

**EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT**  
**STACR® Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1**

EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT, dated as of March 28, 2018 (as amended, modified and supplemented from time to time, the “Agreement”), between FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION (“Freddie Mac”), as issuer, and CITIBANK, N.A., a national banking association, as exchange administrator (the “Exchange Administrator”), in connection with the Freddie Mac Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR®) Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1. All Exhibits attached hereto are made a part hereof as if their full text were set forth and incorporated herein as part of this Agreement.

WHEREAS, Freddie Mac intends to issue the Notes (as defined below) in the form of registered book-entry securities, or in definitive form, from time to time, as provided in the Debt Agreement (as defined below);

WHEREAS, the Exchangeable Notes (as defined below) will be modifiable and exchangeable with the MAC Notes (as defined below);

WHEREAS, certain Classes of MAC Notes may be further exchanged for other Classes of MAC Notes, and

WHEREAS, Freddie Mac desires to engage the Exchange Administrator, and the Exchange Administrator desires, to perform certain services relating to the exchanges of Notes (as defined below).

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, and subject to the conditions herein set forth, Freddie Mac and the Exchange Administrator agree as follows:

**Section 1.     Definitions.**

All capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Global Agency Agreement (as defined below).

“Agreement” means this instrument as originally executed or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more agreements supplemental hereto.

“Business Day” means a day other than (i) a Saturday or Sunday or (ii) a day on which the offices of Freddie Mac, the corporate trust offices of the Global Agent or the Exchange Administrator (currently located at 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10013), DTC, or the banking institutions in the City of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to be closed.

“Class Principal Balance” has the meaning specified in the Debt Agreement.

“Citibank” means Citibank, N.A., a national banking association.

“Closing Date” means March 28, 2018.

“*Closing Date Deemed Exchange*” means the deemed exchange, on the Closing Date, of the applicable amounts of the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes for the applicable amount of the Class M-2 Notes identified to the Exchange Administrator on or prior to the Closing Date.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Combination” means any of the available modifications and combinations of Exchangeable Notes to be exchanged for MAC Notes, and vice versa, set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

“Debt Agreement” means the debt agreement dated as of the Closing Date by and among Freddie Mac and the Holders of Notes, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit D hereto.

“DTC” means The Depository Trust Company of New York, a limited-purpose trust company.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Exchange Administrator” has the meaning specified in the preamble, and any duly qualified and appointed successor or successors of Citibank thereto.

“Exchangeable Notes” means the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes of the Freddie Mac STACR<sup>®</sup> Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1, which may be transferred only on the book-entry system operated by DTC or its successor, or under certain limited circumstances, in registered, certificated form, as provided in the Global Agency Agreement.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc. and its successors.

“Freddie Mac” means the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

“Freddie Mac Act” means Title III of the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, as amended, 12 U.S.C. §§1451-1459.

“Global Agency Agreement” means the global agency agreement dated as of the Closing Date between Freddie Mac and the Global Agent, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C hereto.

“Global Agent” means the entity selected by Freddie Mac to act as its agent, registrar, authenticating agent, calculation agent, paying agent and transfer agent for the Notes, which as of the Closing Date is Citibank.

“Holder” or “Noteholder” means in the case of (i) DTC Notes, DTC or its nominee; (ii) Common Depository Notes, the depository, or its nominee, in whose name the Notes are registered on behalf of a related clearing system; and (iii) Notes in definitive registered form, the person or entity in whose name such Notes are registered in the Register.

“Initial Exchange Date” means the 15<sup>th</sup> day following the Closing Date (or if such 15<sup>th</sup> day is not a Business Day, the next Business Day).

“Issuer” means Freddie Mac as issuer of the Original Notes and any successor to the obligations of Freddie Mac under the Original Notes.

“MAC Notes” means the Classes of Modifiable And Combinable STACR<sup>®</sup> Notes shown on Exhibit A.

“MAC Pool” means the discrete pool consisting of such interests in the related Exchangeable Notes as may be held of record by the Exchange Administrator, from time to time, as a result of exchanges pursuant to Section 3 of this Agreement.

“Maturity Date” means the Payment Date in September 2030.

“Morningstar” means Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC and its successors.

“Notes” means the Original Notes and the MAC Notes.

“Notional Principal Amount” has the meaning specified in the Debt Agreement.

“NRSRO” means a nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

“Offering Circular” means the Freddie Mac STACR<sup>®</sup> Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1 Offering Circular dated March 20, 2018.

“Original Notes” means the Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B and Class B-1 Notes.

“Payment Date” means the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month (or, if not a Business Day, the following Business Day), commencing in April 2018.

“Rating Agencies” means Fitch and Morningstar.

“Rating Agencies Information Website” means the internet website with respect to the Notes, initially located at [www.sf.citidirect.com](http://www.sf.citidirect.com) under the tab “NRSRO”, access to which is limited to the Rating Agencies and NRSROs who have been provided access.

“Record Date” means, with respect to each Payment Date, (i) the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding that Payment Date, with respect to Notes issued in global form, and (ii) the close of business on the last Business Day of the preceding month, with respect to definitive Notes.

“Register” means a register of the Holders of Notes maintained by the Global Agent.

“Terms” as used herein with respect to a particular issue of Notes means, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms applicable to all Notes, as described in the Offering Circular or the Debt Agreement.

## **Section 2.     Appointment.**

Issuer hereby appoints Citibank, acting through its corporate trust office at 388 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013 (and, as may be required by applicable law, any other corporate trust office thereof in the relevant jurisdiction), as Exchange Administrator in respect of the Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, and Citibank hereby accepts such appointment. The Exchange Administrator shall have the powers and authority granted to and conferred upon it in this Agreement and such further powers and authority to act on behalf of Issuer as may be mutually agreed upon in writing by Issuer and the Exchange Administrator. The Exchange Administrator shall hold and administer, or supervise the administration of, the MAC Pool in substantially the same manner as the Exchange Administrator holds and administers assets of the same or similar type held for its own account or for the account of others.

Subject to the provisions of Section 7(b) hereof, Issuer may terminate the appointment of any agent acting on behalf of the Exchange Administrator at any time and from time to time upon giving not less than 30 days' written notice to such agent and to the Exchange Administrator.

In respect of the Exchangeable Notes or the MAC Notes, Issuer shall cause notice of any resignation, termination of the appointment of the Exchange Administrator or any agent thereof and of any change in the office through which any such agent will act to be given as provided in the terms of such Exchangeable Notes or MAC Notes and in accordance with Section 7(b) hereof.

## **Section 3.     Exchange of Notes.**

(a) Upon the presentation and surrender by any Noteholder of its Exchangeable Note(s) or MAC Note(s), as applicable, in the appropriate combination as set forth on Exhibit A, such Noteholder shall hereunder transfer, assign, set over and otherwise convey to the Exchange Administrator, all of such Noteholder's right, title and interest in and to such Exchangeable Note(s) or MAC Note(s), as applicable.

(b) The Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes, as applicable, shall be exchangeable on the books of DTC for the Exchangeable Notes or MAC Notes, as applicable, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in, and otherwise in accordance with the procedures specified in, Section 4 hereof, and as follows:

- (1) Except with respect to the Closing Date Deemed Exchange, the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2 Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 1 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;

- (2) The Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2R and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 2 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (3) The Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2S and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 3 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (4) The Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2T and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 4 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (5) The Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2U and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 5 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (6) The Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AR and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 6 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (7) The Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AS and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 7 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (8) The Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AT and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 8 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (9) The Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AU and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 9 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (10) The Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BR and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 10 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (11) The Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BS and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 11 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- (12) The Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BT and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 12 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date; and
- (13) The Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BU and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 13 described in Exhibit A at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date.

(c) The Exchangeable Notes and MAC Notes exchanged pursuant to this Agreement shall have the characteristics set forth in the Debt Agreement, and shall be subject to the terms and provisions set forth therein. If the Class M-2 Notes have been exchanged for other Classes of MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5, the Classes of MAC Notes held after the exchange will be treated in the same manner as if the Class M-2 Notes had been exchanged directly for the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes and then the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes had been exchanged pursuant to (i) Combinations 6 and 10, in the case of Combination 2, (ii) Combinations 7 and 11, in the case of Combination 3, (iii) Combinations 8 and 12, in the case of Combination 4 and (iv) Combinations 9 and 13, in the case of Combination 5.

(d) (i) The Exchangeable Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the MAC Notes, and vice versa, and (ii) certain Classes of MAC Notes may be further exchanged, in whole or in part, for other Classes of MAC Notes, and vice versa, in each case in accordance with the Combinations, and subject to the constraints, set forth on Exhibit A.

(e) There shall be no limitation on the number of exchanges authorized pursuant to this Agreement, and, except as provided below, no fee or other charge shall be payable to the Exchange Administrator or DTC in connection therewith.

#### **Section 4. Procedures for Exchange.**

(a) In order to effect an exchange of Notes (except with respect to the Closing Date Deemed Exchange), the Noteholder shall notify the Exchange Administrator in writing, substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, by e-mail at [ctssfexchanges@citi.com](mailto:ctssfexchanges@citi.com), and in accordance with the requirements set forth herein, no later than two Business Days before the proposed exchange date. The exchange date with respect to any such exchange can be any Business Day other than the first or last Business Day of the month, a Payment Date, the Record Date related to the next Payment Date or the Business Day following such Record Date. The notice must be on the Noteholder's letterhead, carry a medallion stamp guarantee and set forth the following information: (i) the CUSIP number of each Exchangeable Note or Notes or MAC Note or Notes (as applicable) to be exchanged and of each Exchangeable Note or Notes or MAC Note or Notes (as applicable) to be received; (ii) the outstanding Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) and the original Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) of the Notes to be exchanged; (iii) the Noteholder's DTC participant numbers to be debited and credited; and (iv) the proposed exchange date. After receiving the notice, the Exchange Administrator will e-mail the Noteholder with wire payment instructions relating to the exchange fee. The Noteholder will utilize the "Deposit and Withdrawal System" at DTC to exchange the Notes. A notice becomes irrevocable on the second Business Day before the proposed exchange date.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision herein set forth, a fee shall be payable by the exchanging Noteholder to the Exchange Administrator in connection with each exchange (except with respect to the Closing Date Deemed Exchange) equal to \$5,000. Such fee must be received by the Exchange Administrator prior to the exchange date or such exchange shall not be effected. In addition, any Holder wishing to effect an exchange must pay any other expenses related to such exchange, including any fees charged by DTC.

(c) The Exchange Administrator shall notify the Global Agent with respect to any exchanges of Notes at the time of such exchange.

(d) The Exchange Administrator shall notify the Issuer with respect to any exchanges of Notes at the time of such exchange. The Exchange Administrator shall provide the Issuer with a notification, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit E.

(e) The Global Agent shall make the first payment on any Exchangeable Note or MAC Note received by a Holder in an exchange transaction on the Payment Date related to the next Record Date following the exchange; provided, however, that with respect to the Closing Date Deemed Exchange, the first payment on the Class M-2 Notes shall be on the Payment Date occurring in April 2018.

## **Section 5. Tax Withholding and Reporting.**

(a) Tax Classification. The MAC Pool will be classified as a grantor trust under subpart E, part I of subchapter J of the Code, and the MAC Notes will represent beneficial ownership of interests in the Exchangeable Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

(b) Tax Withholding. In the event that any jurisdiction imposes any withholding on any payment made with respect to a MAC Note, and an officer of the Exchange Administrator responsible for the administration of this Agreement has actual or written notice that such withholding is required, the Exchange Administrator (or its agent) will give written notice promptly to the Global Agent of such requirement, and the Exchange Administrator (or its agent or Freddie Mac) will not be required to pay additional interest or other amounts, or redeem or repay the MAC Notes prior to the Maturity Date.

(c) Tax Reporting. The Exchange Administrator (or its agent) shall instruct the Global Agent to furnish or make available to each Holder of MAC Notes information to facilitate tax reporting by a Holder with respect to the MAC Notes, including tax reporting relating to original issue discount (“OID”), provided that for purposes of information reporting relating to OID, the Exchange Administrator shall calculate the yield to maturity with respect to a MAC Note based on the relevant prepayment assumption used to price the Exchangeable Notes. In addition, for the MAC Notes included in all Combinations other than Combination 1 set forth in Exhibit A hereto that pay stated interest at a variable rate, the Exchange Administrator shall assume that the variable rate is a fixed rate equal to the value of the variable rate as of the Initial Exchange Date.

## **Section 6. Representations.**

(a) Issuer’s Representations and Warranties. The Issuer represents and warrants that it has duly authorized and properly executed this Agreement, and is currently in compliance with this Agreement.

(b) Exchange Administrator’s Representations and Warranties.

(i) The Exchange Administrator represents and warrants that it has duly authorized and properly executed this Agreement, and is currently in compliance with this Agreement.

(ii) The Exchange Administrator represents and warrants that the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the fulfillment of the terms hereof do not conflict with, result in any breach of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time) a default under, its articles of association or bylaws or any agreement or other instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound; and to its knowledge, there are no proceedings or investigations pending or threatened before any court, regulatory body, administrative agency or other governmental instrumentality having jurisdiction over it or its properties: (A) asserting the invalidity of this Agreement, (B) seeking to prevent the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or (C) seeking any determination or ruling that might materially and adversely affect the performance by it of its obligations under, or the validity or enforceability of, this Agreement.

#### **Section 7. Conditions of Exchange Administrator's Obligations and Changes in Exchange Administrator.**

(a) Conditions of Exchange Administrator's Obligations. The Exchange Administrator accepts its obligations set forth herein, upon the terms and conditions hereof, including the following, to all of which Issuer agrees. References to the Exchange Administrator in (i)-(xi) below shall include any agent appointed by the Exchange Administrator hereunder.

(i) Indemnification. Issuer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Exchange Administrator, its directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all actions, claims, damages, liabilities, judgments, losses, costs, charges and expenses (including legal fees and expenses) relating to or arising out of actions or omissions from actions in any capacity as Exchange Administrator under this Agreement, the Debt Agreement, the Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes, except actions, claims, damages, liabilities, judgments, losses, costs, charges and expenses caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of the Exchange Administrator, its directors, officers, employees or agents. The Exchange Administrator shall incur no liability and shall be indemnified and held harmless by Issuer for any error of judgment made in good faith by the officers and employees of the Exchange Administrator. The Exchange Administrator shall incur no liability and shall be indemnified and held harmless by Issuer for, or in respect of, any actions taken, omitted to be taken or suffered to be taken in good faith by the Exchange Administrator in reliance upon (A) a written advice or opinion of counsel or (B) any instruction from an Authorized Officer of Issuer. The Exchange Administrator shall not be under any obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any legal action that is not incidental to its responsibilities under this Agreement and that in its opinion may involve it in any expense or liability. The obligations of Issuer under this Section 7(a)(i) shall survive the termination of this Agreement, including any termination of this Agreement pursuant to any applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law.

(ii) Documents. The Exchange Administrator shall be protected and shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken, omitted to be taken or anything suffered by it in reliance upon any Exchangeable Note, notice, direction, consent, certificate, affidavit, statement



or other paper or document (including facsimile (if applicable) or e-mail transmission) reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or submitted by the proper parties.

The Exchange Administrator may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in its reliance upon instructions which shall include any instructions given or confirmed in writing by facsimile (if applicable), e-mail or through a time-sharing terminal given by a Noteholder or the Issuer pursuant to this Agreement which the Exchange Administrator believes in good faith to have been given by an Authorized Officer.

(iii) No Liability for Invalidity. The representations of Issuer contained herein, in the Debt Agreement and in the Offering Circular shall be taken as the statements of Issuer, and the Exchange Administrator assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the same. The Exchange Administrator makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Agreement, the Exchangeable Notes or the MAC Notes except for the Exchange Administrator's due authorization to execute this Agreement.

(iv) No Implied Obligations. The Exchange Administrator shall be obligated to perform such duties and only such duties as are set forth herein, and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement or any of the Exchangeable Notes or any of the MAC Notes against the Exchange Administrator. The Exchange Administrator shall not be under any obligation to take any action hereunder which may tend to involve it in any expense or liability the payment or indemnification of which within a reasonable time is not, in its reasonable opinion, assured to it. The Exchange Administrator shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Agreement.

(v) Receipt of Information. The Exchange Administrator, in acting under this Agreement and in connection with the Notes, shall not use information provided by Freddie Mac in violation of federal and state securities laws.

(vi) Reviews, Assessments and/or Audits by Freddie Mac. Upon prior notice, the Exchange Administrator shall allow Freddie Mac to review, assess and/or audit, from time to time, its books, records, processes and controls related to this Agreement. Upon reasonable prior notice, the Exchange Administrator will make available to Freddie Mac and/or its auditors its personnel, books, records, facilities and any documentation that would allow Freddie Mac and/or its auditors to assess the security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality and privacy of the Exchange Administrator's systems. The Exchange Administrator will fully cooperate with such reviews, assessments and/or audits implemented.

(vii) Financial Statements and Potentially Adverse Events. The Exchange Administrator will notify Freddie Mac, in accordance with Section 8(d) below, within ten (10) Business Days (or, if notice within 10 Business Days is not legally permitted, then at the earliest legally permissible time) of any of the following: (A) an event or series of events occurs that has or is reasonably likely to have a material adverse impact on the Exchange Administrator's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement; (B) the Exchange Administrator undergoes a material change in its ownership structure or organization, including a merger, consolidation or change of control, whether by operation of law or otherwise; (C) the Exchange Administrator

makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or becomes subject to appointment of a trustee, conservator or receiver for it or its property; (D) the Exchange Administrator authorizes the filing of a bankruptcy petition or its equivalent or an involuntary petition of bankruptcy or its equivalent is filed against the Exchange Administrator; or (E) the Exchange Administrator becomes insolvent.

(viii) Consultation with Counsel. The Exchange Administrator may consult with counsel satisfactory to it in its reasonable judgment and any action taken, omitted to be taken or suffered by the Exchange Administrator in performance of its duties hereunder in accordance with the written advice or opinion of such counsel shall be presumed to be taken in good faith.

(vix) Communication from Issuer. Unless otherwise provided herein, any order, certificate, notice, request, direction or other communication from the Issuer made or given by it under any provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed sufficient if signed by an Authorized Officer of the Issuer.

(x) Damages. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall the Exchange Administrator be liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits).

(xi) Reliance on Reports. Except as expressly provided herein, nothing herein shall be construed to impose an obligation on the part of the Exchange Administrator to recalculate, evaluate or verify any report, certificate or information received by it from the Issuer or to otherwise monitor the activities of the Issuer.

(b) Changes in Exchange Administrator.

(i) Appointment and Termination of Appointment. Issuer may at any time appoint additional or alternative agents to provide the service(s) to be provided by the Exchange Administrator hereunder. Issuer may terminate the appointment of the Exchange Administrator or any part of such agency by giving the Exchange Administrator at least 30 calendar days' written notice to that effect.

(ii) Resignation. The Exchange Administrator may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Issuer and the Holders of the Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes; provided, however, that in the event of Citibank's resignation or removal as Global Agent pursuant to the Global Agency Agreement such notice shall not be required and such resignation or removal will occur at the same time as the resignation or removal of Citibank as Global Agent.

(iii) Conditions to Resignation and Termination. Subject to paragraph 7(b)(vi) below, no resignation or termination of the appointment of the Exchange Administrator shall take effect until a new exchange administrator has been appointed, and no resignation or termination of the appointment of an agent shall take effect if there would not then be agents as required by the Terms of any Exchangeable Notes or any MAC Notes. Issuer shall use its best efforts to appoint a new Exchange Administrator not later than 30 calendar days after Issuer's receipt of the notice of resignation delivered by the Exchange Administrator in accordance with paragraph 7(b)(ii) above. Issuer agrees with the Exchange Administrator that if Issuer fails to appoint a successor

within such period, the Exchange Administrator may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a new Exchange Administrator hereunder, and Issuer shall accept the appointment of that bank as the successor to the Exchange Administrator.

(iv) Agents. The Exchange Administrator may, with the express written consent of Issuer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), appoint by an instrument or instruments in writing one or more agents to act hereunder and, upon written notice with such consent, vary or terminate any such appointment. Issuer (by written notice to the Exchange Administrator and any agent whose appointment is to be terminated) may also terminate any such appointment at any time. In its acceptance of such appointment, each such agent shall agree to act as an agent pursuant to this Agreement and the Terms of the Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes. With respect to any agent the Exchange Administrator appoints, the Exchange Administrator shall remain obligated and liable to the Issuer and the Holders of Exchangeable Notes for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

(v) Change of Office. If the Exchange Administrator changes the address of its specified office, it shall give Issuer at least 60 calendar days' written notice of the change, giving the new address and the date on which the change is to take effect.

(vi) Automatic Termination. The appointment of the Exchange Administrator shall immediately terminate if it becomes incapable of acting, is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, consents to the appointment of a receiver, administrator or other similar official of all or a substantial part of its property or admits in writing its inability to pay or meet its debts as they mature or suspends payment thereof, if a resolution is passed or an order made for the winding up or dissolution of the Exchange Administrator, a receiver, administrator or other similar official is appointed with respect to all or a substantial part of the Exchange Administrator's property, a court order is entered approving a petition filed by or against it under applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law, if a public officer takes charge or control of the Exchange Administrator or its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation, or Citibank resigns or is removed as Global Agent pursuant to the Global Agency Agreement.

(vii) Delivery of Records. If the Exchange Administrator resigns or its appointment is terminated, it shall, on the date on which the resignation or termination takes effect, deliver to such new agent the records kept by it and all Exchangeable Notes and other records necessary for the administration of, and performance of its duties with respect to this Agreement; *provided, however*, that the Exchange Administrator may retain a copy of such records in order to comply with any applicable law, rule or regulation or its own document retention policies.

(viii) Successor Exchange Administrator. Any successor bank or other entity into which the Exchange Administrator is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or which results from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which it is a party, or any entity which succeeds to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of Exchange Administrator, shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be deemed the Exchange Administrator under this Agreement. Such Exchange Administrator shall promptly notify Issuer of any such event.

(ix) Written Notices. The Exchange Administrator shall give Holders of Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes at least 30 calendar days' written notice of any proposed appointment, termination, resignation or change under paragraphs (i) through (vii) of this Section 7(b) of which it is aware and, as soon as practicable, written notice of any succession under paragraph (viii) above of which it is aware. Issuer shall give Holders of Exchangeable Notes and MAC Notes written notice of any termination under paragraph (vi) above of which it is aware within 30 calendar days of such termination.

## **Section 8. Miscellaneous.**

(a) Amendments. This Agreement may be amended or supplemented by Issuer and the Exchange Administrator, without the consent of the Holder of any Note, for the purpose of (i) curing any ambiguity or of correcting or supplementing any provision contained herein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision contained herein or in any other manner that Issuer may deem necessary or desirable or (ii) to permit the Issuer or the Exchange Administrator to take any necessary or helpful action to maintain the qualification of the MAC Pool as a grantor trust under the Code or to avoid the imposition of any state or U.S. federal tax on the MAC Pool, so long as such amendment or supplement will not, in the reasonable opinion of Issuer, materially adversely affect the interests of the Holders of the Notes. The Exchange Administrator, may, but shall have no obligation to, agree to any amendment or supplement which adversely affect the rights, privileges, immunities or obligations of the Exchange Administrator. The Issuer will notify the Rating Agencies of any modification, amendment or supplement of this Agreement (which notification shall be effected pursuant to Section 8(d)).

(b) Execution of Additional Agreements. In executing, or accepting the agencies created by, any additional agreement permitted by this Agreement, or the modifications of the agencies created by this Agreement, the Exchange Administrator shall be entitled conclusively to rely upon a written opinion of counsel stating that the execution of such additional agreement is authorized or permitted by this Agreement, that all conditions precedent to such additional agreement have been satisfied and that such additional agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Issuer enforceable in accordance with its terms and subject to customary exceptions.

(c) Governing Law, Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the federal laws of the United States. Insofar as there may be no applicable precedent and insofar as to do so would not frustrate the purposes of the Freddie Mac Act or any provision of this Agreement or the transactions governed thereby, the local laws of the State of New York shall be deemed reflective of the laws of the United States. The parties agree that any judicial proceedings in relation to any matter arising under this Agreement may be instituted against any party to this Agreement in the United States federal courts located in the Borough of Manhattan in such manner as may be permitted by applicable law. EACH PARTY HEREBY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT.

(d) Notices. Any notices pursuant to, or communications with respect to, this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given when delivered in person, or by first class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, or by facsimile (if applicable) or e-mail transmission; provided, however, in the case of any communication by facsimile (if applicable) or e-mail, written confirmation is dispatched within 24 hours by overnight courier,

in the case of the Exchange Administrator, to:

Citibank, N.A.  
388 Greenwich Street  
New York, NY 10013  
Attention: Agency & Trust - STACR® 2018-HQA1  
Telephone No.: 212-816-5827  
E-mail: [karen.schluter@citi.com](mailto:karen.schluter@citi.com) or call 888-855-9695 and ask for the administrator of the STACR 2018-HQA1

in the case of the Issuer, to:

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation  
1551 Park Run Drive  
McLean, VA 22102  
Attention: Kevin Palmer, Senior Vice President – Credit Risk Transfer  
Telephone: 571-382-4313  
E-mail: [kevin\\_palmer@freddiemac.com](mailto:kevin_palmer@freddiemac.com)

with copies to:

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation  
8200 Jones Branch Drive  
McLean, Virginia 22102  
Attention: Vice President & Deputy General Counsel—Mortgage Securities

or such other address, telephone, facsimile (if applicable) or e-mail as shall be specified in writing by the party in question to the other party hereto.

If the Exchange Administrator and the Global Agent are the same entity, then any notices required under this Agreement and the Global Agency Agreement from the Exchange Administrator to the Global Agent or vice versa shall be deemed to be given without such notices being sent.

To the extent that Freddie Mac is required to provide any information or notification to the Rating Agencies pursuant to this Agreement, Freddie Mac will cause such information or notification to be posted to the Rating Agencies Information Website. The Exchange Administrator shall not provide any information directly to, or communicate with, either orally or in writing, any Rating Agency or any NRSRO regarding the Exchangeable Notes or the MAC Notes relevant to such Rating Agency's or NRSRO's surveillance of the Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes,

including, but not limited to, providing responses to inquiries from a Rating Agency or NRSRO regarding the Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes. Upon the Exchange Administrator receiving any communication from any Rating Agency or NRSRO regarding the Exchangeable Notes or the MAC Notes, it shall promptly forward such communication to Freddie Mac.

(e) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, and by each party separately on a separate counterpart, each such counterpart, when so executed and delivered, to be an original. Such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

(f) Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

(g) Benefit of Agreement. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, their successors and assigns and the Holders of Exchangeable Notes and no other person shall acquire or have any right hereunder by virtue hereof.

(h) Severability. In case any provision in this Agreement or in the Exchangeable Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

(i) Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the exhibits attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Exchange Administrator and the Issuer with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes in all respects all prior proposals, negotiations, communications, discussions and agreements between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement.

