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ICI Comment Letter on FDIC Proposal Regarding Orderly Liquidation Authority Provisions of Dodd-Frank Act

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TO: CLOSED-END INVESTMENT COMPANY MEMBERS No. 38-11
FIXED-INCOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE No. 42-11
MONEY MARKET FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE No. 34-11
SEC RULES MEMBERS No. 58-11 RE: ICI COMMENT LETTER ON FDIC PROPOSAL REGARDING ORDERLY LIQUIDATION AUTHORITY PROVISIONS OF DODD-FRANK ACT

On March 23, the FDIC proposed a rule to implement additional provisions of Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to orderly liquidation authority. [\[1\]](#) ICI filed a comment letter on the proposal. The letter is briefly summarized below.

The letter reiterates ICI's view that clarity and certainty are critical elements of the orderly liquidation process. It applauds the FDIC for offering multiple opportunities to comment on orderly liquidation rulemaking and for incorporating comments into each new rulemaking. It notes that ICI continues to request further clarification of the process by which qualified financial contracts ("QFCs"), particularly those that involve collateral, would be resolved under the multiple scenarios that could arise in an orderly liquidation. It also states that ICI continues to urge the FDIC to adopt a provision specifying that, in the absence of a rule specific to Title II of the Dodd-Frank Act, the relevant provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and related judicial interpretations will serve as binding precedent.

With respect to the most recent proposal, the letter focuses on the proposed administrative claims process for secured claims. The letter requests clarification that certain aspects of the new proposed rule do not apply to QFCs. It points out that the Notice and proposed rule text do not distinguish between QFCs and other secured transactions or claims and that, as a result, certain sections – in particular, those relating to the treatment of secured claims – would appear to apply to QFCs. The letter explains that the Dodd-Frank Act clearly excludes QFCs from the mandates that these sections of the proposed rule are intended to address, and would appear to exclude them from others. It also comments on a question posed in

the Notice relating to the valuation of collateral.

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[Attachment](#)

endnotes

[1] See FDIC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Orderly Liquidation Authority, 76 Fed. Reg. 16324 (March 23, 2011) (“Notice”), available at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-6705.pdf>. For a summary of the Notice, see ICI Memorandum No. [25042](#), dated March 23, 2011.

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