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ICI Member Call June 4 to Discuss Member Implementation Efforts on Benchmark Reform Transition

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May 29, 2019 TO: Derivatives Markets Advisory Committee
Fixed-Income Advisory Committee
Money Market Funds Advisory Committee
Municipal Securities Advisory Committee RE: ICI Member Call June 4 to Discuss Member Implementation Efforts on Benchmark Reform Transition

Following up on our recent discussions with several ICI committees, we will hold a member call on **Tuesday, June 4th, from 1-2 pm ET**, for members to discuss implementation efforts on benchmark reform transition. This call is an opportunity for members to discuss with other members issues, challenges, and questions your firm is facing as you implement benchmark reform transition. **If you or a colleague involved in these efforts would like to join the call, please be prepared to participate actively in the discussion.** To participate in the call, please contact Jennifer Odom at jodom@ici.org with any issues you would like to raise on the call, and Jennifer will provide you with dial-in information for the call.

The call will begin with a brief overview of recent developments regarding benchmark reform, with the rest of the call devoted to member discussion. We have included, for your reference, links below to some recent materials on benchmark reform implementation that may be of interest:

Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC)

- ARRC letter to CFTC Chair Giancarlo requesting an exception from initial margin requirements for certain benchmark reform-related transactions:
https://www.newyorkfed.org/medialibrary/Microsites/arrc/files/2019/ARRC_Letter_CFTC_Regulatory_Derivatives_Treatment_05132019.pdf
- ARRC recommended fallback language for floating rate notes and syndicated notes:
<https://www.newyorkfed.org/medialibrary/Microsites/arrc/files/2019/ARRC-Apr-25-2019-announcement.pdf>
- Webpage on fallback contract language:
<https://www.newyorkfed.org/arrc/fallbacks-contract-language>
- A User's Guide to SOFR:

https://www.newyorkfed.org/medialibrary/Microsites/arcc/files/2019/Users_Guide_to_SOFR.pdf

- SOFR: A Year in Review:
https://www.newyorkfed.org/medialibrary/Microsites/arcc/files/2019/SOFR_Anniversary.pdf

ISDA

- **Consultations on benchmark fallbacks (comments due July 12):**
<https://www.isda.org/2019/05/16/may-2019-benchmark-fallbacks-consultations/>
- Webinar on ISDA's benchmark fallback consultations (featuring David Bowman of the Federal Reserve Board and Edwin Schooling Latter of the UK Financial Conduct Authority): <https://services.choruscall.com/links/isda190521.html>
- Other ISDA resources on benchmark reform:
<https://www.isda.org/category/legal/benchmarks/>

EU Benchmarks Regulation

- Postponement of effective date of EU Benchmarks Regulation (BMR):
http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-19-1418_en.htm

Please contact me at sarah.bessin@ici.org or (202) 326-5835 if you have questions. We look forward to your participation on next week's call.

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