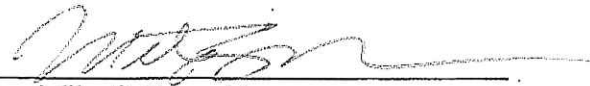
(j) Waiver. No amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by each party hereto. No failure or delay on the part of any party in exercising any power or right under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver, nor does any single or partial exercise of any power or right preclude any other or further exercise, or the exercise of any other power or right. Any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which it is given.

(k) Assignment. Subject to Section 7(b)(viii), neither this Agreement nor any right or obligation hereunder may be assigned or transferred by one party to any third party without the express written consent of the other party to this Agreement. Any purported assignment or transfer not in compliance with this provision shall be void and of no force or effect.

(l) Patriot Act. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust or other legal entity the Exchange Administrator will ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. The Exchange Administrator may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Exchange Administration Agreement as of the date first above written.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Issuer

By 

Name: Mike S. Reynolds

Title: Vice President

CITIBANK, N.A., as Exchange Administrator

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Karen Schluter

Title: Vice President




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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Mike S. Reynolds  
Title: Vice President

CITIBANK, N.A., as Exchange Administrator

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Karen Schluter  
Title: Senior Trust Officer



## EXHIBIT A

### **STACR® SERIES 2018-HQA1 MAC NOTES** **AVAILABLE MODIFICATIONS AND COMBINATIONS**

<b><u>Combination</u></b>	<b><u>Exchangeable or MAC Class</u></b>	<b><u>Original Class Principal Balance</u></b>	<b><u>Exchange Proportions<sup>(1)</sup></u></b>	<b><u>MAC Class</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Original Class Principal Balance/s Notional Principal Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Exchange Proportions<sup>(1)</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Interest Formula<sup>(2)</sup></u></b>
1	M-2A M-2B	\$310,000,000 \$310,000,000	50% 50%	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	One-Month LIBOR + 2.30%
2	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2R M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$620,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 100%	One-Month LIBOR + 0.80% 1.50%
3	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2S M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$496,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 80%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.10% 1.50%
4	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2T M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$372,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 60%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.40% 1.50%
5	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2U M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$248,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 40%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.70% 1.50%
6	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AR M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$310,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 100%	One-Month LIBOR + 0.80% 1.50%
7	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AS M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$248,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 80%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.10% 1.50%
8	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AT M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$186,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 60%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.40% 1.50%
9	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AU M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$124,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 40%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.70% 1.50%
10	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BR M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$310,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 100%	One-Month LIBOR + 0.80% 1.50%
11	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BS M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$248,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 80%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.10% 1.50%
12	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BT M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$186,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 60%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.40% 1.50%
13	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BU M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$124,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 40%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.70% 1.50%

- (1) Exchange proportions are constant proportions of the original Class Principal Balances (or original Notional Principal Amounts, if applicable) of the Original Classes or MAC Classes, as applicable. In accordance with the exchange proportions, you may exchange the Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes, and vice versa. In addition, in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5, in accordance with the exchange proportions, the indicated MAC Notes may further be exchanged for other MAC Notes, and vice versa.
- (2) In the event that One-Month LIBOR used to calculate the Class Coupons of the Notes for any Accrual Period is less than zero, the Class Coupons on the Class M-2I, Class M-2AI and Class M-2BI Notes may be subject to downward adjustment such that the aggregate amount of interest payable to such MAC Notes and the other MAC Notes in the related Combination would not exceed the aggregate Interest Payment Amount otherwise payable to the related Exchangeable Notes for which such Classes were exchanged (or related MAC Notes in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5).
- (3) Notional Principal Amount.

## Exchanges

We permit any exchange of Classes within a Combination, subject to the following constraints:

- The Classes must be exchanged in the applicable “exchange proportions,” if any, shown above. As described below, these are based on the *original* Class Principal Balances (or *original* Notional Principal Amounts, if applicable) of the Original Classes or MAC Classes, as applicable.
- The aggregate Class Principal Balance (rounded to whole dollars) of the Notes received in the exchange, immediately after the exchange, must equal that of the Notes surrendered for exchange immediately before the exchange (for this purpose, the Notional Principal Amount of any Interest Only MAC Note always equals \$0).
- The aggregate “Annual Interest Amount” (rounded to whole dollars) of the Notes received in the exchange must equal that of the Notes surrendered for exchange. The “Annual Interest Amount” for any Note equals its outstanding Class Principal Balance or Notional Principal Amount times its Class Coupon. The Annual Interest Amount for the Classes received and the Classes surrendered must be equal at all levels of LIBOR.

Where “exchange proportions” are shown for Classes that are exchangeable for other Classes, we base those proportions on the *original*, rather than on the *outstanding*, Class Principal Balance or Notional Principal Amount of the Classes.

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **FORM OF EXCHANGE LETTER**

#### **Noteholder Letterhead**

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_

Citibank, N.A.  
388 Greenwich Street  
New York, NY 10013  
Attention: STACR® Series 2018-HQA1

Re: Freddie STACR®, Series 2018-HQA1

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the terms of that certain Exchange Administration Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2018 (the “Exchange Administration Agreement”), between Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”), as Issuer, and Citibank, N.A. as Exchange Administrator (the “Exchange Administrator”), we hereby present and surrender the [Exchangeable Note(s)] [MAC Note(s)] specified on Schedule I attached hereto [(the “Exchangeable Notes”)] [(the “MAC Notes”)] and transfer, assign, set over and otherwise convey, all of our rights, title and interest in and to the [Exchangeable Notes] [MAC Notes] including all payments of interest thereon received after \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_, in exchange for the [MAC Notes][Exchangeable Notes] specified on Schedule I attached hereto.

We agree that upon such exchange the portions of the [Exchangeable Notes] [MAC Notes] designated for exchange shall be deemed exchanged and replaced by the [MAC Notes] [Exchangeable Notes] issued in exchange therefor, and we further agree that our rights to receive payments in respect of such [Exchangeable Notes][MAC Notes] will be replaced with rights to receive payments in respect of [MAC Notes][Exchangeable Notes].

We confirm that we have paid a fee of \$5,000 to the Exchange Administrator in connection with such exchange.

\_\_\_\_\_  
The Exchange Administrator shall provide notification to the Issuer with respect to this exchange of Notes in substantially the form of Exhibit E of the Exchange Administration Agreement.

We hereby represent that we are the holder of 100% of the [Exchangeable Notes] [MAC Notes] to be exchanged hereunder.

Sincerely,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution which is a participant in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program (STAMP) or similar signature guarantee program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notice: Authorized Officer of registered beneficial owner of the STACR® Series and Class(es) of Notes listed above. DTC Participant Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Officer)

Acknowledged by:

Citibank, N.A., as Exchange Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Schedule I

Surrendered Class of [Exchangeable Notes] and/or [MAC Notes]			In Exchange For [Exchangeable Notes] and/or [MAC Notes]	
CUSIP Number	Exchangeable Note(s)/MAC CLASS(es)	Exchange Proportion:	CUSIP Number	Exchangeable Note(s)/MAC CLASS(es)
[ ]	[Exchangeable Note ]	[ ]%	[ ]	[MAC Notes]
			[ ]	[MAC Notes]
[ ]	[MAC Notes]	[ ]%	[ ]	[Exchangeable Note]
[ ]	[MAC Notes]			
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[ ]	[MAC Notes]	[ ]%	[ ]	[Exchangeable Note ]
				[Exchangeable Note ]

Original Class Principal Balance  
of Securities to be  
Exchanged: \$

Outstanding Class Principal  
Balance of Securities to be  
Exchanged: \$

DTC Participant Number: #

Proposed Exchange Date:

**EXHIBIT C**  
**GLOBAL AGENCY AGREEMENT**

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**STACR® Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1**

GLOBAL AGENCY AGREEMENT, dated as of March 28, 2018 (as amended, modified and supplemented from time to time, the “Agreement”), between FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION (“Freddie Mac”), as issuer, and CITIBANK, N.A., a national banking association organized under the laws of the United States of America, as agent, registrar, authenticating agent, calculation agent, paying agent and transfer agent (collectively, the “Global Agent”), in connection with the Freddie Mac Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR) Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1. All Exhibits attached hereto are made a part hereof as if their full text were set forth and incorporated herein as part of this Agreement.

WHEREAS, Freddie Mac intends to issue the Original Notes (as defined below) in the form of registered book-entry securities or in definitive form, from time to time, as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, Freddie Mac desires to engage the Global Agent and the Global Agent desires to perform certain services relating to the Notes (as defined below), including authentication, registration, transfer and payment upon the duly authorized and accepted request of a holder.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, and subject to the conditions herein set forth, Freddie Mac and the Global Agent agree as follows:

**Section 1.     Definitions.**

All capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Debt Agreement.

“Agreement” means this instrument as originally executed or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more agreements supplemental hereto.

“Authorized Officer” has the meaning specified in Section 3(a) hereof.

“Book-Entry Notes” means global notes in book-entry form, including DTC Notes and Common Depositary Notes.

“Business Day” means a day other than (i) a Saturday or Sunday or (ii) a day on which the offices of Freddie Mac, the corporate trust offices of the Global Agent or the Exchange Administrator (currently located at 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10013, DTC, or the banking institutions in the City of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to be closed.

“Clearstream” means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, which holds securities for its participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its participants.

“Closing Date” means March 28, 2018.

“*Closing Date Deemed Exchange*” means the deemed exchange, on the Closing Date, of the applicable amounts of the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes for the applicable amount of the Class M-2 Notes identified to the Exchange Administrator on or prior to the Closing Date.

“Citibank” means Citibank, N.A, a national banking association organized under the laws of the United States of America.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Common Depositary” means the common depositary for Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other applicable clearing system, which will hold Common Depositary Notes on behalf of Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any such other applicable clearing system.

“Common Depositary Notes” means Notes that are deposited with a Common Depositary and that will clear and settle through the systems operated by Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any such other applicable clearing system other than DTC.

“Debt Agreement” means the debt agreement dated as of the Closing Date by and among Freddie Mac and the Holders of Notes, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto.

“Definitive Notes” means the Notes that under certain limited circumstances may be in registered, certificated form, as provided herein.

“DTC” means The Depository Trust Company of New York, a limited-purpose trust company.

“DTC Custodian” means the custodian of the DTC Notes on behalf of DTC, which initially shall be the Global Agent.

“DTC Notes” means the Notes cleared, settled and maintained on the DTC System, registered in the name of a nominee of DTC and subject to DTC’s rules and procedures, as amended from time to time, and substantially in the form of Exhibits B-1, B-2 and B-3. All of the Notes will be DTC Notes at issuance.

“DTC Participants” means participants in the DTC System.

“DTC System” means the book-entry system of DTC.

“Exchange Administration Agreement” means the exchange administration agreement dated as of the Closing Date between Freddie Mac and the Exchange Administrator.



“Exchange Administrator” means the entity selected by Freddie Mac to act as its exchange administrator for the Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes, which as of the Closing Date is Citibank.

“Exchangeable Notes” means the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes issued pursuant to the Debt Agreement.

“EU Retention Letter” means, as described in the Offering Circular, that certain letter agreement entered into by Freddie Mac, dated as of the Closing Date.

“Euroclear” means the Euroclear System, a depository that holds securities for its participants and clears and settles transactions between its participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment.

“Financial Intermediary” means each brokerage firm, bank, thrift institution or other financial intermediary that maintains the account for each person who owns a beneficial ownership interest in the Book-Entry Notes.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc., and its successors.

“Freddie Mac” means the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

“Global Agent” has the meaning specified in the preamble, and any duly qualified and appointed successor or successors of Citibank thereto.

“Holder” means in the case of (i) DTC Notes, DTC or its nominee; (ii) Book-Entry Notes or Common Depositary Notes, the depository, or its nominee, in whose name the Notes are registered on behalf of a related clearing system; and (iii) Notes in definitive registered form, the person or entity in whose name such Notes are registered in the Register.

“Incumbency Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 3(b) hereof.

“Initial Exchange Date” means the 15th day following the Closing Date (or if such 15th day is not a Business Day, the next Business Day).

“Initial Note Principal Balance” means \$985,000,000.

“Issuer” means Freddie Mac as issuer of the Notes and any successor to the obligations of Freddie Mac under the Original Notes.

“Issuer Order” means a written order or request signed in the name of the Issuer by any of its Authorized Officers and delivered to the Global Agent.

“Letter of Representations” means the letter agreement dated as of July 5, 2017 among Freddie Mac, as issuer, Freddie Mac, as agent, and DTC.

“MAC Notes” means the Classes of Modifiable And Combinable STACR Notes set forth on Exhibit A to the Exchange Administration Agreement, which are exchangeable for Exchangeable Notes, as described in the Exchange Administration Agreement and which represent interests in the Exchangeable Notes.

“Minimum Denomination” has the meaning set forth in Article IV of the Debt Agreement.

“Morningstar” means Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC, and its successors.

“Note Collection Account” means the segregated trust account established and maintained by the Global Agent entitled “Note Collection Account of Citibank, N.A., Global Agent for the benefit of the Holders of STACR Debt Notes 2018-HQA1”.

“Note Register” means the book or books of registration kept by the Global Agent in which are maintained the names and addresses and principal amounts registered to each registered owner.

“Notes” means the Original Notes and MAC Notes of the Freddie Mac STACR Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1, which may be transferred only on the book-entry system operated by DTC or its successor, or under certain limited circumstances, in registered, certificated form, as provided herein.

“NRSRO” means a nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

“Original Class M Notes” means the Class M-1, Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes.

“Original Notes” means (i) the Class M-1 Notes, (ii) the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes, which are modifiable and combinable with the MAC Notes, as described in the Exchange Administration Agreement, and (iii) the Class B-1 Notes.

“Offering Circular” means the Freddie Mac STACR Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1 Offering Circular dated March 20, 2018.

“Payment Date” means the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month (or, if not a Business Day, the following Business Day), commencing in April 2018.

“Permitted Investments” means any one or more of the obligations that the Issuer and the Global Agent mutually agree to in writing.

“Rating Agencies” means Fitch and Morningstar.

“Rating Agencies Information Website” means the internet website with respect to the Notes, initially located at [www.structuredfn.com](http://www.structuredfn.com), access to which is limited to the Rating Agencies and NRSROs who have been provided access.

“Registrar” has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a).

“Terms” as used herein with respect to a particular issue of Notes means, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms applicable to all Notes, as described in the Offering Circular or the Debt Agreement.

## **Section 2. Global Agent.**

(a) Appointment of Global Agent. Issuer hereby appoints Citibank, acting through its corporate trust office at 388 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013 (and, as may be required by applicable law, any other corporate trust office thereof in the relevant jurisdiction), as Global Agent of Issuer in respect of the Notes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, and Citibank hereby accepts such appointment. The Global Agent shall have the powers and authority granted to and conferred upon it in this Agreement and such further powers and authority to act on behalf of Issuer as may be mutually agreed upon in writing by Issuer and the Global Agent.

(b) Payments through Global Agent. Payments of principal and interest in respect of Original Notes, and MAC Notes representing interests in the Exchangeable Notes, shall be made by Issuer through the Global Agent in accordance with the terms set forth in the Debt Agreement and the Exchange Administration Agreement. In respect of the Notes, Issuer shall cause notice of any resignation, termination of the appointment of the Global Agent or any other agent and of any change in the office through which any such agent will act to be given as provided in the terms of such Notes and in accordance with Section 9(b) hereof.

## **Section 3. Execution, Completion, Authentication and Delivery.**

(a) Execution of Notes. The Notes shall be executed on behalf of Freddie Mac by one or more officers of Freddie Mac authorized to do so pursuant to one or more resolutions of Freddie Mac and a Certificate of Delegation of Authority, whose signatures may be manual or facsimile (an “Authorized Officer”). Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of an Authorized Officer shall bind Freddie Mac, notwithstanding that such person no longer serves as the official so authorized to execute the Notes prior to the authentication and delivery of the Notes or was not such an official at the date of execution of such Notes. The Global Agent shall have no responsibility to Freddie Mac to determine by whom or by what means a facsimile signature may have been affixed on the Notes, or to determine whether any facsimile or manual signature is genuine.

(b) Incumbency Certificates. From time to time the Issuer shall furnish the Global Agent with a certificate of the Issuer certifying the incumbency and specimen signatures of Authorized Officers of the Issuer (the “Incumbency Certificate”). Until the Global Agent receives a subsequent Incumbency Certificate of the Issuer, the Global Agent shall be entitled to rely on the last such Incumbency Certificate delivered to it for purposes of determining who is an Authorized Officer.

(c) Form of Notes. The Notes shall be evidenced by one or more certificates, substantially in the form of Exhibit B-1 (for Original Notes) and Exhibits B-2 and B-3 (for MAC Notes, as

applicable) hereto, signed by an Authorized Officer and delivered to the corporate trust office of the Global Agent. The corporate trust office of the Global Agent shall authenticate and deliver the Notes, each substantially in the forms attached hereto.

(d) Global Agent as DTC Custodian. The Global Agent shall hold on deposit each DTC Note executed and authenticated as provided in this Section 3(d) as DTC Custodian. Upon issuance of any Common Depositary Note to be held on deposit by the Global Agent, the Registrar or its duly appointed agent shall record the name of CEDE & CO. as the nominee of the common depositary as the registered Holder of the Common Depositary Note. Upon issuance of any DTC Note to be held on deposit by the Global Agent as custodian for the benefit of DTC, the Registrar or its duly appointed agent shall record Cede & Co. as DTC's nominee as the registered Holder of the DTC Note. Upon issuance of any other Book-Entry Note to be held on deposit by the Global Agent, the Registrar or its duly appointed agent shall record the name of the applicable nominee of the applicable depositary as the registered Holder of such Book-Entry Note.

(e) Early Redemption. The Original Notes are subject to early redemption by the Issuer as set forth in Article III of the Debt Agreement. If the Issuer elects to exercise its early redemption option with respect to the Original Notes, the Issuer shall give written notice by an Authorized Officer of its intention to exercise such option to the Global Agent of the principal amount of the Original Notes to be so redeemed in accordance with the Terms applicable to such Note. At the request of the Issuer, the Global Agent shall cause notice of redemption to be given to the Holders of Original Notes (and MAC Notes representing interests in the Exchangeable Notes) in accordance with the notice requirements set forth in the Debt Agreement in the name of and at the expense of Issuer.

#### **Section 4. Register and Transfer.**

(a) Registration of Notes. The Registrar shall cause to be kept a Note Register (the “Note Register”) in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Issuer shall provide for the registration of the Notes and the registration of transfers and exchanges of Notes as herein provided. The Global Agent shall be the “Registrar” for the purpose of registering the Notes and the transfers and exchanges of Notes (other than exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes and vice versa (or further exchanges of certain MAC Notes for other MAC Notes, in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5), which will be administered by the Exchange Administrator pursuant to the Exchange Administration Agreement) as herein provided. The Note Register shall contain the name and remittance instructions.

(b) Minimum Denominations. Each Note shall be issued in minimum denominations of not less than the Minimum Denomination. On the Closing Date, (i) the Original Notes shall be issued such that the aggregate of the denominations of each of the Class M-1 and Class B-1 Notes shall equal their respective Maximum Original Class Principal Balance shown on page v of the Offering Circular, (ii) the MAC Notes, other than the Class M-2 Notes, shall be registered in denominations of \$0 and (iii) in connection with the Closing Date Deemed Exchange, the Class M-2 Notes shall be issued in the denomination equal to the sum of the denominations of the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes so exchanged and the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes shall be issued in denominations equal to the Maximum Original Class Principal Balance of each such Class shown on page v of the Offering Circular less the sum of the denominations of each such

class of Notes exchanged in the Closing Date Deemed Exchange. On the Closing Date and pursuant to an Issuer Order, the Registrar will execute and authenticate one or more Book-Entry Notes in an aggregate principal amount that shall equal the Initial Note Principal Balance.

(c) DTC Notes; Book-Entry Notes. The DTC Notes shall be delivered by the Issuer to DTC or, pursuant to DTC's instructions, shall be delivered by the Issuer on behalf of DTC to and deposited with the DTC Custodian, and in each case shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co. The Book-Entry Notes may be deposited with such other depositary as the Issuer may from time to time designate, and shall bear such legend as may be appropriate; *provided* that such successor depositary maintains a book-entry system that qualifies to be treated as "registered form" under Section 163(f)(3) of the Code.

(d) Limitation on Obligations of Issuer and Global Agent. With respect to Notes registered in the Note Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the Issuer and the Global Agent shall have no responsibility or obligation to Direct or Indirect Participants or Beneficial Owners for which DTC holds Notes from time to time as a depositary. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the Issuer and the Global Agent shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co., or any Direct or Indirect Participant with respect to the ownership interest in the Notes, (ii) the delivery to any Direct or Indirect Participant or any other Person, other than a registered Holder, of a Note, (iii) the payment to any Direct or Indirect Participant or any other Person, other than a registered Holder of a Note as shown in the Note Register, of any amount with respect to any distribution of principal or interest on the Notes or (iv) the making of book-entry transfers among Participants of DTC with respect to Notes registered in the Note Register in the name of the nominee of DTC. No Person other than a registered Holder of a Note as shown in the Note Register shall receive a physical Note evidencing such Note.

(e) New Nominee of DTC. Upon delivery by DTC to the Global Agent of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., and subject to the provisions hereof with respect to the payment of distributions by the mailing of checks or drafts to the registered Holders of Book-Entry Notes appearing as registered owners in the Note Register on a Record Date, the name "Cede & Co." in this Agreement shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

(f) Successors to DTC. In the event that DTC advises the Global Agent in writing that DTC is no longer willing or able to discharge properly its responsibilities as nominee and depositary with respect to the Book-Entry Notes and the Global Agent is unable to locate a qualified successor in accordance with Section 5(a) hereof, the Book-Entry Notes shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Note Register in the name of Cede & Co. (or a successor nominee) as nominee of DTC. At that time, the Issuer may determine that the Book-Entry Notes shall be registered in the name of and deposited with a successor depositary operating a global book-entry system, as may be acceptable to the Issuer, or such depositary's agent or designee but, if the Issuer does not select such alternative global book-entry system, then upon surrender to the Registrar of the Book-Entry Notes by DTC, accompanied by the registration instructions from DTC for registration, the Global Agent shall at the Issuer's expense authenticate Definitive Notes in accordance with Section 5 hereof. Neither the Issuer nor the Global Agent shall be liable for any delay in DTC's delivery of such instructions and may conclusively rely on, and shall be

protected in relying on, such instructions. Upon the issuance of Definitive Notes, the Global Agent, the Registrar and the Issuer shall recognize the Holders of the Definitive Notes as Holders hereunder.

(g) Letter of Representations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, so long as any Book-Entry Notes are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all distributions of principal and interest on such Book-Entry Notes and all notices with respect to such Book-Entry Notes shall be made and given, respectively, in the manner provided in the Letter of Representations.

(h) Surrender for Registration of Transfer. Subject to the preceding paragraphs, upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office of the Registrar and, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth below, the Issuer shall execute and the Global Agent shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, a new Note of the same aggregate percentage interest and dated the date of authentication by the Global Agent. The Registrar shall maintain a record of any such transfer and deliver it to the Issuer upon request.

(i) Treatment of "Holder" as Owner. Except as otherwise provided herein, Issuer and the Global Agent may deem and treat the registered Holder as appears in the Register of any Note as the absolute owner of such Note, in each case for the purpose of receiving payments on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever. For purposes of any DTC Note deposited with or held on behalf of DTC (or any nominee of DTC), DTC (or such nominee) shall be considered the sole holder of any Notes related thereto. For purposes of any other Book-Entry Note deposited with or held on behalf of the applicable depositary (or any nominee of such depositary), such depositary (or such nominee) shall be considered the sole holder of any Notes related thereto.

(j) Lost, Stolen or Mutilated Notes. In case any Note shall become mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen, upon written application of the Holder thereof, Issuer will execute and, upon Issuer's written request, the Global Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Note, having a number not contemporaneously outstanding, of like tenor and equal principal amount or notional amount, as applicable, registered in the same manner, and dated and bearing interest from the date to which interest has been paid on such mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, in exchange and substitution for the mutilated or defaced Note (upon surrender and cancellation thereof) or in lieu of and substitution for the Note destroyed, lost or stolen. In the case of a destroyed, lost or stolen Note, the applicant for a substituted Note shall furnish to Issuer and the Global Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, and, in every case of destruction, loss or theft, the applicant shall also furnish to Issuer and the Global Agent satisfactory evidence of the destruction, loss or theft of such Note and of the ownership thereof. Any mutilated or defaced Notes shall be surrendered before replacements will be issued. The Global Agent may authenticate any such substituted Note and deliver or cause the relevant transfer agent to deliver the same upon written request or authorization of any authorized representative of Issuer. Upon the issuance of any substituted Note, Issuer and the Global Agent may require the payment by the Holder thereof of a sum sufficient to cover any taxes and expenses connected therewith. In case any Note which has matured or is about to mature shall become mutilated or defaced or be destroyed, lost or stolen, Issuer may (if the Holder so agrees), instead of issuing a substitute Note, pay or authorize the payment of the same (without surrender thereof

except in the case of a mutilated or defaced Note) upon compliance by the Holder with the provisions of this Section 4, as hereinabove set forth.

## **Section 5.     Exchange of Book-Entry Notes for Definitive Notes.**

(a) Initial Issuance; Exchanges; Form of Definitive Notes. The Notes will initially be issued as Book-Entry Notes. Interests in a Book-Entry Note shall be exchanged for Definitive Notes only if such exchange is permitted by applicable law and (i) in the case of a DTC Note, DTC or the Issuer advises the Global Agent in writing that DTC is no longer willing, qualified or able to discharge properly its responsibilities as nominee and depositary with respect to the Book-Entry Notes and in each case the Issuer or the Global Agent is unable to locate a successor, (ii) in the case of a particular Book-Entry Note, if all of the systems through which it is cleared or settled are closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar days (other than by reason of holidays, statutory or otherwise) or are permanently closed for business or have announced an intention to permanently cease business and in any such situations the Issuer is unable to locate a single successor within 90 calendar days of such closure, or (iii) an Event of Default occurs under the Debt Agreement and Holders of Notes having voting rights aggregating not less than a majority of all voting rights evidenced by the Book-Entry Notes advise the Global Agent and DTC through the Financial Intermediaries and the DTC Participants in writing that the continuation of a book-entry system through DTC (or successor thereto) is no longer in the best interests of such Holders. A person having an interest in a Book-Entry Note issued in global form shall provide Freddie Mac or the Global Agent with a written order containing instructions and such other information as Freddie Mac or the Global Agent may require to complete, execute and deliver such Definitive Notes in authorized denominations. In such circumstances, Freddie Mac shall cause sufficient Definitive Notes to be executed and delivered as soon as practicable (and in any event within 45 calendar days of Freddie Mac receiving notice of the occurrence of such circumstances) to the Global Agent or its agent for completion, authentication and delivery to the relevant registered Holders of such Definitive Notes.

