Meeting between staff of the Federal Reserve Board, FDIC, FHFA, and FCA and Representatives of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) and SIFMA members November 9, 2011

Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities [R-1415]

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Summary: SIFMA representatives met with agency staff to discuss issues related to the proposed rule of the prudential regulators on margin and capital requirements for uncleared swaps of covered swap entities under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act.

SIFMA representatives discussed issues raised in their comment letter on the proposal, focusing on the suggestions that margin requirements be bilateral, that the agencies allow an appropriate amount of time for margin to be posted, that the final rule permit a broader range of eligible collateral, that several adjustments be made to the margin calculation provisions, that the category of low-risk financial end user be broadened, and that the effective date of the final rule permit sufficient time for models to be approved and new documentation to be put in place among swap counterparties and custodians.