

STACR Trust Notes Receive NAIC Price Breakpoints

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MCLEAN, Va., Aug. 21, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>Freddie Mac</u> (OTCQB: FMCC) today announced that its <u>STACR®</u> (Structured Agency Credit Risk) Trust 2019-HQA3 notes have received <u>National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)</u> price breakpoints for the 2019 filing year.

Freddie Mac engaged NAIC Structured Securities Group (SSG) to evaluate STACR REMIC Trust transactions issued in 2019 and STACR Trust (DNA/HQA) transactions issued in 2018 and 2019 for year-end 2019. The year-end 2019 price breakpoints for both STACR REMIC Trust transactions of 2019 are available on our website. Price breakpoints for STACR Trust 2019-HQA3 are included, and we expect to add the price breakpoints for the remainder of the 2018 and 2019 STACR Trust (DNA/HQA) transactions as results become available for each STACR Trust (DNA/HQA) transaction over the next two-to-six weeks.

NAIC Designations are the specific alphanumeric symbols in use by the NAIC Securities Valuation Office (SVO) to denote a category of credit quality. The NAIC SVO conducts credit analysis on these securities for the purpose of assigning an NAIC designation and/or unit price. NAIC SSG is responsible for the day-to-day credit quality assessment and valuation of securities owned by state regulated insurance companies. The NAIC designation categories are described on the NAIC's SSG webpage.

About Freddie Mac Single-Family Credit Risk Transfer

Freddie Mac's Single-Family <u>Credit Risk Transfer</u> (CRT) programs transfer credit risk away from U.S. taxpayers to global private capital via securities and (re)insurance policies. We created the GSE Single-Family CRT market when we issued our first STACR notes in July 2013. In November 2013, we introduced our <u>ACIS[®]</u> (Agency Credit Insurance Structure) program. Today, CRT serves as the primary source of private capital investment in residential mortgage credit. For specific STACR and ACIS transaction data, please visit <u>Clarity</u>, our CRT data intelligence portal.

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