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FHFA Requests Supplementary Information to Aid Evaluation of Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle's Capital Restoration Plan

Washington, DC – The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) today requested, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle (Bank) agreed to provide, a supplement to the capital restoration plan submitted by the Bank.

[FHFA on November 6, 2009](#) exercised its statutory authority to classify the Bank as “undercapitalized.” As a result of that classification, the Bank is currently unable to repurchase and redeem member stock. Although the Bank currently satisfies all existing capital requirements, FHFA determined that the Bank needed to supplement its earlier submissions with a more specific business plan with steps the Bank will take to resume timely repurchases and redemptions of member capital stock and to focus its business on advances supporting housing finance and community development.

To assure the Bank has sufficient time to meet the request, the FHFA has provided the Bank 120 days to develop and submit the requested material. During this period, FHFA will maintain the Bank’s “undercapitalized” classification absent further developments, and the accompanying restrictions will remain in place.

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The Federal Housing Finance Agency regulates Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks. These government-sponsored enterprises provide more than \$6.3 trillion in funding for the U.S. mortgage markets and financial institutions.