The Issuer shall, from time to time, deliver to the Global Agent adequate supplies of Definitive Notes substantially in the form of Exhibit D-1 (for Original Notes), D-2 (for MAC Notes other than the Class M-2 Notes) and D-3 (for the Class M-2 Notes) executed by the manual or facsimile signature of an Authorized Officer of the Issuer. The Global Agent will acknowledge receipt of any Definitive Notes received from the Issuer and will hold the Definitive Notes in safekeeping for the Issuer.

(b) Exchange Procedures. If interests in any Book-Entry Note are to be exchanged for Definitive Notes pursuant to this Section 5(b), such Book-Entry Note shall be surrendered by DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream or such other clearing system in which the Book-Entry Note has been deposited to the Registrar to be so exchanged, without charge, and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver as soon as practicable upon such exchange of interests in such Book-Entry Note (and in any event within 45 calendar days after the occurrence of such circumstances), an equal aggregate principal amount or notional amount, as applicable, in authorized denominations, of Definitive Notes. The Definitive Notes exchanged pursuant to this Section 5(b) shall be registered by the Registrar in such names as DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream or such other clearing system shall direct in writing in accordance with its records. If interests in a Definitive

Note are to be exchanged for two or more Definitive Notes of that same Class, or vice versa, such Definitive Note shall be surrendered by the Holder thereof to the Global Agent to be so exchanged, without charge, and the Global Agent shall authenticate and deliver as soon as practicable upon such exchange of interests in such Definitive Notes (and in any event within 45 calendar days after the occurrence of such circumstances), an equal aggregate principal or notional amount, as applicable, in authorized denominations, of such Class of Definitive Notes. The Definitive Notes received in exchange pursuant to this Section 5(b) shall be subject to all other registration and transfer requirements of the Debt Agreement.

(c) Sale of Notes Within and Outside the United States. In respect of an issue of Notes sold in primary distribution both within and outside the United States, an interest in the Book-Entry Note deposited with DTC or its nominee may be exchanged for an interest in the same or one or more other Book-Entry Notes representing Notes sold outside the United States. Similarly, Book-Entry Notes representing Notes sold outside the United States may be exchanged for an interest in the Book-Entry Note deposited with DTC or its nominee upon the request of a Holder to the Registrar. The Registrar shall record the relevant decrease and increase in the principal amounts in authorized denominations, of such respective Book-Entry Notes in the Note Register.

(d) Wiring Instructions upon Surrender for Transfer or Exchange. Every Note presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be accompanied by wiring instructions, if applicable, in the form of Exhibit E. The preceding provisions of this section notwithstanding, the Issuer shall not be required to make, and the Registrar shall not register, transfers or exchanges of Notes called for redemption.

(e) Same Benefits. Until exchanged in full, a Book-Entry Note of a particular issue shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Agreement as Definitive Notes of such issue authenticated and delivered hereunder. If, after any presentation thereof to the Global Agent, the principal or notional amount, as applicable, of Notes represented by any Book-Entry Note of a particular issue is reduced to zero, such Book-Entry Note shall remain outstanding on the records of the Global Agent until the Maturity Date or Early Redemption Date.

(f) Applicable Charges for Transfer or Exchange of Notes. No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange of Notes, but prior to transfer the Registrar or Exchange Administrator may require payment by the transferor of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Notes.

(g) Surrender of Notes. All Notes surrendered for payment, transfer and exchange or redemption shall be marked canceled by the Registrar and retained and destroyed in accordance with its policies and procedures.

(h) Restrictions on Transfer or Exchange of Notes. Upon presentation of any Definitive Notes or Book-Entry Notes, accompanied by a written instrument of assignment and transfer in form set forth in the form of the Note, executed by the registered Holder, in person or by attorney thereunto duly authorized, such Note shall be transferred upon the register for the same and a transferred Note shall be authenticated and registered in the name of the transferee. Transfers and exchanges of Notes may be subject to restrictions set forth herein and shall be set forth in the text of the instrument and subject to such reasonable requirements as may be prescribed by the Issuer.



## **Section 6. Calculations of Payments, Certificate Reports and Tax Reporting.**

(a) Monthly Reference Pool File; Monthly P&I Constant File. The Issuer shall provide to the Global Agent no later than the eighth (8th) Business Day in a month the Monthly Reference Pool File and Monthly P&I Constant File for such month, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibits F and G hereto. In addition, the Issuer shall provide to the Global Agent, on or within two Business Days of the Closing Date, the Issuance Reference Pool File and the P&I Constant File, which shall be in similar format to Exhibits F and G, respectively, as of the Closing Date.

(b) Calculations by Global Agent. The Global Agent shall provide all calculations required in Article III of the Debt Agreement. The Global Agent's determination of any interest rate will, absent manifest error, be binding on the Issuer and the Holders of the relevant Notes. No amendment to the Debt Agreement which may materially or adversely affect the duties or obligations of the Global Agent, as the calculation agent hereunder, shall become effective without the prior written consent of the Global Agent.

(c) Payment Date Statement; Bond File; Reference Pool File; Reconciliation Process. As soon as practicable after the principal and interest payments are determined for the Notes, and in no event less than five (5) Business Days prior to the applicable Payment Date, the Global Agent shall forward to the Issuer at [mso\\_multiclass\\_payment@freddiemac.com](mailto:mso_multiclass_payment@freddiemac.com), the Payment Date Statement, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit H hereto and the Bond File, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit I-1 and Exhibit I-2 hereto, as applicable. The Issuer and Global Agent shall reconcile each payment amount no later than two Business Days prior to a Payment Date. The reconciliation method shall be an agreed upon method between Issuer's and the Global Agent's respective operations groups. The Global Agent shall prepare and make the Payment Date Statement (and, at its option, any additional files containing the same information in an alternative format) and the Reference Pool File for each Payment Date available two Business Days prior to such Payment Date to Holders that provide appropriate certification in the form acceptable to the Global Agent (which may be submitted electronically via the Global Agent's Internet site) and to any designee of Freddie Mac via the Global Agent's Internet site. The Global Agent's Internet site initially is located at "[www.sf.citidirect.com](http://www.sf.citidirect.com)". Parties that are unable to use the above distribution options are entitled to have a paper copy mailed to them via first class mail by calling the customer service desk at (888) 855-9695 and indicating such. The Global Agent may change the way the Global Agent's Payment Date Statement is distributed in order to make such distribution more convenient or more accessible to such persons or entities. The Global Agent shall provide timely and adequate notification to all above parties regarding any such changes. The Global Agent will not be liable for the dissemination of information in accordance with this Agreement.

The Global Agent is entitled to rely on but will not be responsible for the content or accuracy of any information provided by third parties for purposes of preparing the Payment Date Statement and may affix thereto any disclaimer it deems appropriate in its reasonable discretion (without suggesting liability on the part of any other party hereto).

(d) Global Agent to Furnish Tax Information. The Global Agent (or its designated agent) shall furnish, with respect to each Class of Notes, to Freddie Mac and each Holder or Beneficial Owner of Notes such information as required by U.S. federal tax law (including any required Form 1099 reporting) or as Freddie Mac deems necessary or desirable to enable Freddie Mac and Holders and Beneficial Owners of Notes to prepare their U.S. federal income tax returns, if applicable. With respect to each of the Original Class M Notes, the Class B-1 Notes and the MAC Notes, such reporting information shall be in a form substantially similar to, and include the information listed in, the sample forms provided in Exhibit J attached hereto. The information must be furnished in the time and manner specified by applicable law or as reasonably requested by Freddie Mac (including publishing the monthly tax information on a website at least quarterly within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, except with respect to the fair market value information for the Class B-1 Notes, which information is published within 30 days after the end of the calendar year). The Global Agent agrees to prepare such U.S. federal tax reporting information in accordance with the methodology described in “Certain United States Federal Tax Consequences” in the Offering Circular, unless it has been notified otherwise by Freddie Mac.

(e) Preparation of IRS Form 8281 by Global Agent. Additionally, the Global Agent shall prepare Form 8281 to be filed with the IRS for each Original Class M Note issued with OID. For purposes of preparing the Form 8281, the Global Agent will create an OID schedule using the same prepayment assumptions used for tax reporting under Section 1272(a)(6) of the Code. In the event that there is a write down (as described in Section 7(b) of this Agreement) with respect to any Class of Original Class M Notes, such Class of Notes will be treated as reissued with OID at that time (i.e., all remaining stated interest on such Class of Notes will no longer be qualified stated interest), and the Global Agent shall prepare Form 8281 pursuant to the instructions applicable to contingent payment debt instruments with respect to such Original Class M Notes at such time. The Form 8281 must be completed and sent to the Freddie Mac Tax Department by the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the applicable Original Class M Notes are treated as issued or reissued with OID.

(f) Global Agent’s Compliance with Tax Law. The Global Agent (or its designated agent) hereby represents to Freddie Mac and the Exchange Administrator that it will comply with (i) the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act provisions of Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (commonly known as “FATCA”) and (ii) any and all U.S. federal withholding tax requirements and related U.S. federal withholding tax information reporting requirements applicable to any payments made with respect to the Notes, including the collection of any forms, certifications or other statements required to be provided by Holders of Notes to establish any exemption or reduction in U.S. federal withholding tax. In addition, the Global Agent hereby represents to Freddie Mac that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it is treated as a U.S. person, and a properly completed Form W-9 (or other appropriate tax form) has been provided to Freddie Mac on or before the Closing Date of the Original Notes.

## **Section 7.     Payments in Respect of Notes.**

(a) Payment to Global Agent. Freddie Mac shall wire to the Note Collection Account by 12:00 P.M. New York City time one (1) Business Day before the Payment Date pursuant to the wiring instructions set forth in Exhibit K hereto, the principal and interest payments due on the Notes for such Payment Date. For purposes of this paragraph (a), the date on which a payment in

respect of a Note becomes due means the first date on which the Holder of a Note could claim the relevant payment under the Terms of the applicable Note. The Global Agent shall retain on deposit, for the benefit of the Holders, such amount until the related Payment Date. Funds in the Note Collection Account shall not initially be invested in Permitted Investments. To the extent that the Issuer requests in writing that funds in the Note Collection Account be invested in Permitted Investments for the period from each remittance date to the related Payment Date, the Global Agent shall invest such amounts in Permitted Investments selected by the Issuer, which shall mature not later than the related Payment Date. All such Permitted Investments shall be made in the name of the Global Agent for the benefit of the Issuer. All income and gain realized from any Permitted Investment in the Note Collection Account shall be remitted to the Issuer on each Payment Date. The Issuer shall remit to the Global Agent for deposit in the Note Collection Account the amount of any losses incurred in respect of any such investments out of its own funds, without any right of reimbursement therefor, immediately as realized. All payments made hereunder shall be in accordance with the Terms of the applicable Note and the Debt Agreement. To the extent that amounts in the Note Collection Account are invested in Permitted Investments, the Global Agent shall report the income gain or loss to the Issuer in writing within three (3) Business Days of the date on which the gain or loss accrues on the account and send the amount of any such gain to the account designated in a written instruction by Freddie Mac (which instruction may be a standing instruction).

(b) Write-Ups and Write-Downs. On each Payment Date, the Global Agent shall write up or write down the Class Principal Balance or Notional Principal Amount, as applicable, of each Class of Notes, as applicable, as determined pursuant to the Debt Agreement and agreed to by Issuer and the Global Agent.

(c) Notification of Non-Payment. The Global Agent shall forthwith notify Freddie Mac by facsimile (if applicable), e-mail or other rapid means of communication if it has not received the full amount for any payment due in respect of the Notes on the date such payment is due. The Global Agent shall have no liability, responsibility, duty or obligation to any Holder or beneficial owner of Notes to take any action against Issuer in the event that Issuer fails to make available funds sufficient to pay amounts due and payable and owing to any Holder on any Payment Date. The Global Agent shall give issuance instructions to DTC in accordance with DTC's procedures.

(d) Payments by Global Agent. The Global Agent shall, subject to and in accordance with the Terms of the applicable Note and the Debt Agreement, pay or cause to be paid on behalf of Freddie Mac on and after each due date therefor the amount due in respect of the Notes. If any payment provided for in paragraph (a) above is made late but otherwise in accordance with this Agreement the Global Agent will nevertheless make such payments in respect of the Notes. However, unless and until the full amount of any such payment has been made to the Global Agent, the Global Agent shall not be bound to make such payments.

(e) Late Payments. If the Global Agent has not by the due date for any payment in respect of the Notes received the full amount payable on such date but receives it later, it will forthwith give notice on behalf of Freddie Mac to the other agents and the Holders of Notes that it has received such full amount.

(f) Method of Payment to Global Agent. All sums payable to the Global Agent hereunder shall be paid (i) in immediately available or same-day funds to such account with such bank in the principal financial center of the currency in which the Notes are denominated as the Global Agent may specify in a notice to Freddie Mac or (ii) as the Global Agent may from time to time otherwise specify in a notice to Freddie Mac.

(g) Money Held by Global Agent. Money paid by Freddie Mac to the Global Agent for payment of amounts owing with respect to the Notes may be dealt with by the Global Agent in the same manner as other money paid to it as a banker by its customers except that (i) it may not exercise any lien, right of set-off or similar claim in respect of such sums and (ii) except as otherwise set forth in Section 7(a) above, it shall not be liable to anyone for interest on any sums held by it under this Agreement.

(h) Partial Payments. If any payment is due on a Note and only part of such amount that is due is paid, a notation shall be made in the Register of the amount paid and the date of payment.

(i) Cancelled Notes. All Definitive Notes surrendered for payment shall be delivered to the Global Agent. All Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Global Agent. All cancelled Notes held by the Global Agent shall be destroyed, and the Global Agent shall furnish to Freddie Mac upon request a certificate with respect to such destruction.

(j) Binding Payments. All payments of principal of, interest on and other amounts owing with respect to any Notes made on any Payment Date shall be binding upon the Holder of such Notes and of any Notes issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefore or in lieu thereof.

(k) Maturity or Redemption. On any day when a Note matures or is to be redeemed, the Issuer shall transmit, or cause to be transmitted, to the Global Agent, to the account specified in Exhibit K, or such other account that the Global Agent may specify by written notice to Issuer, prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, one Business Day prior to the Payment Date, an amount of immediately available funds sufficient to pay the aggregate amount due on such Note as determined pursuant to the Debt Agreement.

(l) Presentment. The Global Agent shall pay any amounts due on Definitive Notes at the maturity thereof or upon early redemption solely upon presentment. The Global Agent may, without liability to the Issuer, refuse to pay any Note that would result in an overdraft to the account in which the Global Agent holds funds for the payment of the Notes.

## **Section 8. Representations.**

(a) Issuer's Representations and Warranties. The Issuer represents and warrants to the Global Agent that the issuance and delivery of the Notes have been duly and validly authorized by

Issuer and that the Notes, when completed, countersigned for authentication and delivered pursuant hereto, will constitute the valid and legally binding obligations of Issuer.

(b) Global Agent's Representations and Warranties.

(i) The Global Agent represents and warrants that it has duly authorized and properly executed this Agreement, is currently in compliance with this Agreement and with the rules and procedures of DTC, is authorized to act as a custodian for DTC for any DTC Note relating to the Notes, and to serve in all capacities set forth in this Agreement.

(ii) The Global Agent represents and warrants that the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the fulfillment of the terms hereof do not conflict with, result in any breach of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time) a default under, its articles of association or bylaws or any agreement or other instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound; and to its knowledge, there are no proceedings or investigations pending or threatened before any court, regulatory body, administrative agency or other governmental instrumentality having jurisdiction over it or its properties: (A) asserting the invalidity of this Agreement, (B) seeking to prevent the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or (C) seeking any determination or ruling that might materially and adversely affect the performance by it of its obligations under, or the validity or enforceability of, this Agreement.

**Section 9. Conditions of Global Agent's Obligations and Changes in Agents.**

(a) Conditions of Global Agent's Obligations. The Global Agent accepts its obligations set forth herein, upon the terms and conditions hereof, including the following, to all of which Issuer agrees. References to the Global Agent in (i)-(xv) below shall include any agent appointed hereunder.

(i) Compensation. Issuer agrees to promptly pay the Global Agent all compensation as set forth in Exhibit L, hereto, or as otherwise agreed upon with Issuer in writing and to reimburse the Global Agent for the reasonable out of pocket expenses (including but not limited to reasonable counsel fees and expenses) incurred by the Global Agent for all services rendered hereunder during the term of the Agreement. The obligations of Issuer under this Section 9(a)(i) shall survive the termination of this Agreement, including any termination of this Agreement pursuant to any applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law.

(ii) Indemnification. Issuer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Global Agent, its directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all actions, claims, damages, liabilities, judgments, losses, costs, charges and expenses (including legal fees and expenses) relating to or arising out of actions or omissions from actions in any capacity as Global Agent under this Agreement, the Debt Agreement and the Notes, except actions, claims, damages, liabilities, judgments, losses, costs, charges and expenses caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of the Global Agent, its directors, officers, employees or agents. The Global Agent shall incur no liability and shall be indemnified and held harmless by Issuer for any error of judgment made in good faith by the officers and employees of the Global Agent. The

Global Agent shall incur no liability and shall be indemnified and held harmless by Issuer for, or in respect of, any actions taken, omitted to be taken or suffered to be taken in good faith by the Global Agent in reliance upon (A) a written advice or opinion of counsel or (B) any instruction from an Authorized Officer of Issuer. The Global Agent shall not be under any obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any legal action that is not incidental to its responsibilities under this Agreement and that in its opinion may involve it in any expense or liability. The obligations of Issuer under this Section 9(a)(ii) shall survive the termination of this Agreement, including any termination of this Agreement pursuant to any applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law.

(iii) Documents. The Global Agent shall be protected and shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken, omitted to be taken or anything suffered by it in reliance upon any Note, notice, direction, consent, certificate, affidavit, statement or other paper or document (including facsimile (if applicable) or e-mail transmission) reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or submitted by the proper parties.

The Global Agent may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in its reliance upon instructions which shall include any instructions given or confirmed in writing by facsimile (if applicable), e-mail or through a time-sharing terminal given by Issuer or the Exchange Administrator pursuant to this Agreement which the Global Agent believes in good faith to have been given by an Authorized Officer.

(iv) No Liability for Interest. The Global Agent shall not be under any liability for interest on any monies at any time received or held by it pursuant to any of the provisions of this Agreement or of any of the Notes, except as set forth in Section 7.

(v) No Liability for Invalidity. The representations of Issuer contained herein, in the Debt Agreement and in the Offering Circular (except in the Global Agent's certificates of authentication of the Notes) shall be taken as the statements of Issuer, and the Global Agent assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the same. The Global Agent makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Agreement or the Notes except for the Global Agent's due authorization to execute this Agreement. Neither the Global Agent nor any other agent of Issuer shall be accountable for the use or application by Issuer of the proceeds of any Notes authenticated and delivered by the Global Agent in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement and of the Notes.

(vi) No Implied Obligations. The Global Agent shall be obligated to perform such duties and only such duties as are set forth herein and in the Debt Agreement and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement or any of the Notes against the Global Agent. The Global Agent shall not be under any obligation to take any action hereunder which may tend to involve it in any expense or liability the payment or indemnification of which within a reasonable time is not, in its reasonable opinion, assured to it. The Global Agent shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Agreement.

(vii) Receipt of Information. The Global Agent, in acting under this Agreement and in connection with the Notes, shall not use information provided by Freddie Mac in violation of federal and state securities laws.

(viii) Reviews, Assessments and/or Audits by Freddie Mac. Upon reasonable prior notice, the Global Agent shall allow Freddie Mac to review, assess and/or audit, from time to time, its books, records, processes and controls related to this Agreement. Upon reasonable prior notice, the Global Agent will make available to Freddie Mac and/or its auditors its personnel, books, records, facilities and any documentation that would allow Freddie Mac and/or its auditors to assess the security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality and privacy of the Global Agent's systems. The Global Agent will fully cooperate with such reviews, assessments and/or audits implemented.

(ix) Financial Statements and Potentially Adverse Events. The Global Agent will notify Freddie Mac, in accordance with Section 10(d) below, within ten (10) Business Days (or, if notice within 10 Business Days is not legally permitted, then at the earliest legally permissible time) of any of the following: (A) an event or series of events occurs that has or is reasonably likely to have a material adverse impact on the Global Agent's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement; (B) the Global Agent undergoes a material change in its ownership structure or organization, including a merger, consolidation or change of control, whether by operation of law or otherwise; (C) the Global Agent makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or becomes subject to appointment of a trustee, conservator or receiver for it or its property; (D) the Global Agent authorizes the filing of a bankruptcy petition or its equivalent or an involuntary petition of bankruptcy or its equivalent is filed against the Global Agent; or (F) the Global Agent becomes insolvent.

(x) Account of Issuer. The Global Agent, in acting under this Agreement and in connection with the Notes, is acting solely as agent of Issuer and does not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the Holders of the Notes. All funds held by the Global Agent or any other agent of Issuer for payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes shall be held for the benefit of Holders but need not be segregated from other funds except as required by law and as required in this Agreement or the Notes, and shall be applied as set forth herein and in the Debt Agreement for the Notes; provided, however, that, any funds paid by Issuer and held by the Global Agent in respect of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any Notes that remain unclaimed at the end of one year after such principal, premium or interest shall have become due and payable shall be repaid to Issuer by the Global Agent; and provided, further, that the Global Agent shall not be required to repay to Issuer any monies claimed by a Holder of Notes and paid to such Holder prior to the receipt by the Global Agent of express written instructions from Issuer to repay such unclaimed monies. Upon such repayment, Global Agent's obligations with respect to such funds shall terminate and all liability of the Global Agent with respect to such monies shall thereupon cease and the Holder of any such Note shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look only to Issuer for payment thereof.

(xi) Forwarding of Notices. If the Global Agent or any other agent shall receive any notice or demand addressed to Issuer by any Holder of a Note, the Global Agent or such other agent shall promptly forward such notice or demand to Issuer in the manner provided under Section 10(d) hereof. The Global Agent shall give notices to Holders of Notes to the extent required by the Terms of any Notes or the provisions of this Agreement and, in each case, as directed by and pursuant to written instructions of Issuer. Such notices shall be given in the name of and at the expense of Issuer.

(xii) Consultation with Counsel. The Global Agent may consult with counsel satisfactory to it in its reasonable judgment and any action taken, omitted to be taken or suffered by Global Agent in performance of its duties hereunder in accordance with the written advice or opinion of such counsel shall be presumed to be taken in good faith.

(xiii) Communication from Issuer. Unless otherwise provided herein, any order, certificate, notice, request, direction or other communication from Issuer made or given by it under any provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed sufficient if signed by an Authorized Officer of Issuer.

(xiv) Damages. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall the Global Agent be liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits).

(xv) Reliance on Reports. Except as expressly provided herein, nothing herein shall be construed to impose an obligation on the part of the Global Agent to recalculate, evaluate or verify any report, certificate or information received by it from the Issuer or to otherwise monitor the activities of the Issuer.

(b) Changes in Agents.

(i) Appointment and Termination of Appointment. Issuer may at any time appoint additional or alternative agents to provide the service(s) to be provided by the Global Agent hereunder. Issuer may terminate the appointment of the Global Agent or any part of such agency or any other agent by giving to the Global Agent or that agent at least 30 calendar days' written notice to that effect. Issuer may replace the Global Agent in any of its roles hereunder and appoint one or more other authenticating agents, paying agents, transfer agents, registrar or calculation agents for any issuance of the Notes as Issuer may determine; *provided, however*, that until all of the Notes have been delivered to the Global Agent for cancellation and destruction, or monies sufficient to pay the principal and interest, if any, on such Notes have been made available for payment and either paid or returned to Issuer as provided herein, Issuer will at all times maintain a paying agent; and, if and for so long as any Notes are listed on any stock exchange, Issuer shall maintain a paying agent for such Notes at any location such stock exchange may require.

(ii) Resignation. The Global Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Issuer and the Holders.

(iii) Conditions to Resignation and Termination. Subject to paragraph 9(b)(vi) below, no resignation or termination of the appointment of the Global Agent shall take effect until a new agent has been appointed and no resignation or termination of the appointment of an agent shall take effect if there would not then be agents as required by the Terms of any Notes. Issuer shall use its best efforts to appoint a new agent not later than 30 calendar days after Issuer's receipt of the notice of resignation delivered by the Global Agent in accordance with paragraph 9(b)(ii) above. Issuer agrees with the Global Agent that if Issuer fails to appoint a successor within such period, the Global Agent may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a new Global



Agent hereunder and Issuer shall accept the appointment of that bank as the successor to Global Agent.

(iv) Other Agents. The Global Agent may, with the express written consent of Issuer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), appoint by an instrument or instruments in writing one or more agents to act hereunder and, upon written notice with such consent, vary or terminate any such appointment. Issuer (by written notice to the Global Agent and any agent whose appointment is to be terminated) may also terminate any such appointment at any time. In its acceptance of such appointment, each such agent shall agree to act as an agent pursuant this Agreement and the Terms of the Notes. With respect to any agent the Global Agent appoints, the Global Agent shall remain obligated and liable to the Issuer and the Holders for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

(v) Change of Office. If the Global Agent changes the address of its specified office, it shall give Issuer at least sixty (60) calendar days' written notice of the change, giving the new address and the date on which the change is to take effect.

(vi) Automatic Termination. The appointment of the Global Agent shall immediately terminate if it becomes incapable of acting, is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, consents to the appointment of a receiver, administrator or other similar official of all or a substantial part of its property or admits in writing its inability to pay or meet its debts as they mature or suspends payment thereof, if a resolution is passed or an order made for the winding up or dissolution of the Global Agent, a receiver, administrator or other similar official is appointed with respect to all or a substantial part of the Global Agent's property, a court order is entered approving a petition filed by or against it under applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law, or a public officer takes charge or control of the Global Agent or its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation.

(vii) Delivery of Records. If the Global Agent resigns or its appointment is terminated, it shall, on the date on which the resignation or termination takes effect, forward to any new agent any amount held by it for payment in respect of the Notes and deliver to such new agent the records kept by it and all Notes and other records necessary for the administration of and performance of its duties with respect to the Notes held by it pursuant to this Agreement; *provided, however,* that the Global Agent may retain a copy of such records in order to comply with any applicable law, rule or regulation or its own document retention policies.

(viii) Successor Global Agents. Any successor bank or other entity into which the Global Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or which results from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which it is a party, or any entity which succeeds to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of Global Agent, shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be deemed the Global Agent under this Agreement. Such Global Agent shall promptly notify Issuer of any such event.

(ix) Written Notices. The Global Agent shall give Holders of Notes at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of any proposed appointment, termination, resignation or change under paragraphs (i) through (vii) of this Section 9(b) of which it is aware and, as soon as

practicable, written notice of any succession under paragraph (viii) above of which it is aware. Issuer shall give Holders of Notes written notice of any termination under paragraph (vi) above of which it is aware within thirty (30) calendar days of such termination.

