EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED INTERAGENCY POLICY STATEMENT ESTABLISHING JOINT STANDARDS FOR ASSESSING THE DIVERSITY POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF ENTITIES REGULATED BY THE AGENCIES


ACTION: Proposed interagency policy statement; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On October 25, 2013, the OCC, Board, FDIC, NCUA, CFPB, and SEC (collectively, the “Agencies”) published in the Federal Register a joint notice of a proposed interagency policy statement establishing standards for assessing the diversity
policies and practices of the entities they regulate.\footnote{78 FR 64052 (October 25, 2013).} To allow the public more time to consider the proposed assessment standards, the Agencies have determined that an extension of the comment period to February 7, 2014, is appropriate. This action will allow interested persons additional time to analyze the interagency policy statement and prepare their comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 7, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the methods identified in the proposed interagency policy statement. To avoid duplication, the Agencies request that commenters not submit the same comment to more than one Agency. The Agencies will share comments with each other, as appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**BOARD:** Sheila Clark, Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, at (202) 452-2883; or Katherine Wheatley, Associate General Counsel, Legal Division, at (202) 452-3779.

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**CFPB**: Stuart Ishimaru, Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, at (202) 435-9012, or To-Quyen Truong, Deputy General Counsel, Legal Division at (202) 435-7434, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.


**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On October 25, 2013, the proposed interagency policy statement was published in the Federal Register, 78 FR 64052 (October 25, 2013). The proposed interagency policy statement would establish joint standards for assessing the diversity policies and practices of entities regulated by the Agencies. The Agencies sought comment on all aspects of the proposed policy statement and requested that commenters respond to numerous
questions. The proposed policy statement stated that the public comment period would close after 60 days, on December 24, 2013.

The Agencies have received requests from the public for an extension of the comment period. The Agencies believe that the additional time will facilitate public comment on the policy statement and the questions posed by the Agencies. Therefore, the Agencies are extending the comment period for the proposed interagency policy statement by 45 days, from December 24, 2013 to February 7, 2014.
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By the National Credit Union Administration Board on December __, 2013

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Kevin M. O’Neill  
Deputy Secretary

Dated: December 19, 2013

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