable-rate single-family bonds under new class codes. The coupons of these securities will be fixed rate and adjustable rate.

In connection with these plans, Freddie Mac will use the following class codes for all new issuances of such securities:

- FEST - fixed-rate Single-Family STRIP mortgage-backed obligations.
- FERM – fixed-rate Single-Family REMICs or other Single-Family collateralized mortgage obligations.
- FERA - adjustable-rate Single-Family REMICs or other Single-Family collateralized mortgage obligations.

For complete details concerning the terms, conditions, and features of Freddie Mac Securities, including those issued under the FEST, FERM, and FERA class codes, Fedwire Securities Service participants should refer to the relevant offering circular issued by Freddie Mac.

A. CUSIP® Number/Security Description

Each security will be assigned a unique nine-character CUSIP number. The security description will include the class code FEST, FERM, or FERA and the security pool number.

Examples of security descriptions:

- For a FEST security with a pool number of RM2105 – “FEST IO 0981 RM2105”
- For a FERM security with a pool number of 4932AB – “FERM 4932AB 09/15/44”
- For a FERA security with a pool number of 4932F – “FERA 04932F 09/15/44”

B. Denomination

The minimum denomination and integral multiples for FEST, FERM and FERA securities will vary, and will be announced by Freddie Mac with each new issuance.

C. Original Issues

On an original issue settlement date, Freddie Mac will transfer newly issued securities to the securities accounts of Fedwire Securities Service participants identified in settlement instructions Freddie Mac receives from the participants. The original issue will be effected by sending a Type Code 2500 message, which will result in the participants' securities accounts being credited with, and the associated master accounts being debited for, the newly issued securities.

D. Secondary Market Transactions

Transactions may be effected using the standard Type Code 2000 message. Securities may be sent back to their sender by initiating a new securities transfer message using Type Code 2002.

E. Principal and Interest Payments

For FEST, FERM, and FERA securities, principal and interest will be paid on the 25th of each month.

Principal and interest payments will be made by a Type Code 8906 message. Maturing securities will be debited from Fedwire Securities Service participants' securities accounts on the maturity date by a Type Code 8900 message. Principal and interest notifications relating to these securities may be distributed up to the day before the principal and interest payment date.

Questions regarding this announcement should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at 800-390-2788.

This clearing memo, like all clearing memos, is an announcement of enhancements or other changes to the Fedwire Securities Service and is intended to convey technical or operational information only.

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