## **Section 10. Miscellaneous.**

(a) Amendments. This Agreement may be amended or supplemented by Issuer and the Global Agent, without the consent of the Holder of any Note, for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of correcting or supplementing any provision contained herein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision contained herein or in any other manner that Issuer may deem necessary or desirable and that will not, in the reasonable opinion of Issuer, materially adversely affect the interests of the Holders of the Notes. The Global Agent, may, but shall have no obligation to, agree to any amendment or supplement which adversely affect the rights, privileges, immunities or obligations of the Global Agent. The Issuer will notify the Rating Agencies of any modification, amendment or supplement of this Agreement (which notification shall be effected pursuant to Section 10(d)).

(b) Execution of Additional Agreements. In executing, or accepting the agencies created by, any additional agreement permitted by this Agreement, or the modifications of the agencies created by this Agreement, the Global Agent shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon a written opinion of counsel stating that the execution of such additional agreement is authorized or permitted by this Agreement, that all conditions precedent to such additional agreement have been satisfied and that such additional agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Issuer enforceable in accordance with its terms and subject to customary exceptions.

(c) Governing Law, Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the federal laws of the United States. Insofar as there may be no applicable precedent and insofar as to do so would not frustrate the purposes of the Freddie Mac Act or any provision of this Agreement or the transactions governed thereby, the local laws of the State of New York shall be deemed reflective of the laws of the United States. The parties agree that any judicial proceedings in relation to any matter arising under this Agreement may be instituted against any party to this Agreement in the United States federal courts located in the Borough of Manhattan in such manner as may be permitted by applicable law. EACH PARTY HEREBY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT.

(d) Notices. Any notices pursuant to, or communications with respect to, this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given when delivered in person, or by first class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, or by facsimile (if applicable) or e-mail transmission; provided, however, in the case of any communication by facsimile (if applicable) or e-mail, written confirmation is dispatched within 24 hours by overnight courier,

in the case of the Global Agent, to:

Citibank, N.A.

388 Greenwich Street  
New York, NY 10013  
Attention: Agency & Trust – STACR 2018-HQA1  
Telephone No.: 212-816-5827  
E-mail: [karen.schluter@citi.com](mailto:karen.schluter@citi.com) or call 888-855-9695 and ask for the administer of the STACR 2018-HQA1 transaction

and, in the case of Issuer, to:

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation  
1551 Park Run Drive  
McLean, VA 22102  
Attention: Kevin Palmer, Senior Vice President – Credit Risk Transfer  
Telephone: 571-382-4313  
E-mail: kevin\_palmer@freddiemac.com

with copies to:

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation  
8200 Jones Branch Drive  
McLean, Virginia 22102  
Attention: Vice President—Deputy General Counsel—Mortgage Securitization

or such other address, telephone, facsimile (if applicable) or e-mail as shall be specified in writing by the party in question to the other party hereto.

If the Global Agent and Exchange Administrator are the same entity, then any notices required under this Agreement and the Exchange Administration Agreement from the Global Agent to the Exchange Administrator or vice versa shall be deemed to be given without such notices being sent.

To the extent that Freddie Mac is required to provide any information or notification to the Rating Agencies pursuant to this Agreement, Freddie Mac will cause such information or notification to be posted to the Rating Agencies Information Website. The Global Agent shall not provide any information directly to, or communicate with, either orally or in writing, any Rating Agency or any NRSRO regarding the Notes relevant to such Rating Agency's or NRSRO's surveillance of the Notes, including, but not limited to, providing responses to inquiries from a Rating Agency or NRSRO regarding the Notes. Upon the Global Agent receiving any communication from any Rating Agency or NRSRO regarding the Notes, it shall promptly forward such communication to Freddie Mac.

(e) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, and by each party separately on a separate counterpart, each such counterpart, when so executed and delivered, to be an original. Such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

(f) Cancellation of Unissued Certificates. Upon the written request of Issuer, the Global Agent shall cancel and return to Issuer all unissued Notes in its possession at the time of such request.

(g) Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

(h) Benefit of Agreement. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, their successors and assigns and the Holders of Notes and no other person shall acquire or have any right hereunder by virtue hereof.

(i) Severability. In case any provision in this Agreement or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

(j) Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the exhibits attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Global Agent and the Issuer with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes in all respects all prior proposals, negotiations, communications, discussions and agreements between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement.

(k) Waiver. No amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by each party hereto. No failure or delay on the part of any party in exercising any power or right under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver, nor does any single or partial exercise of any power or right preclude any other or further exercise, or the exercise of any other power or right. Any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which it is given.

(l) Assignment. Subject to Section 9(b)(viii), neither this Agreement nor any right or obligation hereunder may be assigned or transferred by one party to any third party without the express written consent of the other party to this Agreement. Any purported assignment or transfer not in compliance with this provision shall be void and of no force or effect.

(m) Patriot Act. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust or other legal entity the Global Agent will ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. The Global Agent may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Global Agency Agreement as of the date first above written.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Issuer

By: 

Name: Mike S. Reynolds

Title: Vice President

CITIBANK, N.A., as Global Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Karen Schluter

Title: Vice President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Global Agency Agreement as of the date first above written.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Issuer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Mike S. Reynolds  
Title: Vice President

CITIBANK, N.A., as Global Agent

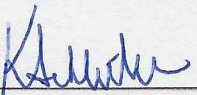
By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Karen Schluter  
Title: Senior Trust Officer

EXHIBIT A

DEBT AGREEMENT

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
**Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR®) Debt Notes,**  
**Series 2018-HQA1**

**STACR® DEBT AGREEMENT**

**STACR® DEBT AGREEMENT** (the “**Agreement**”), dated as of March 28, 2018 between the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“**Freddie Mac**”) and the Holders of the Notes (each as hereinafter defined).

Whereas:

(a) Freddie Mac is a corporate instrumentality of the United States created pursuant to an Act of Congress on July 24, 1970 (Title III of the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, as amended, 12 U.S.C. §§1451-1459, hereinafter referred to as the “**Freddie Mac Act**”), with full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to undertake the obligations undertaken by it herein;

(b) Pursuant to Section 306(a) of the Freddie Mac Act, Freddie Mac is authorized, upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, to borrow, to pay interest or other return, and to issue notes, bonds or other obligations or securities;

(c) To permit Freddie Mac to engage in activities consistent with its statutory purposes, Freddie Mac has authorized the issuance of unsecured general obligations of Freddie Mac; and

(d) Pursuant to this Agreement, Freddie Mac is issuing the Structured Agency Credit Risk (“**STACR®**”) Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1 (the “**Original Notes**”).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, it is hereby agreed that the following terms and conditions of this Agreement shall govern the Notes and the rights and obligations of Freddie Mac and Holders with respect to the Notes.

**ARTICLE I**

**Section 1.     Definitions.**

Whenever used in this Agreement, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires.

*Accounting Net Yield:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation, the related mortgage rate less the related servicing fee rate.

*Accrual Period:* With respect to each Payment Date, the period beginning on and including the prior Payment Date (or, in the case of the first Payment Date, the Closing Date) and ending on and including the day preceding such Payment Date.



*Agreement:* This STACR<sup>®</sup> Debt Agreement dated as of the Closing Date, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

*Beneficial Owner:* The entity or individual that beneficially owns a Note.

*Business Day:* A day other than (i) a Saturday or Sunday or (ii) a day on which the offices of Freddie Mac, the corporate trust offices of the Global Agent or the Exchange Administrator (currently located at 388 Greenwich Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10013), DTC, or the banking institutions in the City of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to be closed.

*Citibank:* Citibank, N.A.

*Class:* A class of Original Notes or MAC Notes issued under this Agreement or a class of Reference Tranche established under this Agreement, as the case may be.

*Class Coupon:* The Class Coupon on each Class of Notes and the Class B-2H Reference Tranche for any Accrual Period will be as set forth in *Appendix I* for the Original Notes and the Class B-2H Reference Tranche and *Appendix II* for the MAC Notes; provided that in no event shall the Class Coupon for any Note or the Class B-2H Reference Tranche be less than 0%. The Class B-2H Reference Tranche is not a Note; however, it is deemed to bear interest at the Class Coupon shown in Appendix I solely for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts.

*Class Coupon Formula:* The formula specified for each Class of variable rate Notes and the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, as set forth in *Appendix I* for the Original Notes and the Class B-2H Reference Tranche and *Appendix II* for the MAC Notes.

*Class Notional Amount:* With respect to each Class of Reference Tranche as of any Payment Date, a notional amount equal to the initial Class Notional Amount of such Class of Reference Tranche, *minus* the aggregate amount of Senior Reduction Amounts and/or Subordinate Reduction Amounts allocated to such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates, *minus* the aggregate amount of Tranche Write-down Amounts allocated to reduce the Class Notional Amount of such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date and on all prior Payment Dates, and *plus* the aggregate amount of Tranche Write-up Amounts allocated to increase the Class Notional Amount of such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date and on all prior Payment Dates. For the avoidance of doubt, no Tranche Write-up Amount or Tranche Write-down Amount will be applied twice on the same Payment Date.

*Class Principal Balance:* With respect to each Class of Original Notes, as of any Payment Date, the maximum dollar amount of principal to which the Holders of such Class of Notes are then entitled, with such amount being equal to the initial Class Principal Balance of such Class of Notes as set forth in *Appendix I*, *minus* the aggregate amount of principal paid by Freddie Mac on such Class of Notes on such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates, *minus* the aggregate amount of Tranche Write-down Amounts allocated to reduce the Class Principal Balance of such

Class of Notes on such Payment Date and on all prior Payment Dates, and *plus* the aggregate amount of Tranche Write-up Amounts allocated to increase the Class Principal Balance of such Class of Notes on such Payment Date and on all prior Payment Dates (in each case without regard to any exchange of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes). The Class Principal Balance of each Class of Original Notes shall at all times equal the Class Notional Amount of the Reference Tranche that corresponds to such Class of Notes. For the avoidance of doubt, no Tranche Write-up Amount or Tranche Write-down Amount will be applied twice on the same Payment Date.

The Class Principal Balance as of any Payment Date of each outstanding Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal will be equal to the outstanding Class Principal Balance or aggregate outstanding Class Principal Balance as of such Payment Date of the portion or portions of the related Class or Classes of Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such Class of MAC Notes (including any related Class or Classes of MAC Notes further exchanged for other MAC Notes in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5).

*Clearstream:* Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, which holds securities for its participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its participants.

*Closing Date:* March 28, 2018.

*Closing Date Deemed Exchange:* The deemed exchange, on the Closing Date, of the applicable amounts of the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes for the applicable amount of the Class M-2 Notes identified to the Exchange Administrator on or prior to the Closing Date.

*Combination:* The available modifications and combinations of Exchangeable Notes to be exchanged for MAC Notes, and vice versa, shown in *Appendix II*.

*Commission:* The United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

*Common Depositary:* The common depositary for Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any other applicable clearing system, which will hold Common Depositary Notes on behalf of Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any such other applicable clearing system.

*Common Depositary Notes:* Book-entry Notes that are deposited with a Common Depositary and that will clear and settle through the systems operated by Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any such other applicable clearing system other than DTC.

*Corresponding Class of Reference Tranches:* With respect to (i) the Class M-1 Notes, the Class M-1 Reference Tranche, (ii) the Class M-2A Notes, the Class M-2A Reference Tranche, (iii) the Class M-2B Notes, the Class M-2B Reference Tranche and (iv) the Class B-1 Notes, the Class B-1 Reference Tranche.

*Credit Event:* With respect to any Payment Date on or before the Termination Date and any Reference Obligation means the first to occur of any of the following events with respect to

such Reference Obligation being reported by the applicable servicer to Freddie Mac during the related Reporting Period: (i) a short sale is settled, (ii) a seriously delinquent Mortgage Note is sold prior to foreclosure, (iii) the Mortgaged Property that secured the related Mortgage Note is sold to a third party at a foreclosure sale, (iv) an REO disposition occurs, or (v) the related Mortgage Note is charged off. With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, there can only be one occurrence of a Credit Event; provided that one additional separate Credit Event can occur with respect to each instance of such Credit Event Reference Obligation becoming a Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligation.

*Credit Event Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the aggregate amount of the Credit Event UPBs of all Credit Event Reference Obligations for the related Reporting Period.

*Credit Event Net Gain:* With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) the related Net Liquidation Proceeds; over (b) the sum of (i) the related Credit Event UPB; (ii) the total amount of prior principal forgiveness modifications, if any, on the related Credit Event Reference Obligation; and (iii) delinquent accrued interest thereon, calculated at the related Current Accrual Rate from the related last paid interest date through the date Freddie Mac determines such Reference Obligation has been reported as a Credit Event Reference Obligation.

*Credit Event Net Loss:* With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) the sum of: (i) the related Credit Event UPB; (ii) the total amount of prior principal forgiveness modifications, if any, on the related Credit Event Reference Obligation; and (iii) delinquent accrued interest thereon, calculated at the related Current Accrual Rate from the related last paid interest date through the date Freddie Mac determines such Reference Obligation has been reported as a Credit Event Reference Obligation, over (b) the related Net Liquidation Proceeds.

*Credit Event Reference Obligation:* With respect to any Payment Date any Reference Obligation with respect to which a Credit Event has occurred.

*Credit Event UPB:* With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, the unpaid principal balance thereof as of the end of the Reporting Period related to the Payment Date that it became a Credit Event Reference Obligation.

*Cumulative Net Loss Percentage:* With respect to each Payment Date, a percentage equal to (i) the Principal Loss Amount for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates less the Principal Recovery Amount for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates; divided by (ii) the aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations in the Reference Pool as of the Cut-off Date.

*Cumulative Net Loss Test:* With respect to any Payment Date, a test that will be satisfied if the Cumulative Net Loss Percentage does not exceed the applicable percentage indicated below:

<b><u>Payment Date occurring in the period</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage</u></b>
April 2018 to March 2019	0.10%
April 2019 to March 2020	0.20%
April 2020 to March 2021	0.30%
April 2021 to March 2022	0.40%

April 2022 to March 2023	0.50%
April 2022 to March 2024	0.60%
April 2024 to March 2025	0.70%
April 2025 to March 2026	0.80%
April 2026 to March 2027	0.90%
April 2027 to March 2028	1.00%
April 2028 to March 2029	1.10%
April 2029 to March 2030	1.20%
April 2030 and thereafter	1.30%

*Current Accrual Rate:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation, the lesser of (i) the related current Accounting Net Yield; and (ii) the related current mortgage rate thereon (as adjusted for any modifications) minus 0.35%.

*CUSIP Number:* A unique nine-character designation assigned to each Class of Notes by the CUSIP Service Bureau and used to identify each Class of Notes on the records of the DTC.

*Cut-off Date:* Close of business on February 15, 2018.

*Cut-off Date Balance:* \$40,102,078,191; the initial aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations as of the Cut-off Date.

*Dealer:* Each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Barclays Capital Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Nomura Securities International, Inc. and CastleOak Securities, L.P.

*Delinquency Test:* For any Payment Date, a test that will be satisfied if (a) the sum of the Distressed Principal Balance for the current Payment Date and each of the preceding five Payment Dates, divided by six or, in the case of any Payment Date prior to the sixth Payment Date after the Closing Date, the sum of the Distressed Principal Balance for the current Payment Date and each of the preceding Payment Dates, divided by the number of Payment Dates since the Closing Date is less than (b) 50% of the amount by which (i) the product of (x) the Subordinate Percentage and (y) the aggregate UPB of the Reference Obligations as of the preceding Payment Date; exceeds (ii) the Principal Loss Amount for the current Payment Date.

*Depository:* DTC or any successor.

*Distressed Principal Balance:* For any Payment Date, the sum, without duplication, of the UPB of Reference Obligations that meet any of the following criteria: (a) Reference Obligations that are 60 days or more delinquent; (b) Reference Obligations that are in foreclosure, bankruptcy, or REO status; or (c) Reference Obligations that were modified in the 12 months preceding the end of the related Reporting Period.

*DTC:* The Depository Trust Company, a limited-purpose trust company, which holds securities for DTC Participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of transactions between DTC participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of DTC participants.

*DTC Participants:* Participants in the DTC System.

*DTC Notes:* Notes cleared, settled and maintained on the DTC System, registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. All of the Notes will be DTC Notes at issuance.

*DTC System:* The book-entry system of DTC.

*Early Redemption Date:* The Payment Date on which the Original Notes are redeemed by Freddie Mac pursuant to its Early Redemption Option.

*Early Redemption Option:* Freddie Mac's right to redeem the Original Notes prior to the Maturity Date on any Payment Date at the earlier of (a) on or after the Payment Date on which the aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations is less than or equal to 10% of the Cut-off Date Balance of the Reference Pool; or (b) on or after the Payment Date in March 2028, by paying an amount equal to the outstanding Class Principal Balance, after allocation of the Tranche Write-down Amount or Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date, of each Class of Original Notes (without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), plus accrued and unpaid interest. If on the Early Redemption Date a Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal is outstanding, all principal amounts that are payable by Freddie Mac on Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) will be allocated to and payable on such MAC Notes in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination.

*Eligibility Criteria:* With respect to each Reference Obligation, the following:

(a) is a fully amortizing, fixed rate, one- to four-unit, first lien Mortgage Loan, which has an original term of 241 to 360 months;

(b) was originated on or after January 1, 2017;

(c) has not been prepaid in full as of March 2, 2018;

(d) as of March 2, 2018, the servicer has not reported that the borrower of such Reference Obligation has filed for bankruptcy;

(e) has not been repurchased by the applicable seller or servicer as of March 2, 2018;

(f) has no Underwriting Defects, Major Servicing Defects, Minor Servicing Defects, Unconfirmed Underwriting Defects or Unconfirmed Servicing Defects found in Freddie Mac's internal quality control process as of March 2, 2018;

(g) as of January 31, 2018, has never been reported to be 30 days or more delinquent since purchase by Freddie Mac;

(h) was originated with documentation as described under "*General Mortgage Loan Purchase and Servicing — Underwriting Standards — Documentation*" in the Offering Circular;

- (i) is not covered by pool insurance;
- (j) has an original loan-to-value ratio that is (i) greater than 80% and (ii) less than or equal to 97%;
- (k) has an original combined loan-to-value ratio that is less than or equal to 97%;
- (l) subject to any applicable TOBs or certain pilot programs, is not subject to recourse or other credit enhancement;
- (m) was not originated under Freddie Mac's Relief Refinance program (including the Home Affordable Refinance Program ("HARP") which is FHFA's name for Freddie Mac's relief refinance program for mortgages with an LTV greater than 80%);
- (n) was not associated with a mortgage revenue bond purchased by Freddie Mac;
- (o) had an original principal balance greater than or equal to \$5,000; and
- (p) was not originated under a government program (e.g., FHA, VA or Guaranteed Rural Housing loans).

*Euroclear:* Euroclear System, a depositary that holds securities for its participants and clears and settles transactions between its participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment.

*Event of Default:* As defined in Section 5.01.

*Exchange Act:* The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

*Exchange Administrator:* The entity selected by Freddie Mac to act as its exchange administrator for the Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes, which as of the Closing Date is Citibank.

*Exchange Administration Agreement:* The exchange administration agreement dated as of the Closing Date between Freddie Mac and the Exchange Administrator relating to the administration of the exchange of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes and vice versa (including any exchanges of a Class of MAC Notes for other Classes of MAC Notes).

*Exchangeable Notes:* The Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes.

*FHFA:* The Federal Housing Finance Agency.

*Financial Intermediary:* Each brokerage firm, bank, thrift institution or other financial intermediary that maintains the account for each person who owns a beneficial ownership interest in the Notes issued in global form.

*Freddie Mac:* Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, a stockholder-owned company chartered by Congress pursuant to the Freddie Mac Act.

*Freddie Mac Act:* Title III of the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, as amended, 12 U.S.C. §§1451-1459.

*Global Agency Agreement:* The global agency agreement between Freddie Mac and the Global Agent, dated as of the Closing Date.

*Global Agent:* The entity selected by Freddie Mac to act as its global, calculating, transfer, authenticating and paying agent for the Original Notes, which as of the Closing Date is Citibank, and who will act as calculating, authenticating and paying agent with respect to the MAC Notes pursuant to the direction of the Exchange Administrator.

*Holder:* In the case of (i) DTC Notes, DTC or its nominee; (ii) Common Depositary Notes, the Common Depositary, or its nominee, in whose name the Notes are registered on behalf of a related clearing system; and (iii) Notes in definitive registered form, the person or entity in whose name such Notes are registered in the Register.

*ICE Method:* The method used to calculate One-Month LIBOR, as described in Section 3.05.

*Initial Exchange Date:* The 15th day following the Closing Date (or if such 15th day is not a Business Day, the next Business Day).

*Interest Accrual Amount:* With respect to each outstanding Class of Notes (and, for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts, the Class B-2H Reference Tranche) and any Payment Date, an amount equal to the accrued interest at the Class Coupon on the Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) of each Class of Notes (and, for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, on the Class Notional Amount of the Class B-2H Reference Tranche) immediately prior to such Payment Date.

*Interest Payment Amount:* With respect to each outstanding Class of Notes and any Payment Date, the Interest Accrual Amount for such Class of Notes, less any Modification Loss Amount for such Payment Date allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount owed for such Class of Notes pursuant to Section 3.03(f) hereof, or plus any Modification Gain Amount for such Payment Date allocated to increase the Interest Payment Amount of such Class of Notes pursuant to Section 3.03(g) hereof.

*Interest Only MAC Notes:* The Class M-2AI, Class M-2BI and Class M-2I Notes shown on *Appendix II*.

*Investment Advisers Act:* The Investment Advisers Act of 1940.



*Investment Company Act:* The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

*Issuer:* Freddie Mac as issuer of the Notes and any successor to the obligations of Freddie Mac under the Original Notes.

*Junior Reference Tranches:* The Class B-1, Class B-1H and Class B-2H Reference Tranches.

*LIBOR Adjustment Date:* With respect to any Payment Date, the second business day before the related Accrual Period begins. For this purpose, a “business day” is a day on which banks are open for dealing in foreign currency and exchange in London, New York City and Washington, D.C.

*Liquidation Proceeds:* With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, all cash amounts (including sales proceeds, net of selling expenses), received in connection with the liquidation of the Credit Event Reference Obligation.

*LTV:* The loan-to-value ratio which is a ratio of (a) the total principal balance of a Mortgage Loan to (b) the value of the Mortgaged Property at origination.

*MAC Notes:* The Classes of Modifiable And Combinable STACR<sup>®</sup> Notes shown on Appendix II.

*Major Servicing Defect:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation for which Freddie Mac has determined the existence of an Unconfirmed Servicing Defect, the occurrence of any of the following: (a) the related servicer repurchased such Reference Obligation or made Freddie Mac whole resulting in a full recovery of losses incurred (“**Make-whole**”) during the related Reporting Period; (b) the party responsible for the representations and warranties and/or servicing obligations or liabilities with respect to the Reference Obligation becomes subject to a bankruptcy, an insolvency proceeding or a receivership; or (c) inappropriate cancellation of the mortgage insurance policy, provided that the servicer has not reinstated the related policy or otherwise assumed the obligations of the related mortgage insurance policy. Reference Obligations covered under servicing settlements will not result in Major Servicing Defects, excluding Reference Obligations for which (c) above applies.

*Make-whole:* As defined within the definition of “Major Servicing Defect” above.

*Maturity Date:* The Payment Date in September 2030.

*MBA Delinquency Method:* Under the MBA Delinquency Method, a loan due on the first of the month is considered 30 days delinquent when all or part of one or more payments remains unpaid as of close of business on the last Business Day of such month.

*Mezzanine Reference Tranches:* The Class M-1, Class M-1H, Class M-2A, Class M-2AH, Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches.



*Minimum Credit Enhancement Test:* With respect to any Payment Date, a test that will be satisfied if the Subordinate Percentage is greater than or equal to 4.25%.

*Minor Servicing Defect:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation for which Freddie Mac has determined the existence of an Unconfirmed Servicing Defect, the occurrence of a remedy, other than by repurchase or Make-whole that is mutually agreed upon by both Freddie Mac and the related servicer that results in a recovery of the damages sustained by Freddie Mac on such Reference Obligation as a result of the Unconfirmed Servicing Defect. No Reference Obligation will be removed from the Reference Pool as a result of the determination of a Minor Servicing Defect, and any such Reference Obligations will remain eligible to become subject to an Underwriting Defect or Major Servicing Defect.

*Modification Event:* With respect to any Reference Obligation, a forbearance or mortgage rate modification relating to such Reference Obligation.

*Modification Excess:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation that has experienced a Modification Event, the excess, if any, of: (a) one-twelfth of the Current Accrual Rate multiplied by the interest bearing unpaid principal balance (the “UPB”) of such Reference Obligation; over (b) one-twelfth of the Original Accrual Rate multiplied by the UPB of such Reference Obligation.

*Modification Gain Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the aggregate Modification Excess over the aggregate Modification Shortfall for such Payment Date.

*Modification Loss Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the aggregate Modification Shortfall over the aggregate Modification Excess for such Payment Date.

*Modification Shortfall:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation that has experienced a Modification Event, the excess, if any, of: (a) one-twelfth of the Original Accrual Rate multiplied by the UPB of such Reference Obligation; over (b) one-twelfth of the Current Accrual Rate multiplied by the interest bearing UPB of such Reference Obligation.

*Morningstar:* Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC, and its successors.

*Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Credit Event Reference Obligation, the amount that Freddie Mac reports is payable under any effective mortgage insurance policy (or, if the servicer has assumed the obligation of the related mortgage insurance company after an inappropriate cancellation of the related policy, the amount payable by such servicer) relating to such Credit Event Reference Obligation; provided, that such Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount will be limited to the amount that would be necessary to reduce to zero any Credit Event Net Gain and Credit Event Net Loss (in each case as calculated after taking into account any subsequent losses on such Credit Event Reference Obligation as contemplated under clause (c) of the definition of Principal Loss Amount and any subsequent recoveries on such Credit Event Reference Obligation as contemplated under clause (b) of the definition of Principal Recovery Amount) that would otherwise result for such Credit Event Reference Obligation on such Payment Date. If it is subsequently determined that the Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount

with respect to any previous Payment Date should have been a different amount based upon additional information received by Freddie Mac after such Payment Date, such difference will be treated as a subsequent loss under clause (c) of the definition of Principal Loss Amount (if the amount should have been lower) or a subsequent recovery under clause (b) of the definition of Principal Recovery Amount (if the amount should have been higher or if the Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount was limited pursuant to the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence and the amount actually received by Freddie Mac pursuant to the related mortgage insurance policy was greater than such limited amount, such difference will be so treated as a subsequent recovery). Any Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount reported by Freddie Mac will be included as a component of Net Liquidation Proceeds irrespective of Freddie Mac's receipt of such amounts from the related mortgage insurance company. The Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount will not be reduced or otherwise affected irrespective of (i) any insolvency of the related mortgage insurance company or (ii) any settlement or agreement between Freddie Mac and the related mortgage insurance company resulting in the reduction in a claim payment or the commutation or cancellation of coverage under the related mortgage insurance policy. For the avoidance of doubt, clause (ii) in the immediately preceding sentence excludes settlements or agreements related to the transfer of a Mortgage Note to a third party. The Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount with respect to any Reference Obligation will be deemed to be zero in the event that the related Mortgage Note is transferred to a third party. In such event, any proceeds received from the related mortgage insurance company in connection with the commutation or cancellation of mortgage insurance for any related Mortgage Note with an effective mortgage insurance policy will be included as a component of Liquidation Proceeds.

