

## FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

## ADVISORY BULLETIN

AB 2013-04

Rescission of Division of Bank Regulation Advisory Bulletins

## **Background**

In an effort to keep all guidance related to the examination process current, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) undertook a review of all outstanding Advisory Bulletins (AB) that have been issued by the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) or the FHFA that related to the examination of the Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks). An AB reflects FHFA's position on a supervisory matter and the guidance is relied upon by our examination staff as part of the oversight of FHLBanks.

We reviewed all outstanding ABs issued from 1996 to the present. Criteria for rescission included guidance that related to actions that have been completed, guidance that has been codified in FHFA regulations or superseded by other guidance, and guidance that was deemed no longer relevant or applicable in the current environment. In some cases, the guidance was replaced through the issuance of amended ABs, the issuance of Regulatory Reporting Updates, or inclusion in the FHFA Data Reporting Manual. In other cases, the guidance references former Finance Board regulations that are no longer in existence.

## **Guidance**

This Advisory Bulletin rescinds 29 ABs issued between 1996 and 2007 by the Finance Board relating to the examination of the FHLBanks. The rescinded AB, the reason for rescission, and the guidance that replaced it, if any, are listed in the attachment. The reason the AB is rescinded is because of one of the following reasons:

- **Outdated** The document is no longer needed.
- **Replaced** The document is superseded by subsequent guidance.
- **Incorporated** The document conveyed guidance that was incorporated in FHFA regulations.

The rescinded ABs are removed from active public files and placed into an FHFA internal file.

Advisory Bulletins communicate guidance to FHFA supervision staff and the regulated entities on specific supervisory matters pertaining to the Federal Home Loan Banks, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac. This bulletin is effective immediately upon issuance. Contact Kari Walter, Senior Associate Director, Office of Supervision Policy, or Kyle Roberts, Associate Director, Examination Standards Branch, with comments or questions pertaining to this bulletin. The Advisory Bulletin is public information.

ATTACHMENT – Page 1				
Advisory Bulletin	Title	Reason	Subsequent Guidance/Regulation	
AB 96-3	Unsafe and Unsound Practice or Condition	Replaced	AB-2012-01	
AB 97-1	Affordable Housing Regulation Interpretations Regarding Reporting Requirements, Affordability Monitoring Requirements, and Inclusion of Utilities Expenses in Calculation of Affordable Rents	Outdated		
AB 98-8	Clarification of FMP Investment Restrictions	Incorporated	12 CFR Section 1267.3	
AB 99-4	Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Examination Findings	Outdated		
AB 99-12	Subordination and Intercreditor Agreement between Federal Home Loan Banks and Federal Reserve Banks	Outdated		
AB 99-14	Demonstration of Long-Term Monitoring Ability by Other Government Entities under the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Regulation	Incorporated	12 CFR Section 1291.7	
AB 00-1	Use of IDC Ratings	Incorporated	12 CFR Section 932.9	
AB 00-3	Unmet Credit Needs Performance	Outdated		
AB 00-6	New Leverage Limit Reporting	Outdated		
AB 00-7	Quarterly Liquidity Certification Requirement	Replaced	Regulatory Reporting Updates RU-2011-03	
AB 00-8	Capital Stock Sales	Incorporated	12 CFR Section 1263.23	
AB 01-3	Financial Management Policy Short- Term Unsecured Counterparty Ratings	Incorporated	12 CFR Section 932.9	
AB 01-6	Acquired Member Asset Data Submission – First Quarter 2001	Replaced	FHFA Data Reporting Manual	
AB 01-7	Acquired Member Asset Data Submission – Second and Fourth Quarters	Replaced	FHFA Data Reporting Manual	

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AB 01-9	Vigilance in Risk Monitoring	Outdated		
AB 01-10	Finance Board Staff Changes	Outdated		
AB 02-2	Strategic Plan Reporting	Replaced	AB 2010-02	
AB 02-6	Quarterly Liquidity Certification under 966.9(b)(1)	Replaced	Regulatory Reporting Updates RU-2011-03	
AB 03-1	Acceleration of Filing Dates for Combined Financial Reports and Call Reports	Outdated		
AB 03-6	NRSRO Methodologies: State Predatory Lending Laws	Outdated		
AB 03-7	Internal Market Risk Model Validation	Replaced	AB 2009-03	
AB 03-11	Revisions to Safety and Soundness Examination Findings Categories	Replaced	AB 2012-01	
AB 04-4	Rating Loan Pools with Fewer than 300 Loans (Small Pools)	Replaced	Subsequent S&P Guidance	
AB 04-6	SEC Registration	Outdated		
AB 05-02	Federal Home Loan Bank Registration with the SEC	Outdated		
AB 06-01	AHP and REFCORP Contributions	Outdated		
AB 06-02	Model Documentation and Validation	Replaced	AB 2009-03	
AB 06-04	Federal Home Loan Bank Rating System and Examination Findings	Replaced	AB 2012-01 and AB 2012-03	
AB 2007-02	Implementation of Fair Value Accounting Standards	Outdated		