Meeting between Federal Reserve Board Staff and
Goldman Sachs
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Summary: Representatives of Goldman Sachs (the “Representatives”) met with staff of the Federal Reserve Board to discuss the Board’s proposal to implement single-counterparty credit limits under section 165(e) of the Dodd-Frank Act. The Representatives argued that the risk-shifting element of the Board’s proposal, which would require covered firms to recognize an exposure to eligible protections providers in amount equal to the full notional amount of any eligible credit or equity derivatives purchased from such eligible protection providers, was overly conservative. As an alternative, the Representatives suggested that covered firms be required to recognize such an exposure if the net notional protection purchased from the protection provider on a particular underlier is larger than a given percentage of the covered firm’s capital.