



BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

DATE: December 15, 2017

TO: Mark Van Der Weide, General Counsel
Cary Williams, Designated Agency Ethics Official

FROM: Randal K. Quarles, Vice Chairman for Supervision

SUBJECT: Recusal from Matters Specific to Wells Fargo & Company (“Wells Fargo”) or its Affiliates

Before I took the oath of office as a Board member, and consistent with my Ethics Agreement, I sold all of my Wells Fargo stock, as did my spouse and various family trusts for the benefit of my spouse and children. In addition, I repaid a business line of credit with Wells Fargo. As a result, since my spouse, my children and I no longer have a financial interest in or business loans from Wells Fargo, you have advised me that I may legally participate in any Federal Reserve matter affecting that institution.

Nonetheless, in light of my extended family’s history with Wells Fargo in connection with the prior sale of their interest in a bank, I have decided to voluntarily recuse myself from participating by advice, decision or recommendation in any Federal Reserve matter involving a specific party in which Wells Fargo is or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d) (the federal ethics rule describing the process for authorizing participation in a matter upon a determination that the government’s interest in an employee’s participation outweighs appearance issues). I have made this decision in order to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest and any risk that the integrity of the Board’s decision-making process in such matters might be questioned. As would be permissible even if my recusal were required by the OGE impartiality regulation (5 C.F.R. 2635, Subpart E), I will participate in all particular matters of general applicability, such as supervisory policies or rules applicable to all or any group of banking organizations.