

## Freddie Mac Prices Largest STACR SPI Deal to Date

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## First Transaction to Include Retention of Credit Risk on Loans Subsequently Refinanced Under ERR

MCLEAN, Va., June 06, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Freddie Mac (OTCQB:FMCC) further reduces mortgage credit risk with its second Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR<sup>®</sup>) - Securitized Participation Interests (STACR SPI<sup>SM</sup>) deal of the year.

The \$263.5 million STACR 2018-SPI2 securities are backed by participation interests in 25- to 30-year fixed-rate mortgage loans with an aggregate principal balance of approximately \$6.5 billion, which will include the retention of credit risk on those loans subsequently refinanced under Freddie Mac's Enhanced Relief Refinance Program (ERR). STACR SPI securities are distributed across three classes of certificates; Freddie Mac will retain a five percent interest in each of the three classes, maintaining alignment of interests with credit investors and complying with EU Risk Retention rules. The M-2 and B classes are MACR classes, formed by M-2A/M-2B and B-1/B-2 respectively.

Pricing for STACR Series 2018-SPI2:

M-1 class: EDSF plus a spread of 100 basis points.
M-2 class: Swaps plus a spread of 270 basis points.

• B class: \$54.

BofA Merrill Lynch and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are co-lead managers and joint bookrunners.

STACR SPI transactions are for investors who prefer a securitization backed by mortgage-related assets. Under STACR SPI, a securitization trust will issue unguaranteed certificates backed by participation interests of a specified percentage of mortgage loans; the remaining percentage in each mortgage loan will be evidenced by a participation interest that will be used as collateral for Gold PCs -- thereby leveraging the liquidity and efficiency of that market.

Freddie Mac has led the market in introducing new credit risk-sharing offerings. Since 2013, the company has transferred a portion of credit risk on approximately \$989 billion in unpaid principal balance (UPB) on single-family mortgages. It has also grown its investor base to more than 220 unique investors, including insurers and reinsurers. Freddie Mac has a <u>STACR issuance calendar</u> to help investors plan their allocations.

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