*Mortgage Loan:* Reference Obligations evidenced by promissory notes or other similar evidences of indebtedness secured by first mortgages, deeds of trust or similar security instruments on residential properties.

*Mortgage Note:* A promissory note or other similar evidences of indebtedness.

*Mortgaged Property:* Residential properties consisting of one- to four-family dwelling units, townhouses, individual condominium units, individual units in planned unit developments, individual cooperative units or manufactured homes or leaseholds.

*Net Liquidation Proceeds:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Credit Event Reference Obligation, the sum of the related Liquidation Proceeds, any Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount, and any proceeds received from the related servicer in connection with a Minor Servicing Defect (except for those included in Modification Excess), less related expenses, credits and reimbursement of advances, including but not limited to taxes and insurance, legal costs, maintenance and preservation costs; provided, however, to the extent that any such proceeds are received in connection with a Minor Servicing Defect resulting from a servicer's mishandling of a mortgage insurance claim, such proceeds shall not be included in the Net Liquidation Proceeds.

*Notes:* The Original Notes and the MAC Notes.

*Notional Principal Amount:* For calculating interest payments, on each Class of outstanding Interest Only MAC Notes as of any Payment Date, an amount equal to the outstanding

Class Principal Balance as of such Payment Date of the portion of the related Class of Exchangeable Notes (or the Class M-2 Notes pursuant to Combination 1) that was exchanged for such Interest Only MAC Note.

*NRSRO*: A nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

*Offering Circular*: The Freddie Mac STACR® Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1 Offering Circular dated March 20, 2018 (including any related Supplement thereto).

*One-Month LIBOR*: As defined in Section 3.05.

*Original Accrual Rate*: With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation, the lesser of (i) the related Accounting Net Yield as of the Cut-off Date; and (ii) the related mortgage rate as of the Cut-off Date minus 0.35%.

*Original Class M Notes*: The Class M-1, Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes.

*Original Notes*: The Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B and Class B-1 Notes.

*Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement*: Any settlement (which settlement only relates to claims arising from breaches of origination/selling representations and warranties or breaches of servicing obligations) that Freddie Mac enters into with a seller or servicer in lieu of requiring such seller or servicer to repurchase a specified pool of Mortgage Loans that include, among others, one or more Reference Obligations, as a result of breaches of origination/selling representations or warranties or as a result of breaches of servicing obligations whereby Freddie Mac has received the agreed-upon settlement proceeds from such seller or servicer. For the avoidance of doubt, any Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement will only relate to breaches of either (i) origination/selling representations and warranties or (ii) servicing obligations, but not both.

*Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Amount*: (I) with respect to the Payment Date in the month after the calendar month in which an Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement occurs, the lesser of (a) the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses of the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates, less the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses of the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations that were Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligations for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates; and (b) the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Loan Allocation Amount (Cap); and, (II), with respect to each Payment Date thereafter, the lesser of (a) the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses of the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations for such Payment Date; and (b) the maximum of: (i) zero; and (ii) the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Loan Allocation Amount (Cap), less the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Amount for all prior Payment Dates.

*Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Loan Allocation Amount (Cap):* With respect to any Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement, an amount equal to the greater of (A) zero or (B)(1) the sum of the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement proceeds determined to be attributable to the Reference Obligations (such determination to be made by Freddie Mac at or about the time of the settlement) minus (2) the aggregate amount of unreimbursed Credit Event Net Losses on such Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations that Freddie Mac identified as having Underwriting Defects or Major Servicing Defects, as applicable, through the related Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement date (exclusive of the related settlement proceeds).

*Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations:* Reference Obligations (including Credit Event Reference Obligations) that are covered by an Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement.

*Overcollateralization Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, an amount equal to (a) the aggregate amount of Write-up Excesses for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates, minus (b) the aggregate amount of Write-up Excesses used to offset Tranche Write-down Amounts on all prior Payment Dates.

*Payment Date:* The 25<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month (or, if not a Business Day, the following Business Day), commencing in April 2018.

*Preliminary Class Notional Amount:* With respect to each Reference Tranche, the amount which is equal to the Class Notional Amount of such Reference Tranche immediately prior to such Payment Date, after the application of the Preliminary Tranche Write-down Amount in accordance with the same priorities set forth in Section 3.03(b) hereof, and after the application of the Preliminary Tranche Write-up Amount in accordance with the same priorities set forth in the Section 3.03(c) hereof.

*Preliminary Principal Loss Amount:* The amount which is equal to the Principal Loss Amount computed without giving effect to clause (d) of the definition of Principal Loss Amount.

*Preliminary Tranche Write-down Amount:* The amount which is equal to the Tranche Write-down Amount computed using the Preliminary Principal Loss Amount instead of the Principal Loss Amount.

*Preliminary Tranche Write-up Amount:* The amount which is equal to the Tranche Write-up Amount computed using the Preliminary Principal Loss Amount instead of the Principal Loss Amount.

*Principal Loss Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the sum of: (a) the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses for all Credit Event Reference Obligations for the related Reporting Period; (b) the aggregate amount of court-approved principal reductions

(“**cramdowns**”) on the Reference Obligations in the related Reporting Period; (c) subsequent losses on any Reference Obligation that became a Credit Event Reference Obligation on a prior Payment Date; and (d) amounts included in the *second, fourth, seventh, eighth* and *tenth* priorities set forth in Section 3.03(f) hereof.

*Principal Recovery Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the sum of: (a) the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses for all Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligations for the related Reporting Period; (b) subsequent recoveries on any Reference Obligation that became a Credit Event Reference Obligation on a prior Payment Date; (c) the aggregate amount of the Credit Event Net Gains of all Credit Event Reference Obligations for the related Reporting Period; (d) the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Amount for such Payment Date; and (e) the Projected Recovery Amount.

*Projected Recovery Amount:* The fair value of the estimated amount of future subsequent recoveries, determined by Freddie Mac on the Termination Date, at its sole discretion, on the Credit Event Reference Obligations.

*Qualified Institutional Buyer:* (i) Any of the following entities, acting for its own account or the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers, that in the aggregate owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least \$100 million in securities of issuers that are not affiliated with the entity:

(A) Any *insurance company* as defined in section 2(13) of the Securities Act; Note: A purchase by an insurance company for one or more of its separate accounts, as defined by section 2(a)(37) of the Investment Company Act, which are neither registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act nor required to be so registered, shall be deemed to be a purchase for the account of such insurance company;

(B) Any *investment company* registered under the Investment Company Act or any *business development company* as defined in section 2(a)(48) of the Investment Company Act;

(C) Any *Small Business Investment Company* licensed by the U.S. Small Business Administration under section 301(c) or (d) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958;

(D) Any *plan* established and maintained by a state, its political subdivisions, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or its political subdivisions, for the benefit of its employees;

(E) Any *employee benefit plan* within the meaning of Title I of ERISA;

(F) Any trust fund whose trustee is a bank or trust company and whose participants are exclusively plans of the types identified in sub-clauses (D) or (E) above, except trust funds that include as participants individual retirement accounts or H.R. 10 plans;

(G) Any *business development company* as defined in section 202(a)(22) of the Investment Advisers Act;

(H) Any organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code, corporation (other than a bank as defined in section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act or a savings and loan association or other institution referenced in section 3(a)(5)(A) of the Securities Act or a foreign bank or savings and loan association or equivalent institution), partnership, or Massachusetts or similar business trust; and

(I) Any *investment adviser* registered under the Investment Advisers Act.

(ii) Any *dealer* registered pursuant to section 15 of the Exchange Act, acting for its own account or the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers, that in the aggregate owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least \$10 million of securities of issuers that are not affiliated with the dealer, *provided*, that securities constituting the whole or a part of an unsold allotment to or subscription by a dealer as a participant in a public offering shall not be deemed to be owned by such dealer;

(iii) Any *dealer* registered pursuant to section 15 of the Exchange Act acting in a riskless principal transaction on behalf of a Qualified Institutional Buyer;

Note: A registered dealer may act as agent, on a non-discretionary basis, in a transaction with a Qualified Institutional Buyer without itself having to be a Qualified Institutional Buyer.

(iv) Any investment company registered under the Investment Company Act, acting for its own account or for the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers, that is part of a family of investment companies which own in the aggregate at least \$100 million in securities of issuers, other than issuers that are affiliated with the investment company or are part of such family of investment companies. *Family of investment companies* means any two or more investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act, except for a unit investment trust whose assets consist solely of shares of one or more registered investment companies, that have the same investment adviser (or, in the case of unit investment trusts, the same depositor), provided that, for purposes of this sub-clause:

(A) Each series of a series company (as defined in Rule 18f-2 under the Investment Company Act) shall be deemed to be a separate investment company; and

(B) Investment companies shall be deemed to have the same adviser (or depositor) if their advisers (or depositors) are majority-owned subsidiaries of the same parent, or if one investment company's adviser (or depositor) is a majority-owned subsidiary of the other investment company's adviser (or depositor);

(v) Any entity, all of the equity owners of which are Qualified Institutional Buyers, acting for its own account or the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers; and

(vi) Any *bank* as defined in section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act, any savings and loan association or other institution as referenced in section 3(a)(5)(A) of the Securities Act, or any foreign bank or savings and loan association or equivalent institution, acting for its own account or the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers, that in the aggregate owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least \$100 million in securities of issuers that are not affiliated with it and

that has an audited net worth of at least \$25 million as demonstrated in its latest annual financial statements, as of a date not more than 16 months preceding the date of sale under the Rule in the case of a U.S. bank or savings and loan association, and not more than 18 months preceding such date of sale for a foreign bank or savings and loan association or equivalent institution.

*Rating Agencies:* Fitch and Morningstar.

*Rating Agencies Information Website:* The internet website with respect to the Notes, initially located at [www.structuredfn.com](http://www.structuredfn.com), access to which is limited to the Rating Agencies and NRSROs who have been provided access.

*Record Date:* With respect to each Payment Date, (i) the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding that Payment Date, with respect to Notes issued in global form, and (ii) the close of business on the last Business Day of the preceding month, with respect to definitive Notes.

*Recovery Principal:* With respect to any Payment Date, the sum of (a) the excess, if any, of the Credit Event Amount for such Payment Date, over the Tranche Write-down Amount for such Payment Date; and (b) the Tranche Write-up Amount for such Payment Date.

*Reference Obligations:* The residential mortgage loans identified on [http://www.freddiemac.com/creditriskofferings/security\\_data.html](http://www.freddiemac.com/creditriskofferings/security_data.html).

*Reference Pool:* All of the Reference Obligations, collectively.

*Reference Pool Removal:* A Reference Obligation removed from the Reference Pool because (i) the Reference Obligation becomes a Credit Event Reference Obligation; (ii) the Reference Obligation is paid in full; (iii) of the identification and final determination, through Freddie Mac's quality control process, of an Underwriting Defect or Major Servicing Defect relating to the Reference Obligation; (iv) of the discovery of a violation of the Eligibility Criteria for such Reference Obligation; or (v) the Reference Obligation is seized pursuant to any special eminent domain proceeding brought by any federal, state or local government instrumentality with the intent to provide relief to financially-distressed borrowers with negative equity in the underlying mortgage loan. Reference Obligations will not be removed from the Reference Pool if they undergo a temporary or permanent modification and they do not meet any other criteria in the prior sentence to be removed.

*Reference Tranches:* Ten (10) classes of "hypothetical" tranches deemed to be backed by the Reference Pool, referred to as Class A-H, Class M-1, Class M-1H, Class M-2A, Class M-2AH, Class M-2B, Class M-2BH, Class B-1, Class B-1H and Class B-2H Reference Tranches, with the following initial Class Notional Amounts:



<b><u>Classes of Reference Tranches</u></b>	<b><u>Initial Class Notional Amount</u></b>
Class A-H	\$38,497,995,063
Class M-1 and Class M-1H <sup>(1)</sup>	\$320,816,625
Class M-2A and Class M-2AH <sup>(2)</sup>	\$441,122,860
Class M-2B and Class M-2BH <sup>(3)</sup>	\$441,122,861
Class B-1 and Class B-1H <sup>(4)</sup>	\$200,510,391
Class B-2H	\$200,510,391

(1) Pursuant to the hypothetical structure, the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches are *pro rata* with each other. The initial Class Notional Amount shown is the aggregate amount for the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches combined. The initial Class Notional Amount of the Class M-1 Reference Tranche is \$225,000,000 (which corresponds to the initial Class Principal Balance of the Class M-1 Notes) and the initial Class Notional Amount for the Class M-1H Reference Tranche is \$95,816,625.

(2) Pursuant to the hypothetical structure, the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches are *pro rata* with each other. The initial Class Notional Amount shown is the aggregate amount for the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches combined. The initial Class Notional Amount of the Class M-2A Reference Tranche is \$310,000,000 (which corresponds to the initial Class Principal Balance of the Class M-2A Notes) and the initial Class Notional Amount for the Class M-2AH Reference Tranche is \$131,122,860.

(3) Pursuant to the hypothetical structure, the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches are *pro rata* with each other. The initial Class Notional Amount shown is the aggregate amount for the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches combined. The initial Class Notional Amount of the Class M-2B Reference Tranche is \$310,000,000 (which corresponds to the initial Class Principal Balance of the Class M-2B Notes) and the initial Class Notional Amount for the Class M-2BH Reference Tranche is \$131,122,861.

(4) Pursuant to the hypothetical structure, the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches are *pro rata* with each other. The initial Class Notional Amount shown is the aggregate amount for the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches combined. The initial Class Notional Amount of the Class B-1 Reference Tranche is \$140,000,000 (which corresponds to the initial Class Principal Balance of the Class B-1 Notes) and the initial Class Notional Amount for the Class B-1H Reference Tranche is \$60,510,391.

*Register:* A register of the Holders of Notes maintained by the Global Agent.

*Registrar:* Citibank or its successor in interest.

*Reporting Period:* With respect to any Payment Date and for purposes of making calculations with respect to the hypothetical structure and the Reference Tranches as set forth in this Agreement:



(a) in the case of all principal collections, other than full prepayments, on the Reference Obligations, the period from and including the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the second calendar month preceding the month in which such Payment Date occurs to and including the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month immediately preceding the month in which such Payment Date occurs,

(b) in the case of full principal prepayments on the Reference Obligations, in the case of determining loan modifications, Unconfirmed Underwriting Defects, Underwriting Defects, Unconfirmed Servicing Defects, Minor Servicing Defects or Major Servicing Defects, and in the case of determining Credit Events resulting from short sales being settled, from charge-offs, from a seriously delinquent Mortgage Note being sold prior to foreclosure, from the Mortgaged Property that secured the related Mortgage Note being sold to a third party at a foreclosure sale, or from an REO disposition, the period from but excluding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Day of the calendar month immediately preceding the month in which such Payment Date occurs to and including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Day of the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs, and

(c) in the case of determining delinquency status with respect to each Reference Obligation, the last day of the second calendar month preceding the month in which such Payment Date occurs.

*Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligation:* With respect to each Payment Date, a Reference Obligation formerly in the Reference Pool that became a Credit Event Reference Obligation in a prior Reporting Period that is found in the related Reporting Period, through Freddie Mac's quality control process, to have an Underwriting Defect, Major Servicing Defect or a data correction that invalidates the previously determined Credit Event.

*Scheduled Principal:* With respect to any Payment Date is the sum of all monthly scheduled payments of principal due (whether with respect to the related Reporting Period or any prior Reporting Period) on the Reference Obligations in the Reference Pool and collected by Freddie Mac during the related Reporting Period.

*Senior Percentage:* With respect to any Payment Date is the percentage equivalent of a fraction, the numerator of which is the Class Notional Amount of the Class A-H Reference Tranche immediately prior to such Payment Date and the denominator of which is the aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations at the end of the previous Reporting Period.

*Senior Reduction Amount:* With respect to any Payment Date is either:

(a) if any of the Minimum Credit Enhancement Test, the Cumulative Net Loss Test or the Delinquency Test is not satisfied, the sum of:

- (i) the Senior Percentage of the Scheduled Principal for such Payment Date,
- (ii) 100% of the Unscheduled Principal for such Payment Date, and
- (iii) 100% of the Recovery Principal for such Payment Date; or

(b) if the Minimum Credit Enhancement Test, the Cumulative Net Loss Test and the

Delinquency Test are satisfied, the sum of:

- (i) the Senior Percentage of the Scheduled Principal for such Payment Date,
  - (ii) the Senior Percentage of the Unscheduled Principal for such Payment Date,
- and
- (iii) 100% of Recovery Principal for such Payment Date.

*Subordinate Reduction Amount:* With respect to any Payment Date, the sum of the Scheduled Principal, Unscheduled Principal and Recovery Principal for such Payment Date, less the Senior Reduction Amount.

*Subordinate Percentage:* With respect to any Payment Date, is the percentage equal to 100% *minus* the Senior Percentage for such Payment Date.

*Termination Date:* The earliest of (i) the Maturity Date, (ii) the Early Redemption Date, and (iii) the Payment Date on which the aggregate Class Principal Balance of all outstanding Classes of Original Notes is reduced to zero (without giving effect to any allocations of Tranche Write-down Amounts or Tranche Write-up Amounts on such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates) and accrued and unpaid interest due on the Original Notes has been paid in full.

*Tranche Write-down Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the Principal Loss Amount for such Payment Date over the Principal Recovery Amount for such Payment Date. With respect to each Payment Date, the Class Notional Amount for the Class A-H Reference Tranche will be increased by the excess, if any, of the Tranche Write-down Amount for such Payment Date over the Credit Event Amount for such Payment Date.

*Tranche Write-up Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the Principal Recovery Amount for such Payment Date over the Principal Loss Amount for such Payment Date.

*Unconfirmed Servicing Defect:* With respect to any Reference Obligation, the existence of the following, as determined by Freddie Mac in its sole discretion, (a) there is a violation of the servicing guidelines and other requirements in the Freddie Mac Single Family Seller/Servicer Guide (the “**Guide**”, as modified by the terms of the related servicer’s contract, including any related terms of business (“**TOBs**”)); and (b) Freddie Mac has issued a notice of defect, repurchase letter or a repurchase alternative letter related to the servicing breach. For the avoidance of doubt, Reference Obligations with minor technical violations, which in each case Freddie Mac determines to be acceptable Reference Obligations, may not result in an Unconfirmed Servicing Defect.

*Unconfirmed Underwriting Defect:* With respect to any Reference Obligation, the existence of the following, as determined by Freddie Mac in its sole discretion: (i) there is a material violation of the underwriting guidelines and other requirements in the Guide (as modified by the terms of the related seller’s contract, including any related TOBs) with respect to such

Reference Obligation, (ii) Freddie Mac determines that as of the origination date such Reference Obligation was secured by collateral that was inadequate or (iii) Freddie Mac determines that as of the origination date repayment in full on such Reference Obligation from the related mortgagor could not be expected. For the avoidance of doubt, any Reference Obligation with minor technical violations or missing documentation, which in each case Freddie Mac determines to be an acceptable Reference Obligation, will not result in an Unconfirmed Underwriting Defect.

*Underwriting Defect:* With respect to any Payment Date and any Reference Obligation for which Freddie Mac has determined the existence of an Unconfirmed Underwriting Defect, the occurrence of any of the following: (i) such Reference Obligation is repurchased by the related seller or servicer during the related Reporting Period, (ii) in lieu of repurchase, an alternative remedy (such as indemnification) is mutually agreed upon by both Freddie Mac and the related seller or servicer during the related Reporting Period, (iii) Freddie Mac in its sole discretion elects to waive the enforcement of a remedy against the seller or servicer in respect of such Unconfirmed Underwriting Defect during the related Reporting Period or (iv) the party responsible for the representations and warranties and/or servicing obligations or liabilities with respect to the Reference Obligation becomes subject to a bankruptcy, an insolvency proceeding or a receivership.

*Unscheduled Principal:* With respect to each Payment Date, the sum of:

(a) all partial principal prepayments on the Reference Obligations collected during the related Reporting Period; *plus*

(b) the aggregate unpaid principal balance of all Reference Obligations that became Reference Pool Removals during the related Reporting Period other than Credit Event Reference Obligations or any Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligations; *plus*

(c) negative adjustments in the unpaid principal balance of all Reference Obligations as the result of loan modifications or data corrections; *minus*

(d) positive adjustments in the unpaid principal balance of all Reference Obligations as the result of loan modifications, reinstatements into the Reference Pool or Reference Obligations that were previously removed from the Reference Pool in error, or data corrections.

In the event the amount in clause (d) above exceeds the sum of the amounts in clauses (a), (b), and (c) above, the Unscheduled Principal for the applicable Payment Date will be zero, and the Class Notional Amount for the Class A-H Reference Tranche will be increased by the amount that the amount in clause (d) above exceeds the sum of the amounts in clauses (a), (b), and (c) above. In the event that Freddie Mac were to ever employ a policy that permitted or required principal forgiveness as a loss mitigation alternative that would be applicable to the Reference Obligations, any principal that may be forgiven with respect to a Reference Obligation will be treated as a negative adjustment in unpaid principal balance of such Reference Obligation pursuant to clause (c) above.

*Write-up Excess:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the Tranche

Write-up Amount for such Payment Date over the Tranche Write-up Amount allocated on such Payment Date pursuant to clauses (i) through (v) of “*Allocation of Tranche Write-up Amounts to the Reference Tranches*” in Section 3.03(c) of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Authorization; Certain Terms**

#### **Section 2.01. Authorization.**

The Notes shall be issued by Freddie Mac in accordance with the authority vested in Freddie Mac by Section 306(a) of the Freddie Mac Act. The indebtedness represented by the Original Notes shall be unsecured general obligations of Freddie Mac.

#### **Section 2.02. Notes Held or Acquired by Freddie Mac.**

Freddie Mac shall have the right to purchase and hold for its own account any Note and to otherwise acquire (either for cash or in exchange for newly-issued Notes) all or a portion of the Notes. Notes of any particular Class held or acquired by Freddie Mac shall have an equal and proportionate benefit to Notes of the same Class held by other Holders, without preference, priority or distinction, except that in determining whether the Holders of the required percentage of the outstanding Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) of the Notes have given any required demand, authorization, notice, consent or waiver under this Agreement, any Notes owned by Freddie Mac or any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with Freddie Mac shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding for the purpose of such determination.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Payments to Holders; Maturity; Early Redemption**

#### **Section 3.01. General.**

(a) *General.* Payments in respect of Notes shall be made in immediately available funds to DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream or any other applicable clearing system, or their respective nominees, as the case may be, as the Holders thereof. Payments to a Holder of definitive Notes shall be made by electronic transfer of funds not later than the applicable Payment Date to a bank account designated by such Holder. Such payments shall be made in U.S. dollars. All payments to or upon the order of the Holder of a Note shall be valid and effective to discharge the liability of Freddie Mac in respect of an Original Note or a MAC Note representing an interest in Exchangeable Notes. Ownership positions within each system referenced herein shall be determined in accordance with the normal conventions observed by such system. Freddie Mac, the Global Agent, the Exchange Administrator and the Registrar shall not have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the

records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a DTC Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests. Ownership of any Notes will be as indicated in the Register maintained by the Global Agent.

All payments on Notes are subject to any applicable law or regulation. If a payment outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions, payments in respect of the related Notes shall be made at the office of any paying agent in the United States.

(b) *Business Day Convention.* In any case in which a Payment Date is not a Business Day, payment on the Notes shall not be made on such date but shall be made on the next Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Payment Date. No interest on such payment shall accrue for the period from and after such Payment Date to the actual date of such payment.

(c) *Withholding Requirements.* In the event that any jurisdiction imposes any withholding or other tax on any payment made by Freddie Mac (or its agent, the Exchange Administrator, or any other person potentially required to withhold) with respect to a Note, Freddie Mac (or its agent, the Exchange Administrator, or such other person) will deduct the amount required to be withheld from such payment, and Freddie Mac (or its agent, the Exchange Administrator, or such other person) will not be required to pay additional interest or other amounts, or redeem or repay the Notes prior to the Maturity Date, as a result.

(d) *Tax Reporting.* Freddie Mac (or its agent) shall furnish or make available, at such times as required by applicable law, to each Holder or Beneficial Owner of Original Notes such information as Freddie Mac (or its agent) is required or deems necessary or desirable to enable Holders and Beneficial Owners to prepare their U.S. federal income tax returns, if applicable. The Global Agent (or its agent), upon receiving direction from the Exchange Administrator, shall furnish or make available to each Holder or Beneficial Owner of MAC Notes information to facilitate tax reporting by a Holder or Beneficial Owner with respect to the MAC Notes, including tax reporting relating to original issue discount (“**OID**”), provided that for purposes of information reporting relating to OID, the Exchange Administrator shall calculate the yield to maturity with respect to a MAC Note based on the relevant prepayment assumption used to price the Exchangeable Notes. In addition, for the MAC Notes included in all Combinations other than Combination 1 set forth in *Appendix II* that pay stated interest at a variable rate, the Exchange Administrator shall assume that the variable rate is a fixed rate equal to the value of the variable rate as of the Initial Exchange Date.

(e) *Determination Final.* The determination by Freddie Mac or the Global Agent of the interest rate on the Notes and the determination of any payment on any Note (or any interim calculation in the determination of any such interest rate, index or payment) shall, absent manifest error, be final and binding on all parties. If a principal or interest payment error occurs, Freddie Mac or the Global Agent may correct it by adjusting payments to be made on later Payment Dates or in any other manner Freddie Mac or the Global Agent considers appropriate. If the source of One-Month LIBOR changes in format, but Freddie Mac or the Global Agent determines that the source continues to disclose the information necessary to determine the related Class Coupon

substantially as required, Freddie Mac will amend the procedure for obtaining information from that source to reflect the changed format. All One-Month LIBOR values used to determine interest payments are subject to correction within 30 days from the applicable payment. The source of a corrected value must be the same source from which the original value was obtained. A correction might result in an adjustment on a later date to the amount paid to the Holder.

**Section 3.02. Interest Payments.** The amount of interest that will accrue on a given Class of Notes (or will be deemed to accrue on the Class B-2H Reference Tranche for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts) during each Accrual Period is equal to:

- the Class Coupon for such Class of Notes or the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, as applicable, for such Accrual Period (calculated using the Class Coupon Formula for such Class of Notes, if applicable, or the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, as applicable), multiplied by
- the Class Principal Balance, Notional Principal Amount or Class Notional Amount of such Class of Notes or the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, as applicable, immediately prior to such Payment Date, multiplied by
- a fraction, the numerator of which is the actual number of days in such Accrual Period and the denominator of which is 360.

Interest shall be payable in arrears. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount of interest payable to any Class of Notes may be subject to reduction or increase as set forth under Section 3.03(f) or Section 3.03(g) hereof, as applicable, and the amount of interest deemed to be payable to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche may be subject to reduction as set forth under Section 3.03(f) hereof.

