

property of the Federal stock association when the conversion occurs. Similarly, any and all of the obligations and debts of or claims against the former stock form depository institution become obligations and debts of and claims against the Federal stock association when the conversion occurs. In effect, the Federal stock association is the same as the former stock form depository institution with respect to any and all assets, property, claims and debts of or claims against the former stock form depository institution.

[59 FR 44623, Aug. 30, 1994, as amended at 66 FR 13006, Mar. 2, 2001; 66 FR 23154, May 8, 2001]

**§ 552.2-7 Conversion to National banking association or State bank.**

A Federal stock association may convert to a National banking association or a State bank after filing a notification or application, as appropriate, with the Office in accordance with the applicable provisions of § 563.22(b) of this chapter.

[59 FR 44623, Aug. 30, 1994]

**§ 552.3 Charters for Federal stock associations.**

The charter of a Federal stock association shall be in the following form, except that an association that has converted from the mutual form pursuant to part 563b of this chapter shall include in its charter a section establishing a liquidation account as required by § 563b.3(c)(13) of this chapter. A charter for a Federal stock savings bank shall substitute the term "savings bank" for "association." Charters may also include any preapproved optional provision contained in § 552.4 of this part.

FEDERAL STOCK CHARTER

*Section 1. Corporate title.* The full corporate title of the association is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Section 2. Office.* The home office shall be located in \_\_\_\_\_ [city, state].

*Section 3. Duration.* The duration of the association is perpetual.

*Section 4. Purpose and powers.* The purpose of the association is to pursue any or all of the lawful objectives of a Federal savings association chartered under section 5 of the Home Owners' Loan Act and to exercise all of the express, implied, and incidental pow-

ers conferred thereby and by all acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, subject to the Constitution and laws of the United States as they are now in effect, or as they may hereafter be amended, and subject to all lawful and applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the Office of Thrift Supervision ("Office").

*Section 5. Capital stock.* The total number of shares of all classes of the capital stock that the association has the authority to issue is \_\_\_\_\_, all of which shall be common stock of par [or if no par is specified then shares shall have a stated] value of \_\_\_\_\_ per share. The shares may be issued from time to time as authorized by the board of directors without the approval of its shareholders, except as otherwise provided in this Section 5 or to the extent that such approval is required by governing law, rule, or regulation. The consideration for the issuance of the shares shall be paid in full before their issuance and shall not be less than the par [or stated] value. Neither promissory notes nor future services shall constitute payment or part payment for the issuance of shares of the association. The consideration for the shares shall be cash, tangible or intangible property (to the extent direct investment in such property would be permitted to the association), labor, or services actually performed for the association, or any combination of the foregoing. In the absence of actual fraud in the transaction, the value of such property, labor, or services, as determined by the board of directors of the association, shall be conclusive. Upon payment of such consideration, such shares shall be deemed to be fully paid and nonassessable. In the case of a stock dividend, that part of the retained earnings of the association that is transferred to common stock or paid-in capital accounts upon the issuance of shares as a stock dividend shall be deemed to be the consideration for their issuance.

Except for shares issued in the initial organization of the association or in connection with the conversion of the association from the mutual to stock form of capitalization, no shares of capital stock (including shares issuable upon conversion, exchange, or exercise of other securities) shall be issued, directly or indirectly, to officers, directors, or controlling persons of the association other than as part of a general public offering or as qualifying shares to a director, unless the issuance or the plan under which they would be issued has been approved by a majority of the total votes eligible to be cast at a legal meeting.

The holders of the common stock shall exclusively possess all voting power. Each holder of shares of common stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share held by such holder, except as to the cumulation of votes for the election of directors, unless the charter provides that there shall be no such

cumulative voting. Subject to any provision for a liquidation account, in the event of any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the association, the holders of the common stock shall be entitled, after payment or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of the association, to receive the remaining assets of the association available for distribution, in cash or in kind. Each share of common stock shall have the same relative rights as and be identical in all respects with all the other shares of common stock.

*Section 6. Preemptive rights.* Holders of the capital stock of the association shall not be entitled to preemptive rights with respect to any shares of the association which may be issued.

*Section 7. Directors.* The association shall be under the direction of a board of directors. The authorized number of directors, as stated in the association's bylaws, shall not be fewer than five nor more than fifteen except when a greater or lesser number is approved by the Director of the Office, or his or her delegate.

*Section 8. Amendment of charter.* Except as provided in Section 5, no amendment, addition, alteration, change or repeal of this charter shall be made, unless such is proposed by the board of directors of the association, approved by the shareholders by a majority of the votes eligible to be cast at a legal meeting, unless a higher vote is otherwise required, and approved or preapproved by the Office.

Attest:

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Secretary of the Association

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
President or Chief Executive Officer of the Association

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Office of Thrift Supervision

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[54 FR 49523, Nov. 30, 1989, as amended at 59 FR 53571, Oct. 25, 1994; 61 FR 64018, Dec. 3, 1996]

#### § 552.4 Charter amendments.

(a) *General.* In order to adopt a charter amendment, a Federal stock association must comply with the following requirements:

(1) *Board of directors approval.* The board of directors of the association must adopt a resolution proposing the charter amendment that states the text of such amendment.

(2) *Form of filing—(i) Application requirement.* If the proposed charter

amendment would render more difficult or discourage a merger, tender offer, or proxy contest, the assumption of control by a holder of a block of the association's stock, the removal of incumbent management, or involve a significant issue of law or policy, the association shall file the proposed amendment and shall obtain the prior approval of the OTS; and

(ii) *Notice requirement.* If the proposed charter amendment does not involve a provision that would be covered by paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section and such amendment is permissible under all applicable laws, rules or regulations, then the association shall submit the proposed amendments to the OTS, at least 30 days prior to the date the proposed charter amendment is to be mailed for consideration by the association's shareholders.

(b) *Approval.* Any charter amendment filed pursuant to paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section shall automatically be approved 30 days from the date of filing of such amendment, provided that the association follows the requirements of its charter in adopting such amendment, unless prior to the expiration of such 30-day period the OTS notifies the association that such amendment is rejected or that such amendment is deemed to be filed under the provisions of paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section. In addition, the following charter amendments, including the adoption of the Federal stock charter as set forth in § 552.3 of this part, shall be approved at the time of adoption, if adopted without change and filed with OTS within 30 days after adoption, provided the association follows the requirements of its charter in adopting such amendments:

(1) *Title change.* A Federal stock association that has complied with § 543.1(b) of this chapter may amend its charter by substituting a new corporate title in section 1.

(2) *Home office.* A Federal savings association may amend its charter by substituting a new home office in section 2, if it has complied with applicable requirements of § 545.95 of this chapter.

(3) *Number of shares of stock and par value.* A Federal stock association may amend Section 5 of its charter to