Summary of Key Changes to Operating Circular No. 10

Effective August 28, 2023, the Federal Reserve Banks ("Reserve Banks") are amending Operating Circular No. 10, Lending, including its appendices ("OC-10"), to include the terms of use for Discount Window Direct, a new online application for Borrowers. Discount Window Direct will be generally available to Borrowers in December 2023. Capitalized terms used in this summary and not otherwise defined have the meanings given to such terms in OC-10.

Discount Window Direct is an online application that Borrowers can use to submit requests for Advances from the Reserve Banks, view information on pledges of Collateral and communicate with the Reserve Banks about Advances and pledges of Collateral. A new Appendix 7: Discount Window Direct is added to OC-10 which contains the terms and conditions that apply to all Borrowers that use Discount Window Direct. Please note that Borrowers are still able to request Advances from and pledge Collateral to the Reserve Banks by contacting the Reserve Banks directly without using Discount Window Direct.

Other changes are being made to OC-10, including changes to allow the Reserve Banks and Borrowers to transact with documents in electronic form more easily. A new Section 14.14 is added to OC-10 which permits the Reserve Banks to accept documents, including the OC-10 form documents, from Borrowers in electronic form that are submitted in accordance with applicable Reserve Bank procedures.

Borrowers’ continued requests for Advances from, incurrence of Obligations to, or pledge of Collateral to a Reserve Bank on or after August 28, 2023 constitutes agreement to the new terms of OC-10.