Comprehensive Capital and Analysis Review (CCAR) Resubmission Q&As

GENERAL

Q: What is the as-of date for the 2020 capital plan resubmission?

A: Firms should resubmit the 2020 capital plan and associated FR Y-14A data using an as-of date of June 30, 2020. Additional information about the resubmission process will be released at a later date. (FRB Response: July 10, 2020)

Q: Will firms with significant trading activity be required to include a trading and counterparty component (market shock) in the 2020 capital plan resubmission?

A: Yes. The Federal Reserve will require firms with significant trading activity to include a trading and counterparty component with respect to their resubmitted capital plans with an anticipated as-of date of June 30, 2020. More information regarding the trading and counterparty component will be forthcoming. (FRB Response: July 10, 2020)

CAPITAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR FIRM’S SCENARIOS AND MODELS

Q: Will the FRB require full supporting documentation similar to annual capital plan submissions, or will firms only be required to provide material updates from their April submissions?

A: We will not require full supporting documentation. The Federal Reserve will be sending firms a first day letter no later than September 30, 2020, that sets forth the elements in scope for the resubmission, the materials firms should submit as a result, and the timeline for doing so. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

Q: Are we expected to receive a new first day letter and updated CCAR instructions outlining details on the requirements to complete and resubmit the 2020 capital plan within the 45 day time period?

A: The Federal Reserve will be sending firms a first day letter no later than September 30, 2020, that sets forth the elements in scope for the resubmission, the materials firms should submit as a result, and the timeline for doing so. Firms can rely on the first day letter and the existing CCAR instructions. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

Q: Will the FRB be conducting additional Horizontal Capital Review (HCR) exams post resubmission of the 2020 capital plan?

A: At this point in time, we do not have any information to communicate regarding future HCR work. As in years past, firms will be notified in advance of participation in any supervisory events. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

Q: Are an internal baseline and stress scenario required to be included with the submission?

A: Yes. As noted in the June 25, 2020, resubmission notification letter, as a part of its capital plan, a firm is required to develop at least one BHC baseline scenario and a firm-specific BHC...
stress scenario that focuses on the specific vulnerabilities of the firm’s risk profile and operations. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

**Q:** The FRB has taken various actions in response to COVID-19, including a supplementary leverage rule interim final rule and market risk multiplier relief. Should firms reflect COVID-19-related regulatory responses in projection period estimates if, under current rules or guidance, the regulatory actions are expected to apply for relevant periods?

**A:** Yes, a firm must consider and reflect in its analysis the regulatory capital rules in effect for each quarter of the planning horizon (other than the advanced approaches), including the minimum regulatory capital ratios and the applicable transition provisions. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

**Q:** Given the rate of change in macroeconomic indicators experienced in Q1 and the situation of still being within the stress cycle, we assume the Federal Reserve and other firms are experiencing challenges with the output of their models. Will the Federal Reserve provide guidance on its expectations regarding projection methodologies used for the new supervisory scenarios (e.g., model performance, recalibration/redevelopment, overlays) given these shared challenges?

**A:** Firms should continue to refer to SR Letter 11-7 for supervisory guidance on model risk management. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

**Q:** Is there an expectation to re-validate models?

**A:** Firms are not required to re-validate their entire suite of capital planning models prior to developing and resubmitting their capital plans. Instead, firms should continue to undertake an independent validation of models, pursuant to relevant supervisory guidance on model risk management. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

**Q:** Are there 2nd and 3rd line of defense validation expectations with respect to opining on a new capital plan?

**A:** Firms’ internal audit functions should continue to review firms’ updated capital plans pursuant to relevant supervisory guidance on this subject. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

**Q:** What is the expectation for firms to provide updates or accelerate remediation efforts, model monitoring, or model redevelopment as part of the resubmission?

**A:** The timelines for the remediation of capital planning-related supervisory findings are not changed by the resubmission, and firms should continue their remediation efforts pursuant to those already established timelines. Firms’ model monitoring and redevelopment efforts should continue to be undertaken pursuant to relevant supervisory guidance on model risk management. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

**Q:** Can firms modify capital action assumptions under the resubmission?

**A:** Yes, firms are free to update their capital action assumptions so long as the capital actions are consistent with existing regulations and Board actions. For example, updated capital actions should be consistent with the limitation outlined in the letters sent to the firms regarding restrictions on their third quarter capital actions or the limitation outlined in the capital plan rule that a firm plan’s capital actions are consistent with the capital conservation buffer restrictions and the firm’s projections in their BHC baseline scenario. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)
Supervisory Scenarios

Q: When will the Federal Reserve provide the scenarios?

A: The Federal Reserve will provide the scenarios after Labor Day but no later than September 30, 2020. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

Q: How many scenarios will the Federal Reserve provide?

A: The Federal Reserve will provide two or three new scenarios, including a supervisory baseline scenario. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

Q: For firms subject to company-run stress testing, does the firm’s stress scenario need to be at least as severe as the Federal Reserve’s supervisory scenario?

A: The firm’s BHC stress scenario should be designed by the firm to stress the specific vulnerabilities of the firm’s risk profile and operations, including those related to the firm’s capital adequacy and financial condition. The firm should continue to apply existing guidance in SR 15-18 and SR 15-19, which specify that the firm’s BHC stress scenario should be at least as severe as the Federal Reserve’s severely adverse supervisory scenario, in accordance with the Policy Statement on the Scenario Design Framework for Stress Testing. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

Supervisory COVID Event Analysis

Q: The capital plan rule states that, in connection with a resubmitted capital plan: “the Board may recalculate the bank holding company’s stress capital buffer requirement.” 12 C.F.R. § 225.8(f)(3). This language indicates that the FRB may, but is not required to, recalculate firms’ SCBs in connection with resubmitted capital plans. Does the FRB plan to recalculate some or all firms’ SCBs in response to resubmitted capital plans and, if so, when will it provide notice of recalculated SCBs and for what period of time will the recalculated SCBs be in effect?

A: The Board has not made a decision to recalculate stress capital buffer requirements. The Board would follow the procedures under 12 CFR 225.8(f)(3) to determine if a firm’s stress capital buffer requirement should be recalculated once the firm resubmits its capital plan later this year. The capital framework emphasizes the value of not increasing capital requirements under stress and thus exacerbating a downturn. In particular, the capital framework is based on the principle that during normal periods firms build capital buffers that they can draw on during times of stress. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)

Q: Does the FRB intend to publish a full disclosure document of stress test results in connection with resubmitted capital plans similar to the annual stress test disclosure document it publishes in June each year?

A: The Federal Reserve will provide information about any public disclosure regarding the resubmitted capital plans at a later date. (FRB Response: July 24, 2020)