

Freddie Mac Prices First STACR Actual Loss Offering With High LTV Collateral

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MCLEAN, VA--(Marketwired - Sep 24, 2015) - <u>Freddie Mac</u> (OTCQB: FMCC) today priced its first Structured Agency Credit Risk (<u>STACR®</u>) debt notes transaction selling its first actual loss offering of loans with original loan-to-value (LTV) ratios ranging from 80 to 95 percent. This offering signifies the award-winning program's full transition to actual loss, and is the company's sixth STACR offering this year and 15th since the program began in 2013. In addition, Moody's recently upgraded two previous STACR transactions.

"Our HQA offering is the first STACR offering after the summer break, and was well received by investors," said Mike Reynolds, Freddie Mac vice president of Credit Risk Transfer. "The STACR market continues to build momentum and attract new capital."

The STACR 2015-HQA1 offering of \$872 million is the company's third transaction where losses will be allocated based on the actual losses realized on the related reference obligations instead of allocating losses using a fixed severity approach.

Pricing for STACR Series 2015-HQA1:

- M-1 class was one-month LIBOR plus a spread of 125 basis points.
- M-2 class was one month LIBOR plus a spread of 265 basis points.
- M-3 class was one month LIBOR plus a spread of 470 basis points.
- B class was one month LIBOR plus a spread of 880 basis points.

Referring to the four bond class with three of them rated actual loss structure, Reynolds added, "This is the standard for the STACR market. The STACR program has raised over \$11 billion of private capital and about half of the float outstanding has an Investment Grade or better current rating."

With STACR 2015-HQA1, Freddie Mac is issuing 100 basis points of first loss. Freddie Mac holds the senior loss risk in the capital structure and a portion of the risk in the Class M-1, M-2 and M-3, and the first loss Class B tranche.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Nomura are serving as co-lead managers and joint bookrunners. Deutsche Bank and BNP Paribas are co-managers, and Williams Capital is a selling group member.

STACR 2015-HQA1 has a reference pool of Single-Family mortgages with an unpaid principal balance of more than \$19 billion. The reference pool consists of a subset of 30-year fixed-rate Single-Family mortgages acquired by Freddie Mac between August 1, 2014, and November 30, 2014, with LTVs from 80 to 95 percent.

Moody's Upgrades Two Previous STACR Transactions

Moody's Investors Service recently <u>upgraded the ratings</u> of 10 tranches from two previous STACR transactions backed by conforming balance RMBS loans, STACR Debt Notes, Series 2014-DN1 and Series 2013 DN2. Moody's stated, "The actions are a result of the recent performance of the underlying pools and reflect Moody's updated default projections on the pools and credit enhancement build-up. Today's rating upgrades on the bonds reflect low serious delinquencies and credit events in the reference pools since issuance."

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