### **Section 3.03. Hypothetical Structure and Reference Tranches.**

(a) *General.* Solely for purposes of making the calculations for each Payment Date of any (i) principal write-downs (or write-ups) on the Notes as a result of Credit Events (or reversals thereof) or Modification Events on the Reference Obligations, (ii) any reduction or increase in interest amounts on the Notes as a result of Modification Events on the Reference Obligations and (iii) principal payments required to be made on the Notes by Freddie Mac, a hypothetical structure of 10 classes of Reference Tranches (the Class A-H, Class M-1, Class M-1H, Class M-2A, Class M-2AH, Class M-2B, Class M-2BH, Class B-1, Class B-1H and Class B-2H Reference Tranches) deemed to be backed by the Reference Pool is hereby established. Each Class of Reference Tranche will have the initial Class Notional Amount set forth in the definition of “Reference Tranches” in Article I (Definitions) in this Agreement, and the aggregate of the initial Class Notional Amounts of all the Reference Tranches will equal the Cut-off Date Balance.

(b) *Allocation of Tranche Write-down Amounts to the Reference Tranches.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Tranche Write-down Amount, if any, for such Payment Date will be allocated, *first*, to reduce any Overcollateralization Amount for such Payment Date, until such Overcollateralization Amount is reduced to zero, and, *second*, to reduce

the Class Notional Amount of each Class of Reference Tranche in the following order of priority, in each case until its Class Notional Amount is reduced to zero:

- (i) *first*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche;
- (ii) *second*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iii) *third*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iv) *fourth*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (v) *fifth*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date; and
- (vi) *sixth*, to the Class A-H Reference Tranche, but only in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the remaining unallocated Tranche Write-down Amount for such Payment Date over the Principal Loss Amount for such Payment Date attributable to clause (d) of the definition of “Principal Loss Amount”.

(c) *Allocation of Tranche Write-up Amounts to the Reference Tranches.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date will be allocated to increase the Class Notional Amount of each Class of Reference Tranche in the following order of priority until the cumulative Tranche Write-up Amounts allocated to each such Class of Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative Tranche Write-down Amounts previously allocated to such Class of Reference Tranche on or prior to such Payment Date:

- (i) *first*, to the Class A-H Reference Tranche;
- (ii) *second*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iii) *third*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iv) *fourth*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (v) *fifth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date; and
- (vi) *sixth*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche.

(d) *Allocation of Senior Reduction Amount to the Reference Tranches.* On each Payment Date prior to the Termination Date, after allocation of the Tranche Write-down Amount or Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date as described above, the Senior Reduction Amount will be allocated to reduce the Class Notional Amount of each Class of Reference Tranche in the following order of priority, in each case until its Class Notional Amount is reduced to zero:

- (i) *first*, to the Class A-H Reference Tranche;
- (ii) *second*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iii) *third*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iv) *fourth*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (v) *fifth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date; and
- (vi) *sixth*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche.

(e) *Allocation of Subordinate Reduction Amount to the Reference Tranches.* On each Payment Date prior to the Termination Date, after allocation of the Senior Reduction Amount and the Tranche Write-down Amount or Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date as described above, the Subordinate Reduction Amount will be allocated to reduce the Class Notional Amount of each Class of Reference Tranche in the following order of priority, in each case until its Class Notional Amount is reduced to zero:

- (i) *first*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (ii) *second*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iii) *third*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iv) *fourth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (v) *fifth*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche; and
- (vi) *sixth*, to the Class A-H Reference Tranche.



(f) *Allocation of Modification Loss Amount.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Preliminary Principal Loss Amount, the Preliminary Tranche Write-down Amount, the Preliminary Tranche Write-up Amount, and the Preliminary Class Notional Amount will be computed prior to allocating the Modification Loss Amount, as set forth below.

On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Modification Loss Amount, if any, for such Payment Date, will be allocated in the following order of priority:

(i) *first*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, until the amount allocated to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche is equal to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche Interest Accrual Amount;

(ii) *second*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, until the amount allocated to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche is equal to the Preliminary Class Notional Amount of the Class B-2H Reference Tranche for such Payment Date;

(iii) *third*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class B-1 Reference Tranche is equal to the Class B-1 Notes Interest Accrual Amount;

(iv) *fourth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Preliminary Class Notional Amounts for such Payment Date until the aggregate amount allocated to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches is equal to the aggregate of the Preliminary Class Notional Amounts of the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches for such Payment Date;

(v) *fifth*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-2B Reference Tranche is equal to the Class M-2B Notes Interest Accrual Amount;

(vi) *sixth*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-2A Reference Tranche is equal to the Class M-2A Notes Interest Accrual Amount;

(vii) *seventh*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Preliminary Class Notional Amounts for such Payment Date until the aggregate amount allocated to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches is equal to the aggregate of the Preliminary Class Notional Amounts of the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches for such Payment Date;

(viii) *eighth*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Preliminary Class Notional Amounts for such Payment Date until the aggregate amount allocated to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches is equal to the aggregate of the Preliminary Class Notional Amounts of the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches for such Payment Date;

(ix) *ninth*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-1 Reference Tranche is equal to the Class M-1 Notes Interest Accrual Amount; and

(x) *tenth*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Preliminary Class Notional Amounts for such Payment Date until the aggregate amount allocated to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches is equal to the aggregate of the Preliminary Class Notional Amounts of the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches for such Payment Date.

Any amounts allocated to the Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B or Class B-1 Reference Tranches in the *ninth*, *sixth*, *fifth* or *third* priority above on any Payment Date will result in a corresponding reduction of the Interest Payment Amount of the Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B or Class B-1 Notes, as applicable (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) for such Payment Date. The Class B-2H Reference Tranche is assigned a Class Coupon solely for purposes of calculations in connection with the allocation of Modification Loss Amounts to the Mezzanine Reference Tranches and Junior Reference Tranches, and any amounts allocated to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche in the *first* priority above will not result in a corresponding reduction of the Interest Payment Amount of any Class of Notes. With respect to (A) any Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes that have been exchanged for Class M-2 Notes, (B) any Class M-2 Notes that have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2I and Class M-2R Notes, (ii) the Class M-2I and Class M-2S Notes, (iii) the Class M-2I and Class M-2T Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2I and Class M-2U Notes, respectively, (C) the Class M-2A Notes that have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AR Notes, (ii) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AS Notes, (iii) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AT Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AU Notes, respectively, or (D) the Class M-2B Notes that have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BR Notes, (ii) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BS Notes, (iii) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BT Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BU Notes, respectively, any Modification Loss Amount that is allocable in the *fifth* or *sixth* priority above on any Payment Date to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes will be allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes for such Payment Date, pro rata, based on their Interest Accrual Amounts. Any amounts allocated to any of the Reference Tranches in the *second*, *fourth*, *seventh*, *eighth* or *tenth* priority above will be included in the Principal Loss Amount for the related Payment Date.

(g) *Allocation of Modification Gain Amount.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Modification Gain Amount, if any, for such Payment Date, will be allocated in the following order of priority:

(i) *first*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-1 Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative amount of unreimbursed Modification Loss Amounts allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount on the Class M-1 Notes on all prior Payment Dates;

(ii) *second*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-2A Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative amount of unreimbursed Modification Loss Amounts allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount on the Class M-2A Notes on all prior Payment Dates;

(iii) *third*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-2B Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative amount of unreimbursed Modification Loss Amounts allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount on the Class M-2B Notes on all prior Payment Dates;

(iv) *fourth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class B-1 Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative amount of unreimbursed Modification Loss Amounts allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount on the Class B-1 Notes on all prior Payment Dates; and

(v) *fifth*, to the most subordinate Classes of Reference Tranches outstanding (except for the Class B-2H Reference Tranche), pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date.

Any amounts allocated to the Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B or Class B-1 Reference Tranches above on any Payment Date will result in a corresponding increase of the Interest Payment Amount of the Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B or Class B-1 Notes, as applicable (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) for such Payment Date. If (A) the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes have been exchanged for the Class M-2 Notes, (B) the Class M-2 Notes have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2I and Class M-2R Notes, (ii) the Class M-2I and Class M-2S Notes, (iii) the Class M-2I and Class M-2T Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2I and Class M-2U Notes, respectively, (C) the Class M-2A Notes have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AR Notes, (ii) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AS Notes, (iii) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AT Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AU Notes, respectively, or (D) the Class M-2B Notes have been exchanged for any of (i) the

Class M-2BI and Class M-2BR Notes, (ii) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BS Notes, (iii) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BT Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BU Notes, respectively, any Modification Gain Amount that is allocable to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes on any Payment Date will be allocated to increase the Interest Payment Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes for such Payment Date, pro rata, based on their Interest Accrual Amounts.

(h) *Notes Acquired by Freddie Mac.* Freddie Mac may, from time to time, repurchase or otherwise acquire (either for cash or in exchange for newly-issued Notes) some or all of the Notes at any price or prices, in the open market or otherwise. Freddie Mac may hold, sell or cancel any such repurchased Notes. Any Notes Freddie Mac owns shall have an equal and proportionate benefit under the provisions of this Agreement, without preference, priority or distinction as among those Notes. However, in determining whether the required percentage of Holders of the Notes have given any required demand, authorization, notice, consent or waiver, Notes Freddie Mac owns, directly or indirectly, shall be deemed not to be outstanding. For the avoidance of doubt, any Notes repurchased or otherwise acquired by Freddie Mac shall no longer be considered issued and outstanding for any U.S. federal tax purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Freddie Mac cancels any Notes pursuant to this Section 3.03(h), solely for purposes of making calculations with respect to the hypothetical structure and Reference Tranches, such Notes and related Reference Tranches shall be deemed to continue to be outstanding in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, no payments shall be made with respect to any such cancelled Notes.

#### **Section 3.04. Principal Payments and Other Allocations on the Notes.**

(a) *Reductions in Class Principal Balances of the Notes.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Class Principal Balance of each Class of Original Notes will be reduced (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), without any corresponding payment of principal, by the amount of the reduction, if any, in the Class Notional Amount of the Corresponding Class of Reference Tranche due to the allocation of Tranche Write-down Amounts to such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 3.03(b) above.

On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, if a Class of MAC Notes is outstanding, all Tranche Write-down Amounts that are allocable to Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes will be allocated to reduce the Class Principal Balances or Notional Principal Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination.

(b) *Increases in Class Principal Balances of the Notes.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Class Principal Balance of each Class of Original Notes will be increased (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) by the amount of the increase, if any, in the Class Notional Amount of the Corresponding Class of Reference Tranche due to the allocation of Tranche Write-up Amounts to such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 3.03(c) above.

On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, if a Class of MAC Notes is outstanding, all Tranche Write-up Amounts that are allocable to Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes will be allocated to increase the Class Principal Balances or Notional Principal Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination.

(c) *Principal Payments on the Notes.* On each Payment Date prior to the Maturity Date or the Early Redemption Date, Freddie Mac (or its agent, the Global Agent) will pay principal on each Class of Original Notes (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) in reduction of its Class Principal Balance in an amount equal to the portion of the Senior Reduction Amount and/or Subordinate Reduction Amount, as applicable, allocated to reduce the Class Notional Amount of the Corresponding Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date pursuant to Sections 3.03 (d) and (e) above.

If on the Maturity Date or any Payment Date a Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal is outstanding, all principal amounts that are payable by Freddie Mac on Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) will be allocated to and payable on such MAC Notes in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination. The Interest Only MAC Notes are not entitled to receive payments of principal.

### **Section 3.05. Determination of One-Month LIBOR.**

Pursuant to the terms of the Global Agency Agreement, the Global Agent shall calculate the Class Coupons for the applicable Classes of Notes (including MAC Notes on which the Exchange Administrator has directed the Global Agent to make payments) for each Accrual Period (after the first Accrual Period) on the applicable LIBOR Adjustment Date.

**“One-Month LIBOR”** will be determined by using the “Interest Settlement Rate” for U.S. dollar deposits with a maturity of one month set by ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (**“ICE”**) as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the LIBOR Adjustment Date (the **“ICE Method”**).

ICE’s Interest Settlement Rates are currently displayed on Bloomberg L.P.’s page “BBAM.” That page, or any other page that may replace page BBAM on that service or any other service that ICE nominates as the information vendor to display the ICE’s Interest Settlement Rates for deposits in U.S. dollars, is a **“Designated Page.”** ICE’s Interest Settlement Rates currently are rounded to five decimal places.

If ICE’s Interest Settlement Rate does not appear on the Designated Page as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on a LIBOR Adjustment Date, or if the Designated Page is not then available, One-Month LIBOR for that date will be the most recently published Interest Settlement Rate. If ICE no longer sets or publishes an Interest Settlement Rate, Freddie Mac will designate an alternative index that has performed, or that Freddie Mac (or its agent) expects to perform, in a manner substantially similar to ICE’s Interest Settlement Rate. If, prior to the time that ICE may cease to set or publish a rate for LIBOR, a new industry standard is adopted, Freddie Mac may elect in its

sole discretion, to use such standard index in lieu of LIBOR.

### **Section 3.06. Payment Procedures; Record Date.**

(a) *Procedures.* Payments of principal and interest due to Holders of Classes maintained on the DTC System shall be paid by Freddie Mac (or the Global Agent, whether taking direction from Freddie Mac or from the Exchange Administrator) to DTC in immediately available funds. DTC shall be responsible for crediting the amount of such payments to the accounts of the applicable DTC Participants in accordance with its normal procedures. Payments with respect to Common Depository Notes shall be credited to Euroclear participants, Clearstream participants or participants of any other applicable clearing system in accordance with the relevant system's rules and procedures.

Payments to a Holder of definitive Notes shall be made by electronic transfer of funds not later than the applicable Payment Date to a bank account designated by such Holder; *provided, however*, that the final payment on any definitive Note shall be made only upon presentation and surrender of the Holder's definitive Note at the office of the Global Agent or other paying agent, as described in Section 4.04.

In the event of a principal or interest payment error, Freddie Mac, in its sole discretion, may effect corrections by the adjustment of payments to be made on future Payment Dates or in such other manner as it deems appropriate.

(b) *Record Date.* Any payment made on a Class on any Payment Date shall be made to the Holders of record of such Class as of the related Record Date.

### **Section 3.07. Maturity.**

(a) *General.* On the Maturity Date, Freddie Mac shall pay 100% of the outstanding Class Principal Balance as of such date to the Holders of each Class of Original Notes (without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), after taking into account any allocations of any Tranche Write-down Amounts and Tranche Write-up Amounts applicable to such Classes for such Payment Date.

(b) *Payments to MAC Notes.* If on the Maturity Date a Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal is outstanding, all principal amounts that are payable by Freddie Mac on Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) will be allocated to and payable on such MAC Notes in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination. The Interest Only MAC Notes are not entitled to receive payments of principal.

### **Section 3.08. Early Redemption Option.**

(a) *General.* On any Payment Date prior to the Maturity Date at the earlier of (a) on or after the Payment Date on which the aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations is less than or equal to 10% of the Cut-off Date Balance of the Reference Pool; or (b) on or after

the Payment Date in March 2028, Freddie Mac may, at its option, redeem the Original Notes. On such Payment Date, Freddie Mac shall pay an amount equal to the outstanding Class Principal Balance, after allocation of the Tranche Write-down Amount or Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date, of each Class of Original Notes (without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), plus accrued and unpaid interest.

(b) *Payments to MAC Notes.* In the case of an early redemption as described in (a) above, if a Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal is outstanding, all principal amounts that are payable by Freddie Mac on Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) will be allocated to and payable on such MAC Notes in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination. The Interest Only MAC Notes are not entitled to receive payments of principal.

(c) *Notice.* Notice of optional redemption shall be given to Holders of the related Notes not less than 5 Business Days nor more than 60 calendar days prior to the Payment Date of the redemption in the manner provided in Section 6.08.

### **Section 3.09. MAC Notes.**

(a) *General.* Pursuant to the procedures and fees set forth in the Exchange Administration Agreement:

- except with respect to the Closing Date Deemed Exchange, the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2 Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 1 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2R and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 2 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2S and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 3 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2T and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 4 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2U and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 5 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AR and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 6 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AS and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 7 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;

- the Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AT and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 8 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AU and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 9 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BR and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 10 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BS and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 11 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BT and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 12 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date; and
- the Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BU and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 13 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date.

*Appendix II* describes the characteristics of the MAC Classes and the available Combinations of Exchangeable Notes and MAC Notes. Exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes (or in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5, of MAC Notes for other MAC Notes), and vice versa, may occur repeatedly pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Exchange Administration Agreement.

(b) *Voting and Direction Rights of MAC Notes.* In the event that Class M-2A or Class M-2B Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (including any MAC Notes further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), the Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting and direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Class M-2A or Class M-2B Notes and the Class Principal Balances or Notional Principal Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes will be used to determine if the requisite percentage of Holders under this Agreement has voted or given direction; provided that with respect to:

- any outstanding MAC Notes exchanged for Class M-2 Notes in Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5 described in *Appendix II*, the Class M-2I Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 1% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to the exchanged Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes that were exchanged for the Class M-2 Notes and the Class M-2R, Class M-2S, Class M-2T or Class M-2U Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 99% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes that were exchanged for the Class M-2 Notes;
- any outstanding MAC Notes exchanged for Class M-2A Notes in Combination 6, 7, 8 or 9 described in *Appendix II*, the Class M-2AI Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 1% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to such exchanged Class M-2A Notes and the Class M-2AR, Class M-2AS, Class M-2AT or Class M-2AU Notes so



exchanged will be entitled to exercise 99% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to such exchanged Class M-2A Notes; and

- any outstanding MAC Notes exchanged for Class M-2B Notes in Combination 10, 11, 12 or 13 described in *Appendix II*, the Class M-2BI Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 1% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to such exchanged Class M-2B Notes and the Class M-2BR, Class M-2BS, Class M-2BT or Class M-2BU Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 99% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to such exchanged Class M-2B Notes.

(c) If the Class M-2 Notes have been exchanged for other Classes of MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5, the Classes of MAC Notes held after the exchange will be treated in the same manner as if the Class M-2 Notes had been exchanged directly for the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes and then the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes had been exchanged pursuant to (i) Combinations 6 and 10, in the case of Combination 2, (ii) Combinations 7 and 11, in the case of Combination 3, (iii) Combinations 8 and 12, in the case of Combination 4 and (iv) Combinations 9 and 13, in the case of Combination 5.

### **Section 3.10. Selling Restrictions.**

Subject to limited exceptions in connection with the initial sale of the Notes, each purchaser of a Note, in making its purchase, will be deemed to have acknowledged, represented and agreed as follows:

(1) Such purchaser (i) is a Qualified Institutional Buyer and (ii) is acquiring such Note for its own account (and not for the account of others) or as a fiduciary or agent for others (which others also are Qualified Institutional Buyers). Such purchaser is aware that it (or any account for which it is purchasing) may be required to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Notes for an indefinite period, and it (or such account) is able to bear such risk for an indefinite period.

(2) No sale, pledge or other transfer of any Note may be made by any person unless (i) such sale, pledge or other transfer is made to the Issuer or (ii) such sale, pledge or other transfer is made to a person whom the seller reasonably believes after due inquiry is a Qualified Institutional Buyer acting for its own account (and not for the account of others) or as a fiduciary or agent for others (which others also are Qualified Institutional Buyers) to whom notice is given that the sale, pledge or transfer of the Note is restricted to Qualified Institutional Buyers.

(3) The Notes will bear the following legends (and such legends will satisfy the notice requirement referred to in (2)(ii) above), unless the Issuer determines otherwise in accordance with applicable law:

BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOTE THE HOLDER OF THIS NOTE IS DEEMED TO REPRESENT THAT IT IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN THE DEBT AGREEMENT, DATED JANUARY 30, 2018) AND IS ACQUIRING SUCH NOTE FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT (AND NOT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF OTHERS) OR AS A FIDUCIARY OR AGENT FOR OTHERS (WHICH OTHERS ALSO ARE

QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS) TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS RESTRICTED TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS.

NO SALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE MAY BE MADE BY ANY PERSON UNLESS (I) SUCH SALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS MADE TO THE ISSUER OR (II) SUCH SALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS MADE TO A PERSON WHOM THE TRANSFEROR REASONABLY BELIEVES AFTER DUE INQUIRY IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER ACTING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT (AND NOT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF OTHERS) OR AS A FIDUCIARY OR AGENT FOR OTHERS (WHICH OTHERS ALSO ARE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS) TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE SALE, PLEDGE OR TRANSFER IS RESTRICTED TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS. ANY ATTEMPTED TRANSFER IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE VOID AB INITIO AND THE PURPORTED TRANSFEROR WILL CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS THE OWNER OF THE NOTES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Form; Clearance and Settlement Procedures; Minimum Denominations; Definitive Notes**

#### **Section 4.01. Form of Notes.**

(a) *General.* Original Notes shall be deposited with (i) the Global Agent as a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, DTC, or (ii) the Global Agent as a Common Depositary, and registered in the name of such Common Depositary or a nominee of such Common Depositary. In the case of an exchange of an Exchangeable Note and a MAC Note, the Exchange Administrator shall direct the Global Agent to facilitate such exchange with DTC.

(b) *Title.* The person in whose name a Note is registered in the Register shall be the Holder of such Note. Beneficial interests in a Note shall be represented, and transfers thereof shall be effected, only through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of the Beneficial Owners of such Note, as a direct or indirect participant in the applicable clearing system for such Note.

Freddie Mac, the Global Agent, the Exchange Administrator and the Registrar may treat the Holders as the absolute owners of Notes for the purpose of making payments and for all other purposes, whether or not such Notes shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. Owners of beneficial interests in a Note shall not be considered by Freddie Mac, the Global Agent, the Exchange Administrator or the Registrar as the owner or Holder of such Note and, except as provided in Section 4.04(a), shall not be entitled to have such Notes registered in their names and shall not receive or be entitled to receive definitive Notes. Any Beneficial Owner shall rely on the procedures of the applicable clearing system and, if such Beneficial Owner is not

a participant therein, on the procedures of the participant through which such Beneficial Owner holds its interest, to exercise any rights of a Holder of such Notes.

(c) *Global Agent and Exchange Administrator.* The Global Agent acts solely as a fiscal agent of Freddie Mac with respect to the Original Notes (and of the Exchange Administrator with respect to the MAC Notes) and does not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any Holder of an Original Note, except that any moneys held by the Global Agent for payment on an Original Note shall be held in trust for the Holder. The Global Agent does not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for, or with, any Holder of an Original Note.

(d) *Registrar.* In acting under the Global Agency Agreement, the Registrar does not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for, or with, any Holder of a Note.

#### **Section 4.02. Clearance and Settlement Procedures.**

(a) *General.* Notes distributed solely within the United States shall clear and settle through the DTC System, and Notes distributed solely outside of the United States shall clear and settle through the systems operated by Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any other designated clearing system or, in certain cases, DTC.

(b) *Primary Distribution.*

(i) *General.* On initial issue, the Notes shall be credited through one or more of the systems specified below.

(ii) *DTC.* DTC Participants acting on behalf of investors holding DTC Notes shall follow the delivery practices applicable to securities eligible for DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. DTC Notes shall be credited to DTC Participants' securities accounts following confirmation of receipt of payment to Freddie Mac on the Closing Date.

(iii) *Euroclear and Clearstream.* Investors holding Common Depository Notes through Euroclear, Clearstream or such other clearing system shall follow the settlement procedures applicable to conventional Eurobonds in registered form. Such Common Depository Notes shall be credited to Euroclear, Clearstream or such other clearing system participants' securities accounts either on the Closing Date or on the settlement day following the Closing Date against payment in same-day funds (for value on the Closing Date).

(c) *Secondary Market Transfers.* Transfers of beneficial interests in the Notes within the various systems that may be clearing and settling interests therein shall be made in accordance with the usual rules and operating procedures of the relevant system.

(d) *Limitation on Liability.* None of Freddie Mac, the Global Agent or the Exchange Administrator shall bear responsibility, in connection with the Notes, for the performance by any system or the performance of the system's respective direct or indirect participants or

accountholders of the respective obligations of such participants or accountholders under the rules and procedures governing such system's operations.

#### **Section 4.03. Minimum Denominations.**

The Original Notes shall be issued and maintained in minimum denominations of \$10,000 and additional increments of \$1.

#### **Section 4.04. Definitive Notes.**

(a) *Issuance of Definitive Notes.* Beneficial interests in Notes issued in global form shall be subject to exchange for definitive Notes only if such exchange is permitted by applicable law and (i) in the case of a DTC Note, DTC or Freddie Mac advise the Global Agent in writing that DTC is no longer willing, qualified or able to discharge properly its responsibilities as nominee and depositary with respect to the DTC Notes and Freddie Mac (or its agent) is unable to locate a successor; (ii) in the case of a particular DTC Note or Common Depositary Note, if all of the systems through which it is cleared or settled are closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar days (other than by reason of holidays, statutory or otherwise) or are permanently closed for business or have announced an intention to permanently cease business and in any such situations Freddie Mac is unable to locate a single successor within 90 calendar days of such closure; or (iii) after the occurrence of an Event of Default, Holders of Notes having voting rights aggregating not less than a majority of all voting rights evidenced by the DTC Notes and Common Depositary Notes advise the Global Agent and DTC through the Financial Intermediaries and the DTC Participants in writing that the continuation of a book-entry system through DTC (or successor thereto) is no longer in the best interests of such Holders. In such circumstances, Freddie Mac shall cause sufficient definitive Notes to be executed and delivered as soon as practicable (and in any event within 45 calendar days of Freddie Mac receiving notice of the occurrence of such circumstances) to the Global Agent or its agent for completion, authentication and delivery to the relevant registered holders of such definitive Notes. A person having an interest in a DTC Note or Common Depositary Note issued in global form shall provide Freddie Mac or the Global Agent with a written order containing instructions and such other information as Freddie Mac or the Global Agent may require to complete, execute and deliver such definitive Notes in authorized denominations.

In the event that definitive Notes are issued in exchange for Notes issued in global form, such definitive Notes shall have terms identical to the Notes for which they were exchanged except as described below.

(b) *Title.* The person in whose name a definitive Note is registered in the Register shall be the "Holder" of such definitive Note.

(c) *Payments.* Payments of principal and interest on a definitive Note shall be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds with a bank designated by such Holder that is acceptable to Freddie Mac; provided, that such bank has appropriate facilities therefor and accepts such transfer and such transfer is permitted by any applicable law or regulation and will not subject Freddie Mac to any liability, requirement or unacceptable charge. In order for a Holder to receive

such payments, the relevant paying agent (including the Global Agent) must receive at their offices from such Holder (i) in the case of payments on a Payment Date, a written request therefor not later than the close of business on the related Record Date or (ii) in the case of the final principal payment (on the Maturity Date or any earlier date of redemption or repayment) the related definitive Note not later than two Business Days prior to such Payment Date. Such written request must be delivered to the relevant paying agent (including the Global Agent) by mail, by hand delivery or by any other method acceptable to the relevant paying agent. Any such request shall remain in effect until the relevant paying agent receives written notice to the contrary.

All payments on definitive Notes shall be subject to any applicable law or regulation. If a payment outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or similar restrictions, payments in respect of the related definitive Notes may be made at the office of any paying agent in the United States.

