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Via Electronic Mail

Mr. Robert deV. Frierson, Esq.
Secretary
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
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Re: Request for Extension of Comment Period Deadline with respect to Proposed Rules Implementing Section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act (Docket No. R-1505; RIN 7100 AE-26)

Mr. Frierson:

The Clearing House Association L.L.C. (“**The Clearing House**”)¹ respectfully requests that the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “**Board**”) extend by at least thirty (30) days the deadline for comments on its notice of proposed rulemaking (the “**Proposed Rule**”) implementing in the United States for global systemically important bank holding companies (“**GSIBs**”) additional capital requirements (the “**GSIB surcharge**”), pursuant to Section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the “**Dodd-Frank Act**”).

The Clearing House strongly supports the maintenance by all banking organizations of robust capital as an invaluable tool for increasing the safety and soundness of individual institutions and, more generally, enhancing the stability of the financial system as a whole. To that end, we are actively engaged in a careful review and analysis of the Proposed Rule and are preparing a comment letter that

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we hope will be a constructive addition to the Board's rule-making process. In light of the magnitude and potential consequences of the Proposed Rule, however, we are concerned that the existing comment deadline will not provide sufficient time to perform the level of analysis that this crucial proposal deserves, or to achieve an adequate understanding of the many implications and potential consequences of the Proposed Rule.

The Proposed Rule is highly complex and introduces novel elements, such as the proposed short-term wholesale funding factor, that require additional analysis. In addition, the interaction of the Proposed Rule with other recently adopted or forthcoming financial reforms will be crucial. We anticipate that the evaluation of certain aspects of the Proposed Rule, including the incorporation of additional relevant data and analysis into our evaluation, will be a significant, and time-consuming, analytical exercise.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Board extend the deadline for comments on the Proposed Rule for at least an additional thirty (30) days. Our goal is to develop a carefully considered and well-informed comment letter that will be constructive for the Board's rule-making process, and we believe this additional time will be important in achieving that goal.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (202) 649-4622 or by email at jeremy.newell@theclearinghouse.org.

Very truly yours,



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