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FINANCE BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON FHLBANK CAPITAL PLANS

Federal Housing Finance Board Chairman John T. Korsmo today announced that the Finance Board will conduct a public hearing April 11 to discuss capital plans of the Federal Home Loan Banks.

As part of the ongoing process of transitioning to a new capital structure, each of the 12 FHLBanks has submitted a capital plan to the Federal Housing Finance Board for approval. Those plans are currently being reviewed by Finance Board staff.

"This hearing will provide an opportunity for the FHLBanks to clarify how the capital structures they envision will be consistent with the ideal of a cooperative system structure and achieve the goal of providing liquidity for members in a safe and sound manner, said Chairman Korsmo. "The goal is to have an educational and constructive session on some important issues, such as the use of excess stock and activity-based stock purchase requirements."

While public testimony at the hearing will be limited to presentations by FHLBank Presidents or Chairs, other individuals or organizations interested in commenting on these issues may do so in writing for the record prior to the April 11 hearing date.

At its March 13 meeting, the Finance Board approved the FHLBank of Seattle's capital plan, and will consider for approval the FHLBank of Atlanta's plan at its April 10 meeting. The remaining plans will be considered at subsequent meetings in May, June, and July.

The hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the agency's Board Room. Further details are available at the Finance Board's web site, www.fhfb.gov.

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