(d) *Transfer and Exchange.* Definitive Notes shall be presented for registration of transfer or exchange (with the form of transfer included thereon properly endorsed, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, with such evidence of due authorization and guaranty of signature as may be required by Freddie Mac, duly executed) at the office of the Registrar or any other transfer agent upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges and other amounts, but without payment of any service charge to the Registrar or such transfer agent for such transfer or exchange. A transfer or exchange shall not be effective unless, and until, recorded in the Register.

A transfer or exchange of a definitive Note shall be effected upon satisfying the Global Agent with regard to the documents and identity of the person making the request and subject to such reasonable regulations as Freddie Mac may from time to time agree with the Global Agent. Such documents may include forms prescribed by U.S. tax authorities to establish the applicability of, or the exemption from, withholding or other taxes regarding the transferee Holder. Definitive Notes may be transferred or exchanged in whole or in part only in the authorized denominations of the DTC Notes or Common Depositary Notes issued in global form for which they were exchanged. In the case of a transfer of a definitive Note in part, a new Note in respect of the balance not transferred shall be issued to the transferor. In addition, replacement of mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost definitive Notes also is subject to the conditions discussed above with respect to transfers and exchanges generally. Each new definitive Note to be issued upon transfer of such a definitive Note, as well as the definitive Note issued in respect of the balance not transferred, shall be mailed to such address as may be specified in the form or instrument of transfer at the risk of the Holder entitled thereto in accordance with the customary procedures of the Global Agent.

Any definitive Note that becomes mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost shall be replaced by Freddie Mac at the expense of the Holder upon delivery to the Global Agent of evidence of the destruction, theft or loss thereof, and an indemnity satisfactory to Freddie Mac and the Global Agent. Upon the issuance of any substituted definitive Note, Freddie Mac or the Global Agent may require the payment by the Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any taxes and expenses connected therewith.

## **ARTICLE V**

## **Events of Default and Remedies**

### **Section 5.01. Events of Default.**

An “**Event of Default**” with respect to the Notes shall consist of any one of the following cases:

(a) any failure by Freddie Mac (or its agent) to pay to Holders of such Notes any required interest or principal payment that continues unremedied for 30 days;

(b) any failure by Freddie Mac to perform in any material way any other covenant or agreement in this Agreement, which failure continues unremedied for 60 days after the receipt of notice of such failure by Freddie Mac from the Holders of at least 25% of the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes); in the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein).

(c) a court having jurisdiction in the premises shall enter a decree or order for relief in respect of Freddie Mac in an involuntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or appoint a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, or sequestrator (or other similar official) of Freddie Mac or for all or substantially all of its property, or order the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or

(d) Freddie Mac shall commence a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or shall consent to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law, or shall consent to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian, or sequestrator (or other similar official) of Freddie Mac or any substantial part of its property, or shall make any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or shall fail generally to pay its debts as they become due.

The appointment of a conservator (or other similar official) by a regulator having jurisdiction over Freddie Mac, whether or not Freddie Mac consents to such appointment, will not constitute an Event of Default.

### **Section 5.02. Rights Upon Event of Default.**

(a) As long as an Event of Default under this Agreement remains unremedied, Holders of not less than 50% of the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) to which such Event of Default relates



may, by written notice to Freddie Mac, declare such Notes due and payable and accelerate the maturity of such Notes. In the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein. Upon such acceleration, the Class Principal Balance of such Notes and the interest accrued thereon shall be due and payable.

(b) Prior to or after the institution of any action or proceeding relating to the Notes, the Holders of not less than 50% of the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) to which such Event of Default relates may, by written notice to Freddie Mac, waive an Event of Default, whether or not it has resulted in a declaration of an acceleration of the maturity of the Notes, and may rescind or annul any previously declared acceleration. In the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein.

(c) Whenever in this Agreement it is provided that the Holders of a specified percentage in outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Notes may take any action (including the making of any demand or request, or the giving of any authorization, notice, consent or waiver), the fact that at the time of taking any such action the Holders of such specified percentage have joined therein may be evidenced by a writing, or any number of writings of similar tenor, executed by Holders in person, or by an agent or proxy appointed in writing.

(d) No Holder of a Note has any right in any manner whatsoever by virtue of or by availing itself of any provision of this Agreement to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other such Holder, or to obtain or seek to obtain preference or priority over any other such Holder or to enforce any right under this Agreement, except in the manner provided in this Agreement and for the ratable and common benefit of all such Holders.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

#### **Section 6.01. Limitations on Liability of Freddie Mac and Others.**

Neither Freddie Mac nor any of its directors, officers, employees or agents shall be under any liability to the Holders or Beneficial Owners for any action taken, or not taken, by them in good faith under this Agreement or for errors in judgment. This provision will not protect Freddie Mac or any other related person against any liability which would otherwise be imposed by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence or by reason of reckless disregard of obligations and duties under this Agreement. Freddie Mac and such related persons shall have no

liability of whatever nature for special, indirect or consequential damages, lost profits or business, or any other liability or claim (other than for direct damages), even if reasonably foreseeable, or Freddie Mac has been advised of the possibility of such loss, damage, liability or claim. Freddie Mac and such related persons may rely in good faith on any document or other communication of any kind properly submitted by any person (in writing or electronically) with respect to any matter arising under this Agreement.

In performing its responsibilities under this Agreement, Freddie Mac may employ agents or independent contractors. Except upon an Event of Default, Freddie Mac shall not be subject to the control of Holders in any manner in the discharge of its responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement.

Freddie Mac shall be under no obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any legal action that is not incidental to its responsibilities under this Agreement and which in its opinion may involve it in any expense or liability. However, Freddie Mac may in its discretion undertake any such legal action which it may deem necessary or desirable in the interests of the Holders. In such event, the legal expenses and costs of such action shall be expenses and costs of Freddie Mac.

#### **Section 6.02. Binding Effect of this Agreement.**

By receiving and accepting a Note, each Holder, Financial Intermediary and Beneficial Owner of such Note unconditionally agrees, without any signature or further manifestation of assent, to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, as supplemented, modified or amended pursuant to its terms.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successor to Freddie Mac.

#### **Section 6.03. Tax Treatment of the Notes.**

By purchasing the Original Class M Notes (including any Original Class M Notes sold by virtue of a sale of related MAC Notes), Holders and Beneficial Owners agree to treat such Notes as indebtedness of Freddie Mac for U.S. federal income tax purposes, unless such Holders or Beneficial Owners are required to treat the Original Class M Notes in some other manner pursuant to a final determination by the Internal Revenue Service or by a court of competent jurisdiction (each a “**Final Tax Determination**”). By purchasing the Class B-1 Notes, Holders agree to treat such Class B-1 Notes as notional principal contracts for U.S. federal income tax purposes (except for U.S. withholding tax purposes) and, as a result, as (i) a deemed loan and (ii) an on-market swap, each of which is tax accounted for in the manner described in the Offering Circular, unless such Holders are required to treat the Class B-1 Notes in some other manner pursuant to a Final Tax Determination. Holders and Beneficial Owners, as applicable, further agree (a) to prepare their U.S. federal income tax returns on the basis that (i) the Original Class M Notes (including any Original Class M Notes sold by virtue of a sale of related MAC Notes) will be treated as indebtedness of Freddie Mac and/or (ii) the Class B-1 Notes will be treated as (1) a deemed loan and (2) an on-market swap, and (b) to report items of income, deduction, gain or loss with respect to the Original Notes in a manner consistent with the information reported to them pursuant to



Section 3.01(d), unless otherwise required pursuant to a previously-selected method for tax accounting for contingent notional principal contracts or a Final Tax Determination.

#### **Section 6.04. Limitation of Rights of Holders.**

The death or incapacity of any person having an interest, beneficial or otherwise, in a Note shall not operate to terminate this Agreement, nor entitle the legal representatives or heirs of such person or any Holder for such person to claim an accounting, take any action or bring any proceeding in any court for a termination of any Notes, nor otherwise affect the rights, obligations and liabilities of the parties hereto or any of them.

#### **Section 6.05. Conditions to Payment, Transfer or Exchange.**

Freddie Mac, its agent or any other person potentially required to withhold with respect to payments on a Note shall have the right to require a Holder of a Note, as a condition to payment of principal of or interest on such Note, or as a condition to transfer or exchange such Note, to present at such place as Freddie Mac, its agent or such other person shall designate a certificate in such form as Freddie Mac, its agent or such other person may from time to time prescribe, to enable Freddie Mac, its agent or such other person to determine its duties and liabilities with respect to (i) any taxes, assessments or governmental charges which Freddie Mac, the Global Agent, the Exchange Administrator or such other person, as the case may be, may be required to deduct or withhold from payments in respect of such Note under any present or future law of the United States or jurisdiction therein or any regulation or interpretation of any taxing authority thereof; and (ii) any reporting or other requirements under such laws, regulations or interpretations. Freddie Mac, its agent or such other person shall be entitled to determine its duties and liabilities with respect to such deduction, withholding, reporting or other requirements on the basis of information contained in such certificate or, if no certificate shall be presented, on the basis of any presumption created by any such law, regulation or interpretation, and shall be entitled to act in accordance with such determination.

#### **Section 6.06. Amendment.**

(a) Freddie Mac may modify, amend or supplement this Agreement and the terms of the Notes, without the consent of the Holders or Beneficial Owners, (i) to cure any ambiguity, or to correct or supplement any defective provision or to strikeout, change, or add any other provision with respect to matters or questions arising under this Agreement or the terms of any Note in a manner not inconsistent with any other provision of this Agreement or such Note; (ii) to add to the covenants of Freddie Mac for the benefit of the Holders or Beneficial Owners or surrender any right or power conferred upon Freddie Mac; (iii) to evidence the succession of another entity to Freddie Mac and its assumption of the covenants of Freddie Mac; (iv) to conform the terms of an issue of Notes or cure any ambiguity or discrepancy resulting from any changes in the Book-Entry Rules or any regulation or document that are applicable to book-entry securities of Freddie Mac; or (v) in any other manner that Freddie Mac may determine and that will not adversely affect in any material respect the interests of Holders or Beneficial Owners at the time of such modification, amendment or supplement. Notwithstanding these rights, Freddie Mac will not be permitted to make any amendment to this Agreement and the terms of the Notes unless Freddie Mac has

received an opinion of nationally-recognized U.S. federal income tax counsel to the effect that, and subject to customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions, Holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such amendment.

(b) In addition, with the written consent of the Holders of at least 50% of the aggregate then-outstanding Class Principal Balance of each Class of Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) affected thereby, excluding any such Notes owned by Freddie Mac, Freddie Mac may, from time to time and at any time, modify, amend or supplement the terms of the Notes for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any provisions of such Notes or modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders; provided, however, that no such modification, amendment or supplement may, without the written consent or affirmative vote of each Holder of an affected Note; (A) change the Maturity Date or any monthly Payment Date of the Notes; (B) materially modify the redemption or repayment provisions, if any, relating to the redemption or repayment price of, or any redemption or repayment date or period for, the Notes; (C) reduce the Class Principal Balance or Notional Principal Amount of (other than as provided for in this Agreement), delay the principal payment of (other than as provided for in this Agreement), or materially modify the rate of interest or the calculation of the rate of interest on, the Notes; or (D) reduce the percentage of Holders whose consent or affirmative vote is necessary to modify, amend or supplement the terms of the Notes. In the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein. A quorum (i) at any meeting of Holders called to adopt a resolution shall consist of Holders entitled to vote a majority of the then aggregate outstanding Class Principal Balance of Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) called to such meeting and (ii) at any reconvened meeting previously adjourned for lack of a quorum will consist of Holders entitled to vote 25% of the then aggregate outstanding Class Principal Balance of Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), in both cases excluding any Notes owned by Freddie Mac. In the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein. It shall not be necessary for the Holders to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, but it shall be sufficient if such consent or resolution approves the substance of such change.

(c) Freddie Mac may establish a record date for the determination of Holders entitled to vote at any meeting of Holders of Notes, to grant any consent in respect of Notes and to notice of any such meeting or consent.

(d) Any instrument given by or on behalf of any Holder of a Note in connection with any consent to any such modification, amendment or supplement shall be irrevocable once given and shall be conclusive and binding on all subsequent Holders of such Note or any Note issued, directly

or indirectly, in exchange or substitution therefor, irrespective of whether or not notation in regard thereto is made thereon. Any modification, amendment or supplement of this Agreement or of the terms of Notes shall be conclusive and binding on all Holders of Notes affected thereby, whether or not they have given such consent or were present at any meeting (unless by the terms of this Agreement a written consent or an affirmative vote of such Holders is required), and whether or not notation of such modification, amendment or supplement is made upon the Notes.

(e) Freddie Mac will notify the Rating Agencies of any modification, amendment or supplement of this Agreement (which notification shall be effected pursuant to Section 6.08).

#### **Section 6.07. Persons Deemed Owners.**

Freddie Mac, the Registrar, DTC and the Common Depositaries (or any agent of any of them), may deem and treat the Holder as the absolute owner of a Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal or interest and for all other purposes, and none of Freddie Mac, the Registrar, DTC and the Common Depositaries, nor any agent of any of them, shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. All such payments so made to any such Holder or upon such Holder's order shall be valid, and, to the extent of the sum or sums paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the duty for monies payable by Freddie Mac upon an Original Note. A Holder is not necessarily the beneficial owner of a Note. The rights of a beneficial owner of a Note with respect to Freddie Mac and the Registrar may be exercised only through the Holder. The rights of a beneficial owner of a DTC Note with respect to DTC and a Common Depository Note with respect to the Common Depositaries may be exercised only through the applicable DTC Participant. Neither Freddie Mac nor the Registrar shall have any direct obligation to a beneficial owner that is not also the Holder of a Note. DTC and the Common Depository will have no direct obligation to a beneficial owner that is not also a DTC Participant, with respect to such Note.

#### **Section 6.08. Notice.**

(a) Any notice, demand or other communication which by any provision of this Agreement is required or permitted to be given to or served upon any Holder, may be given or served in writing by deposit thereof, postage prepaid, in the mail, addressed to such Holder as (i) such Holder's name and address may appear in the Register, (ii) in the case of a Holder of a DTC Note, by transmission to such Holder through the DTC communication system or (iii) in the case of a Common Depository Note, by transmission to such Holder through the Common Depository system. Such notice, demand or other communication to or upon any Holder shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made, for all purposes, upon mailing or transmission.

(b) Except as set forth in Section 4.04 of this Agreement, any notice, demand or other communication which by any provision of this Agreement is required or permitted to be given to or served upon Freddie Mac shall be given in writing addressed (until another address is published by Freddie Mac) as follows: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, 8200 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102 Attention: General Counsel and Secretary. Such notice, demand or other communication to or upon Freddie Mac shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made only upon actual receipt of the writing by Freddie Mac.

(c) To the extent that Freddie Mac is required to provide any information or notification to the Rating Agencies pursuant to this Agreement, Freddie Mac will cause such information or notification to be posted to the Rating Agencies Information Website. None of the Global Agent, Exchange Administrator or Registrar shall provide any information directly to, or communicate with, either orally or in writing, any Rating Agency or any NRSRO regarding the Notes relevant to such Rating Agency's or NRSRO's surveillance of the Notes, including, but not limited to, providing responses to inquiries from a Rating Agency or NRSRO regarding the Notes. Upon the Global Agent, Exchange Administrator or Registrar receiving any communication from any Rating Agency or NRSRO regarding the Notes, it shall promptly forward such communication to Freddie Mac.

#### **Section 6.09. Governing Law.**

THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE HOLDERS AND FREDDIE MAC WITH RESPECT TO THE NOTES SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. INsofar AS THERE MAY BE NO APPLICABLE PRECEDENT, AND INsofar AS TO DO SO WOULD NOT FRUSTRATE THE PURPOSES OF THE FREDDIE MAC ACT OR ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS GOVERNED THEREBY, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL BE DEEMED REFLECTIVE OF THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

#### **Section 6.10. Headings.**

The Article, Section and Subsection headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement.

#### **Section 6.11. Successors.**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, including any successor by operation of law, and permitted assigns.

RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN ORIGINAL NOTE (OR A MAC NOTE ISSUED IN EXCHANGE THEREFOR) ISSUED HEREUNDER BY OR ON BEHALF OF A HOLDER, WITHOUT ANY SIGNATURE OR FURTHER MANIFESTATION OF ASSENT, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE BY THE HOLDER AND ALL OTHERS HAVING A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN SUCH NOTE OF ALL THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE AGREEMENT OF FREDDIE MAC, SUCH HOLDER AND SUCH OTHERS THAT THOSE TERMS AND PROVISIONS SHALL BE BINDING, OPERATIVE AND EFFECTIVE AS BETWEEN FREDDIE MAC AND SUCH HOLDER AND SUCH OTHERS.

#### **Section 6.12. Compliance with Fiduciary Rule**

Any purchaser, transferee or holder of Notes or any interest therein that is a "benefit plan investor" as defined in 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101 as modified by Section 3(42) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (a "Benefit Plan Investor") or a fiduciary purchasing the Notes on behalf of a Benefit Plan Investor (a "Plan Fiduciary") will be deemed to make the following representations in connection with the regulations promulgated by the Department of Labor at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-21 on April 8, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 20,997)

(the “Fiduciary Rule”). Accordingly, in connection with the Fiduciary Rule, each Benefit Plan Investor will be deemed to have represented by its acquisition of the Notes that:

(1) none of the Issuer, any Dealer or any of their respective affiliates (the “Transaction Parties”), has provided or will provide advice with respect to the acquisition of the Notes by the Benefit Plan Investor, other than to the Plan Fiduciary which is independent (within the meaning of the Fiduciary Rule) of the Transaction Parties;

(2) the Plan Fiduciary either:

(a) is a bank as defined in Section 202 of the Investment Advisers Act, or similar institution that is regulated and supervised and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency; or

(b) is an insurance carrier which is qualified under the laws of more than one state to perform the services of managing, acquiring or disposing of assets of a Benefit Plan Investor; or

(c) is an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act, or, if not registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act by reason of paragraph (1) of Section 203A of the Investment Advisers Act, is registered as an investment adviser under the laws of the state in which it maintains its principal office and place of business; or

(d) is a broker-dealer registered under the Exchange Act; or

(e) has, and at all times that the Benefit Plan Investor is invested in the Notes will have, total assets of at least U.S. \$50,000,000 under its management or control (provided that this clause (e) shall not be satisfied if the Plan Fiduciary is either (i) the owner or a relative of the owner of an investing individual retirement account or (ii) a participant or beneficiary of the Benefit Plan Investor investing in or holding the Notes in such capacity);

(3) the Plan Fiduciary is capable of evaluating investment risks independently, both in general and with respect to particular transactions and investment strategies, including the acquisition by the Benefit Plan Investor of the Notes;

(4) the Plan Fiduciary is a “fiduciary” within the meaning of Section 3(21) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), or both, and is responsible for exercising independent judgment in evaluating the Benefit Plan Investor’s acquisition of the Notes;

(5) none of the Transaction Parties has exercised any authority to cause the Benefit Plan Investor to invest in the Notes or to negotiate the terms of the Benefit Plan Investor’s investment in the Notes; and

(6) the Plan Fiduciary has been informed by the Transaction Parties:

(a) that none of the Transaction Parties is undertaking to provide impartial investment advice or to give advice in a fiduciary capacity in connection with the Benefit Plan Investor's acquisition of the Notes; and

(b) of the existence and nature of the Transaction Parties' financial interests in the Benefit Plan Investor's acquisition of the Notes as disclosed in the Offering Circular.

These representations are intended to comply with Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Sections 2510.3-21(a) and (c)(1) as promulgated on April 8, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 20,997). If these sections of the Fiduciary Rule are revoked, repealed or no longer effective, these representations shall be deemed to be no longer in effect.

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION**

**APPENDIX I**  
**STACR® DEBT NOTES, SERIES 2018-HQA1**  
**ORIGINAL NOTE TERMS**

**\$985,000,000**

<b>Class of Notes</b>	<b>Initial Class Principal Balance or Class Notional Amount</b>	<b>CUSIP Number</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>
<b>M-1</b>	<b>\$225,000,000</b>	<b>3137G0UC1</b>	<b>September 2030</b>
<b>M-2A</b>	<b>\$310,000,000</b>	<b>3137G0UK3</b>	<b>September 2030</b>
<b>M-2B</b>	<b>\$310,000,000</b>	<b>3137G0UR8</b>	<b>September 2030</b>
<b>B-1</b>	<b>\$140,000,000</b>	<b>3137G0UX5</b>	<b>September 2030</b>

The Original Notes bear interest as shown in the following table. The initial Class Coupons apply only to the first Accrual Period. The Global Agent determines One-Month LIBOR using the ICE Method as described in Section 3.05.

<b>Class of Notes or Reference Tranche</b>	<b>Initial Class Coupon</b>	<b>Class Coupon Formula</b>
<b>M-1</b>	<b>2.55382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 0.70%</b>
<b>M-2A</b>	<b>4.15382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 2.30%</b>
<b>M-2B</b>	<b>4.15382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 2.30%</b>
<b>B-1</b>	<b>6.20382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 4.35%</b>
<b>B-2H Reference Tranche</b>	<b>12.85382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 11.00% <sup>(1)</sup></b>

(1) The Class B-2H Reference Tranche is not a Note; however, it is deemed to bear interest at the Class Coupon shown solely for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts.

**APPENDIX II**  
**STACR® DEBT NOTES, SERIES 2018-HQA1**  
**AVAILABLE MODIFICATIONS AND COMBINATIONS**  
**And**  
**MAC NOTE TERMS**

<b>Combination</b>	<b>Original Class</b>	<b>Original Class Principal Balance</b>	<b>Exchange Proportions<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>MAC Class</b>	<b>Maximum Original Class Principal Balance/ Notional Principal Amount</b>	<b>Exchange Proportions<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Interest Formula <sup>(2)</sup></b>
1	M-2A M-2B	\$310,000,000 \$310,000,000	50% 50%	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	One-Month LIBOR + 2.30%
2	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2R M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$620,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 100%	One-Month LIBOR + 0.80% 1.50%
3	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2S M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$496,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 80%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.10% 1.50%
4	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2T M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$372,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 60%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.40% 1.50%
5	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2U M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$248,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 40%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.70% 1.50%
6	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AR M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$310,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 100%	One-Month LIBOR + 0.80% 1.50%
7	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AS M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$248,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 80%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.10% 1.50%
8	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AT M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$186,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 60%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.40% 1.50%
9	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AU M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$124,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 40%	One-Month LIBOR +1.70% 1.50%
10	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BR M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$310,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 100%	One-Month LIBOR + 0.80% 1.50%
11	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BS M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$248,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 80%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.10% 1.50%
12	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BT M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$186,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 60%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.40% 1.50%
13	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BU M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$124,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 40%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.70% 1.50%

(1) Exchange proportions are constant proportions of the *original* Class Principal Balances (or *original* Notional Principal Amounts, if applicable) of the Original Classes or MAC Classes, as applicable. In accordance with the exchange proportions, you may exchange the Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes, and vice versa. In addition, in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5, in accordance with the exchange proportions, the indicated MAC Notes may further be exchanged for other MAC Notes, and vice versa.

(2) In the event that One-Month LIBOR used to calculate the Class Coupons of the Notes for any Accrual Period is less than zero, the Class Coupons on the Class M-2I, Class M-2AI and Class M-2BI Notes may be subject to downward adjustment such that the aggregate amount of interest payable to such MAC Notes and the other MAC Notes in the related Combination would not exceed the aggregate Interest Payment Amount otherwise payable to the related Exchangeable Notes for which such Classes were exchanged (or related MAC Notes in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5).

(3) Notional Principal Amount.



EXHIBIT B-1  
FORM OF ORIGINAL NOTE

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
**STRUCTURED AGENCY CREDIT RISK (STACR®) DEBT NOTES**

**SERIES 2018-HQA1**

**Denomination of this Note:** \$[     ]

**Certificate Number:** [     ]

**CUSIP Number:** [     ]

**ISIN:** [     ]

**Class Coupon:** See Offering Circular

**Holder:** CEDE & CO.

**Note Class:** [     ]

**Original Class Principal Balance:** \$[     ]

**Closing Date:** March 28, 2018

**Maturity Date:** September 2030

**Month of Initial Payment Date:** April  
2018

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or Freddie Mac (“Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to the registered holder identified hereinabove, with respect to the Freddie Mac Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR®) Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1 represented hereby, the principal and interest amounts due on each Payment Date and the Maturity Date, unless earlier redeemed or repaid, in accordance with the terms of the Securities Documents (as defined herein), until the principal and interest due on this Note are paid in full or made available for payment.

The terms of (i) the Freddie Mac Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR®) Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1 Offering Circular dated March 20, 2018 (the “Offering Circular”), as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor offering circular thereto, (ii) the Freddie Mac STACR® Debt Agreement dated as of the Closing Date, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor thereto, between Freddie Mac and the Holders of the Notes (the “Debt Agreement”), (iii) the Exchange Administration Agreement dated as of the Closing Date, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor thereto, between Freddie Mac and Citibank, N.A., as Exchange Administrator (the “Exchange Administration Agreement”) and (iv) the Global Agency Agreement dated as of the Closing Date, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor thereto, between Freddie Mac and Citibank, N.A., as Global Agent (the “Global Agency Agreement”, and collectively with the Offering Circular, the Debt Agreement and the Exchange Administration Agreement, the “Securities Documents”) are incorporated by reference herein verbatim. Capitalized terms used in this Note and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned in the applicable Securities Document.

**THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED FOR A NOTE IN BEARER FORM.**

**BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOTE THE HOLDER OF THIS NOTE IS DEEMED TO REPRESENT THAT IT IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN THE DEBT AGREEMENT, DATED MARCH 28, 2018) AND IS ACQUIRING SUCH NOTE FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT (AND NOT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF OTHERS) OR AS A FIDUCIARY OR AGENT FOR OTHERS (WHICH OTHERS ALSO ARE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS) TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS RESTRICTED TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS.**

**NO SALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE MAY BE MADE BY ANY PERSON UNLESS (I) SUCH SALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS MADE TO THE ISSUER OR (II) SUCH SALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS MADE TO A PERSON WHOM THE TRANSFEROR REASONABLY BELIEVES AFTER DUE INQUIRY IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER ACTING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT (AND NOT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF OTHERS) OR AS A FIDUCIARY OR AGENT FOR OTHERS (WHICH OTHERS ALSO ARE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS) TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE SALE, PLEDGE OR TRANSFER IS RESTRICTED TO**

**QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS. ANY ATTEMPTED TRANSFER IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE VOID AB INITIO AND THE PURPORTED TRANSFEROR WILL CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS THE OWNER OF THE NOTES FOR ALL PURPOSES.**

**THIS NOTE IS AN OBLIGATION OF THE ISSUER, ONLY. THIS NOTE, INCLUDING ANY INTEREST THEREON, IS NOT GUARANTEED BY THE UNITED STATES AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT OR OBLIGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE UNITED STATES OTHER THAN THE ISSUER.**

This Note is a valid and binding obligation of the Issuer. The Holder of this Note is entitled to the benefit of, and is deemed to have notice of, all of the provisions of the Securities Documents.

If this Note becomes mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost, it shall be replaced by Freddie Mac upon delivery to the Global Agent of evidence of the destruction, theft or loss thereof, and an indemnity satisfactory to Freddie Mac and the Global Agent. Upon the issuance of any substituted Note, Freddie Mac or the Global Agent may require the payment by the Holder hereof of a sum sufficient to cover any taxes and expenses connected therewith.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Global Agent by facsimile signature of one of its Authorized Officers, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefits under the Securities Documents or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

At the request of the registered owner, the Issuer shall promptly issue and deliver one or more separate Definitive Notes evidencing each obligation evidenced by this Note under the circumstances and subject to the terms set forth in the Securities Documents. As of the date any such Definitive Note or Notes are issued, the obligations which are evidenced thereby shall no longer be evidenced by this Note.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated:

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Certificate of Authentication

This is the Note for the obligations designated on the face hereof and referred to in the within-mentioned Securities Documents.

Citibank, N.A., as Authenticating Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Dated:

## TRANSFER NOTICE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto \_\_\_\_\_

(Name, Address, and Taxpayer Identification Number of Assignee) this Note and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing \_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer said Note in the records of the Global Agent with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

Notice: The signature on this assignment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of this Note, in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in STAMP or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

EXHIBIT B-2

FORM OF MAC NOTE (EXCLUDING CLASS M-2 MAC NOTE)

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
**STRUCTURED AGENCY CREDIT RISK (STACR®) DEBT NOTES**

**SERIES 2018-HQA1**

**Denomination of this Note:** \$[ ]

**Certificate Number:** [ ]

**CUSIP Number:** [ ]

**ISIN:** [ ]

**Class Coupon:** See Offering Circular

**Holder:** CEDE & CO.

**Note Class:** [ ]

**Maximum Original [Class Principal Balance][Notional Principal Amount]:**

**\$[ ]**

**Closing Date:** March 28, 2018

**Initial Exchange Date:** April 12, 2018

**Maturity Date:** September 2030

**Month of Initial Payment Date:** April 2018

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**REASONABLY BELIEVES AFTER DUE INQUIRY IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER ACTING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT (AND NOT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF OTHERS) OR AS A FIDUCIARY OR AGENT FOR OTHERS (WHICH OTHERS ALSO ARE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS) TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE SALE, PLEDGE OR TRANSFER IS RESTRICTED TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS. ANY ATTEMPTED TRANSFER IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE VOID AB INITIO AND THE PURPORTED TRANSFEROR WILL CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS THE OWNER OF THE NOTES FOR ALL PURPOSES.**

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At the request of the registered owner, the Issuer shall promptly issue and deliver one or more separate Definitive Notes evidencing each obligation evidenced by this Note under the circumstances and subject to the terms set forth in the Securities Documents. As of the date any such Definitive Note or Notes are issued, the obligations which are evidenced thereby shall no longer be evidenced by this Note.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated:

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

#### Certificate of Authentication

This is the Note for the obligations designated on the face hereof and referred to in the within-mentioned Securities Documents.

Citibank, N.A., as Authenticating Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Dated:

## TRANSFER NOTICE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Address, and Taxpayer Identification Number of Assignee) this Note and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing \_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer said Note in the records of the Global Agent with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

Notice: The signature on this assignment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of this Note, in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in STAMP or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.



EXHIBIT B-3

FORM OF CLASS M-2 MAC NOTE

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
**STRUCTURED AGENCY CREDIT RISK (STACR®) DEBT NOTES**

**SERIES 2018-HQA1**

**Denomination of this Note: \$[ ]**

**Certificate Number: R-1**

**CUSIP Number: 3137G0UD9**

**ISIN: US3137G0UD91**

**Class Coupon: See Offering Circular**

**Holder: CEDE & CO.**

**Note Class: M-2**

**Maximum Original Class Principal Balance:**

**\$620,000,000**

**Closing Date: March 28, 2018**

**Initial Exchange Date: April 12, 2018**

**Maturity Date: September 2030**

**Month of Initial Payment Date: April 2018**

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or Freddie Mac (“Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to the registered holder identified hereinabove, with respect to the Freddie Mac Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR®) Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1 represented hereby, the principal and interest amounts due on each Payment Date and the Maturity Date, unless earlier redeemed or repaid, in accordance with the terms of the Securities Documents (as defined herein), until the principal and interest due on this Note are paid in full or made available for payment.

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Dated:

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Certificate of Authentication

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Citibank, N.A., as Authenticating Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Karen Schluter  
Title: Vice President

Dated:

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Dated:

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## EXHIBIT C

### FORM OF AUTHORIZATION AND INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE

The following individual has been selected for, and continues to hold, the position referred to below and the specimen facsimile signature below represents his/her genuine facsimile signature:

Name and Title

Signature

EXHIBIT D-1

FORM OF DEFINITIVE NOTE  
FOR ORIGINAL NOTES

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
**STRUCTURED AGENCY CREDIT RISK (STACR®) DEBT NOTES**

**SERIES 2018-HQA1**

**Denomination of this Note:** \$[   ]

**Certificate Number:** [   ]

**CUSIP Number:** [   ]

**ISIN:** [   ]

**Class Coupon:** See Offering Circular

**Holder:** [\_\_\_\_\_]

**Note Class:** [   ]

**Original Class Principal Balance:** \$[   ]

**Closing Date:** March 28, 2018

**Maturity Date:** September 2030

**Month of Initial Payment Date:** April 2018

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In accordance with Section 4.04(d) of the Debt Agreement, this Note shall be presented for registration of transfer or exchange (with the form of transfer included hereon properly endorsed, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, with such evidence of due authorization and guaranty of signature as may be required by Freddie Mac, duly executed) at the office of the Registrar or any other transfer agent upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges and other amounts, but without payment of any service charge to the Registrar or such transfer agent for such transfer or exchange. A transfer or exchange shall not be effective unless, and until, recorded in the Register.

A transfer or exchange of this Note shall be effected upon satisfying the Global Agent with regard to the documents and identity of the person making the request and subject to such reasonable regulations as Freddie Mac may from time to time agree with the Global Agent. Such documents will include forms prescribed by U.S. tax authorities to establish the applicability of, or the exemption from, withholding or other taxes regarding the transferee Holder. This Note may be transferred or exchanged in whole or in part only in the authorized denominations under the Debt Agreement. In the case of a transfer of this Note in part, a new Note in respect of the balance not transferred shall be issued to the transferor. Each new Note to be issued, including any Note issued in respect of the balance not transferred, shall be mailed to such address as may be specified in the form or instrument of transfer at the risk of the Holder entitled thereto in accordance with the customary procedures of the Global Agent.

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Dated:

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:



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Citibank, N.A., as Authenticating Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Dated:

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

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EXHIBIT D-2

FORM OF DEFINITIVE NOTE  
FOR MAC NOTES (EXCLUDING CLASS M-2 MAC NOTE)

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
**STRUCTURED AGENCY CREDIT RISK (STACR®) DEBT NOTES**

**SERIES 2018-HQA1**

**Denomination of this Note:** \$[   ]

**Certificate Number:** [   ]

**CUSIP Number:** [   ]

**ISIN:** [   ]

**Class Coupon:** See Offering Circular

**Holder:** [\_\_\_\_\_]

**Note Class:** [   ]

**Maximum Original [Class Principal Balance]**

**[Notional Principal Amount]:** \$[   ]

**Closing Date:** March 28, 2018

**Initial Exchange Date:** April 12, 2018

**Maturity Date:** September 2030

**Month of Initial Payment Date:** April 2018

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Dated:

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

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Name:  
Title:

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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EXHIBIT D-3

FORM OF DEFINITIVE NOTE  
FOR CLASS M-2 MAC NOTES



**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
**STRUCTURED AGENCY CREDIT RISK (STACR®) DEBT NOTES**

**SERIES 2018-HQA1**

**Denomination of this Note:** \$[   ]

**Certificate Number:** [   ]

**CUSIP Number:** 3137G0UD9

**ISIN:** US3137G0UD91

**Class Coupon:** See Offering Circular

**Holder:** [\_\_\_\_\_]

**Note Class:** M-2

**Maximum Original Class Principal Balance:**  
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**Closing Date:** March 28, 2018

**Initial Exchange Date:** April 12, 2018

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This Note is a valid and binding obligation of the Issuer. The Holder of this Note is entitled to the benefit of, and is deemed to have notice of, all of the provisions of the Securities Documents.

In accordance with Section 4.04(d) of the Debt Agreement, this Note shall be presented for registration of transfer or exchange (with the form of transfer included hereon properly endorsed, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, with such evidence of due authorization and guaranty of signature as may be required by Freddie Mac, duly executed) at the office of the Registrar or any other transfer agent upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges and other amounts, but without payment of any service charge to the Registrar or such transfer agent for such transfer or exchange. A transfer or exchange shall not be effective unless, and until, recorded in the Register.

A transfer or exchange of this Note shall be effected upon satisfying the Global Agent with regard to the documents and identity of the person making the request and subject to such reasonable regulations as Freddie Mac may from time to time agree with the Global Agent. Such documents will include forms prescribed by U.S. tax authorities to establish the applicability of, or the exemption from, withholding or other taxes regarding the transferee Holder. This Note may be transferred or exchanged in whole or in part only in the authorized denominations under the Debt Agreement. In the case of a transfer of this Note in part, a new Note in respect of the balance not transferred shall be issued to the transferor. Each new Note to be issued, including any Note issued in respect of the balance not transferred, shall be mailed to such address as may be specified in the form or instrument of transfer at the risk of the Holder entitled thereto in accordance with the customary procedures of the Global Agent.

If this Note becomes mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost, it shall be replaced by Freddie Mac at the expense of the Holder upon delivery to the Global Agent of evidence of the destruction, theft or loss thereof, and an indemnity satisfactory to Freddie Mac and the Global Agent. Upon the issuance of any substituted Note, Freddie Mac or the Global Agent may require the payment by the Holder hereof of a sum sufficient to cover any taxes and expenses connected therewith.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Global Agent by facsimile signature of one of its Authorized Officers, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefits under the Securities Documents or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated:

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Certificate of Authentication

This is the Note for the obligations designated on the face hereof and referred to in the within-mentioned Securities Documents.

Citibank, N.A., as Authenticating Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Dated:

## TRANSFER NOTICE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto \_\_\_\_\_

(Name, Address, and Taxpayer Identification Number of Assignee) this Definitive Note and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing \_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer said Note in the records of the Global Agent with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

Notice: The signature on this assignment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of this Note, in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in STAMP or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

## EXHIBIT E

### FORM OF WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

Account Name:

Wire Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

ABA#:

Account #:

Ref:

Attn:

## EXHIBIT F

### FORM OF REFERENCE POOL FILE

See: [http://www.freddiemac.com/creditsecurities/reference\\_pool\\_disclosure\\_guide.pdf](http://www.freddiemac.com/creditsecurities/reference_pool_disclosure_guide.pdf)

## EXHIBIT G

### FORM OF P&I CONSTANT FILE REPORT

FIELD NAME	LENGTH	POSITION	FORMAT ("I" DELIMITER)	EXAMPLE VALUES
<b>FILE HEADER RECORD: FOLLOWING RECORD TYPE APPEARS ONCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FILE</b>				
RECORD TYPE	2	1-2	XX	00  = FILE HEADER
FILE NAME	12	4-15	X(12)	ex. MTHLY-PICNST
FILE DATE	8	17-24	CCYYMMDD	ex. 20051201
FILLER	25	26-50	X(25)	SPACE(25)
<b>REF POOL HEADER RECORD: FOLLOWING RECORD TYPE APPEARS ONCE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH REFERENCE POOL</b>				
RECORD TYPE	2	1-2	XX	10  = REF POOL HEADER
REFERENCE POOL NUMBER	6	4-9	X(6)	ex. 13DN01
FILLER	40	11-50	X(40)	SPACE(40)
<b>DETAIL LOAN RECORD: FOLLOWING RECORD TYPE APPEARS ONCE FOR EACH LOAN</b>				
RECORD TYPE	2	1-2	XX	20  = DETAIL LOAN RECORD
LOAN IDENTIFIER	12	4-15	X(12)	ex. 201201000001
CURRENT PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST CONSTANT	8	17-24	9(5).99	ex. 06000.00
FILLER	25	26-50	X(25)	SPACE(25)
<b>REF POOL TRAILER RECORD: FOLLOWING RECORD TYPE APPEARS ONCE AT THE END OF EACH REFERENCE POOL</b>				
RECORD TYPE	2	1-2	XX	80  = REF POOL TRAILER
REFERENCE POOL NUMBER	6	4-9	X(6)	ex. 201201
LOAN DETAIL RECORD COUNT (20)	9	11-19	9(9)	ex. 012345678
FILLER	30	21-50	X(30)	SPACE(30)
<b>FILE TRAILER RECORD: FOLLOWING RECORD TYPE APPEARS ONCE AT THE END OF THE FILE</b>				
RECORD TYPE	2	1-2	XX	99  = FILE TRAILER
FILE RECORD COUNT (10+20+80)	9	4-12	9(9)	ex. 012345680
FILLER	37	14-50	X(37)	SPACE(37)

## EXHIBIT H

### PAYMENT DATE STATEMENT

The Payment Date Statement shall include the following information:

- i. the Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) of each Class of Notes and the percentage of the initial Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) of each Class of Notes on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the immediately preceding Accrual Period, the amount of principal payments to be made on the Notes of each Class that are entitled to principal on such Payment Date and the Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) of each Class of Notes and the percentage of the initial Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) of each Class of Notes after giving effect to any payments of principal to be made on such Payment Date and the allocation of any Tranche Write-down Amounts and Tranche Write-up Amounts to such Class of Notes on such Payment Date;
- ii. One-Month LIBOR for the Accrual Period preceding the related Payment Date;
- iii. the Interest Payment Amount for each outstanding Class of Notes for the related Payment Date;
- iv. the amount of principal required to be paid by Freddie Mac for each outstanding Class of Notes that is entitled to principal for the related Payment Date and the Senior Reduction Amount, the Subordinate Reduction Amount, the Senior Percentage and the Subordinate Percentage for the related Payment Date;
- v. the aggregate Tranche Write-down Amounts, Tranche Write-up Amounts, Modification Loss Amounts and Modification Gain Amounts previously allocated to each Class of Notes and each Class of Reference Tranches pursuant to the hypothetical structure and the Tranche Write-down Amounts, Tranche Write-up Amounts, Modification Loss Amounts and Modification Gain Amounts to be allocated on the related Payment Date;
- vi. the cumulative number (to date) and unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations that have become Credit Event Reference Obligations, the number and unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations that have become Credit Event Reference Obligations during the related Reporting Period and the Cumulative Net Loss Percentage;
- vii. the number and aggregate principal amount of Reference Obligations with respect to their delinquency status, including whether the status of such Reference Obligations is bankruptcy, foreclosure, or REO, as of the related Reporting Period;



viii. the number and aggregate principal amount of Reference Obligations (A) that became Credit Event Reference Obligations (and identification under which clause of the definition of “Credit Event” each such Reference Obligation became a Credit Event Reference Obligation), (B) that were removed from the Reference Pool as a result of a defect or breach of a representation and warranty, and (C) that have been paid in full;

ix. the cumulative number and unpaid principal balances of Credit Event Reference Obligations that have Unconfirmed Underwriting Defects or Unconfirmed Servicing Defects, including whether such defects have been confirmed, rescinded, or are still outstanding as of the related Reporting Period;

x. the percentage of Reference Pool outstanding (equal to the outstanding principal amount of Reference Obligations divided by the Cut-off Date Balance) as of the current Reporting Period;

xi. the Scheduled and Unscheduled Principal amounts, both cumulative and for the current Reporting Period;

xii. the Recovery Principal for the current Reporting Period;

xiii. the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Amount and the related Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Loan Allocation Amount (Cap) for each Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement for the current Reporting Period;

xiv. the number of sellers and the corresponding dollar amount of Reference Obligations no longer subject to Freddie Mac’s quality control process;

xv. with respect to each Reference Obligation in the Reference Pool, as may be applicable, the following information: net sales proceeds (realized cumulative); Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount (realized cumulative); taxes and insurance (realized cumulative); legal costs (realized cumulative); maintenance and preservation costs (realized cumulative); bankruptcy cramdown costs (realized cumulative); miscellaneous expenses (realized cumulative); miscellaneous credits (realized cumulative); modification costs (realized cumulative); delinquent accrued interest (realized cumulative); total realized net loss (cumulative); current period net loss;

xvi. notification from Freddie Mac of its on-going compliance with the terms of the EU Risk Retention Letter; and

xvii. for the Payment Date Statement for the calendar month of January, the Class B-1 Notes fair market value information (as of the last Business Day in the preceding calendar year) provided by Freddie Mac.

## EXHIBIT I-1

### FORM OF BOND FILE – ORIGINAL CLASS M NOTES AND MAC NOTES

BOND SUMMARY  
REPORTING - BND FILE  
FORMAT

T0XXMMYY.BND

Field Name	Field Number	Format	Definition
Series #	1	10	As defined by issuer or as assigned - T0XX
Blank		1	
Class #	2	2	As defined by issuer or as assigned
Blank		5	
CUSIP #	3	9	Freddie Mac will provide dummy numbers for wrapped classes.
Blank		1	
Coupon - Current Pass-thru Rate	4	6.3	Bond Coupon Rate
Blank		1	
Original Face Value	5	13.2	Par value, original issue amount, of class
Blank		1	
Beginning Unpaid Principal Balance	6	13.2	Class UPB at beginning of cycle
Blank		1	
Principal Payment Amount	7	13.2	Dollar amount of class principal payment
Blank		1	
Interest Payment Amount	8	13.2	Dollar amount of class interest payment
Blank		1	
Total Distribution	9	13.2	Dollar amount of principal and interest payment
Blank		1	
Deferred Interest	10	13.2	Dollar amount of over collateralization
Blank		1	
Principal Loss	11	13.2	Dollar amount of principal losses applied this period
Blank		1	
Interest Loss	12	13.2	Dollar amount of interest losses applied this period
Blank		1	
Ending Unpaid Principal Balance	13	13.2	Ending class UPB at beginning of cycle
Blank		1	
Principal Distribution Factor	14	9.7	Factor representing principal payment divided by the Original UPB of the class
Blank		1	
Interest Distribution Factor	15	9.7	Factor representing interest payment divided by the Beginning UPB of the class

Blank		1	
Prepayment Interest Shortfall	16	9.7	In loans were prepaid and the interest shortfall arose in this period, it should be entered here. If not applicable, a zero should be used.
Blank		1	
Total Distribution Factor	17	9.7	Factor representing the combined principal and interest payment divided by the Original UPB of the class
Blank		1	
Deferred Interest Factor	18	9.7	Factor representing any increase in residual class due to credit enhancement requirements. This is determined by dividing the increase amount by the Original UPB.
Blank		1	
Ending Principal Balance Factor	19	9.7	Ending class UPB divided by Original UPB
Blank		1	
Remaining Unpaid Interest	20	13.2	If interest should be due, but not received on a given amount, then that amount should be entered.
Blank		1	
Negative Amortization Amount	21	13.2	This represents the amount of negative amortization applied to the bond. Such that an investor can subtract this amount from the disclosed coupon interest payment amount calculation to arrive at the interest payment amount for the payment date.
Blank		1	
Negative Amortization Factor	22	9.8	Factor representing Negative Amortization Amount divided by Original UPB.

Notes:

File must be a text file (either space or tab delimited)

Any dates should be in YYYYMMDD format. They should not contain slashes or dashes

Number fields should NOT contain commas. Any negative number should be denoted by a - in from of the number, do not use parentheses.

## EXHIBIT I-2

### FORM OF BOND FILE – CLASS B-1 NOTES

#### BOND SUMMARY REPORTING - BND FILE FORMAT

T0XXMMYY.BND

Field Name	Field Number	Format	Definition
Series #	1	10	As defined by issuer or as assigned - T0XX
Blank		1	
Class #	2	2	As defined by issuer or as assigned
Blank		5	
CUSIP #	3	9	Freddie Mac will provide dummy numbers for wrapped classes.
Blank		1	
Deemed Loan Coupon	4	6.3	Deemed Loan Coupon Rate
Blank		1	
Periodic Payment – Current	5	6.3	LIBOR-based Periodic Payment Rate
Blank		1	
Original Deemed Principal Amount & Notional Principal Balance	6	13.2	Par value, original issue amount, of Deemed Loan and Notional Balance of Swap Component
Blank		1	
Beginning Deemed Principal Amount and Notional Balance	7	13.2	Class Deemed Ending UPB Factor and Ending Notional Balance at beginning of cycle
Blank		1	
Principal Payment Amount	8	13.2	Dollar amount of class principal payment
Blank		1	
Deemed Interest Payment Amount	9	13.2	Dollar amount of class deemed interest payment
Blank		1	
Periodic Payment Amount	10	13.2	Dollar amount of class periodic payment
Blank		1	
Total Distribution	11	13.2	Dollar amount of principal, deemed interest and periodic payments made
Blank		1	
Deferred Interest	12	13.2	Dollar amount of over collateralization
Blank		1	

Principal Loss	13	13.2	Dollar amount of principal losses applied this period
Blank		1	
Interest Loss	14	13.2	Dollar amount of interest losses applied this period
Blank		1	
Ending Deemed Unpaid Principal Balance and Notional Balance	15	13.2	Ending class Deemed UPB and Notional Balance at beginning of cycle
Blank		1	
Principal Distribution Factor	16	9.7	Factor representing principal payment divided by the Original Deemed UPB and Notional Balance of the class
Blank		1	
Periodic Payment Distribution Factor	17	9.7	Factor representing periodic payment divided by the Beginning Notional Balance of the class of the class
Blank		1	
Deemed Interest Distribution Factor	18	9.7	Factor representing deemed interest payment divided by the Beginning Deemed UPB of the class
Blank		1	
Prepayment Interest Shortfall	19	9.7	In loans were prepaid and the interest shortfall arose in this period, it should be entered here. If not applicable, a zero should be used.
Blank		1	
Total Distribution Factor	20	9.7	Factor representing the combined deemed principal, interest and periodic payment divided by the Original deemed UPB of the class
Blank		1	
Deferred Interest Factor	21	9.7	Factor representing any increase in residual class due to credit enhancement requirements. This is determined by dividing the increase amount by the Original Deemed UPB.
Blank		1	
Ending Deemed Principal Balance Factor	22	9.7	Ending class Deemed UPB divided by Original Deemed UPB
Blank		1	
Remaining Unpaid Deemed Interest	23	13.2	If interest should be due, but not received on a given amount, then that amount should be entered.

Notes:

File must be a text file (either space or tab delimited)

Any dates should be in YYYYMMDD format. They should not contain slashes or dashes

Number fields should NOT contain commas. Any negative number should be denoted by a - in from of the number, do not use parentheses.

## EXHIBIT J

### SAMPLE TAX REPORTING INFORMATION

**2018 TAX INFORMATION (PURSUANT TO REGULATION 1.6049-7(E))**  
**Per \$1,000 of ORIGINAL PAR VALUE**

SAMPLE

**Issuer Name:** Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR) Debt Notes, Series 2018-XXXX  
**Issuer's Address:** c/o [Global Agent Name]  
[Global Agent Address]  
[Global Agent Address]  
**Issuer Type:** Freddie Mac Debt  
**Reference Pool:** 2018-XXXX

**Bond Class:** [M-X]  
**CUSIP:**  
**Original Amount:**  
**Issue Price:**  
**Interest Calculation:**

Date Paid	Accrual Days	Qualified Periodic Interest ("QPI")	Daily QPI (\$1000 of Original Par)	OID Accrued	Daily OID (\$1000 of Original Par)	Market Discount Fraction	Beg Adj Issue Price (\$1000 of Original Par)	Ending UPB Factor	(Write-down)/Write-up Amounts

**2018 TAX INFORMATION**  
**Per \$1,000 of ORIGINAL PAR VALUE**

SAMPLE

<b>Issuer Name:</b>	Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR) Debt Notes, Series 2018-XXXX	<b>Bond Class:</b>	[B-X]
<b>Issuer's Address:</b>	c/o [Global Agent Name] [Global Agent Address] [Global Agent Address]	<b>CUSIP:</b>	
<b>Issuer Type:</b>	Freddie Mac Derivative and Deemed Loan	<b>Original Deemed Loan Principal Amount:</b>	
<b>Reference Pool:</b>	2018-XXXX	<b>Original Notional Balance:</b>	
		<b>Issue Price:</b>	
		<b>Interest Calculation:</b>	Class Coupon Loan Rate <sup>1</sup> On Market NPC Rate <sup>2</sup>

		Deemed Loan		Deemed NPC	Principal Payment/Credit Events							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Date Paid	Accrual Days	Qualified Periodic Interest ("QPI") to Investor <sup>1</sup>	Daily QPI (\$1000 of Original Par)	Periodic Payments Deemed Paid to Investor <sup>2</sup>	(Write-Down)/Write-Up Amounts	Modification Even Amount (Gain/(Loss))	Modification Event Amount (Gain/(Loss)) Affecting Class Coupon	Modification Event (Loss) Affecting Principal	Principal Payments	Class B Fair Maket Value at Calendar Year End	Class B (Deemed Loan & Deemed NPC) Beginning AIP/Notional Balance (\$1000 of Original Par)	Class B (Deemed Loan & Deemed NPC) Ending UPB Factor

<sup>1</sup> Using the Deemed Loan Interest Rate specified in the tax section of Offering Circular.  
<sup>2</sup> Using the Class B stated interest rate less the Deemed Loan Interest Rate specified in the Offering Circular.

**For Purposes of Reporting Deemed Interest:** Include the aggregate amounts from Column C for the periods during which the Beneficial Owner owned its Class B Note.

**For Purposes of Reporting NPC Payments:**

1. For Periodic Payments, include the aggregate amount from Column E for the periods during which the Beneficial Owner owned its Class B Note.
2. For Contingent Payments, take the sum of the ending FMV from Column K, the principal payments received in Column J and the Modification Event Amount Affecting the Class Coupon in Column H and subtract such sum from the Class B Beginning AIP at the beginning of the year (from Column L).



**2018 TAX INFORMATION (PURSUANT TO REGULATION 1.6049-7(E))**  
**Per \$1,000 of ORIGINAL PAR VALUE**

**SAMPLE**

**Issuer Name:** Freddie Mac  
STACR Modifiable and Combinable ("MAC") Notes Trust Series 2018-XXXX  
**Issuer's Address:** c/o [Global Agent Name]  
[Global Agent Address]  
[Global Agent Address]  
**Issuer Type:** Interest in Freddie Mac Debt  
**Reference Pool:** 2018-XXXX

**Bond Class:** [2 or more STACR Classes exchanged for 1 MAC Class]  
**CUSIP:**  
**Original Amount:**

**Issuer Name:** Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR) Debt Notes, Series 2018-XXXX  
**Issuer's Address:** c/o [Global Agent Name]  
[Global Agent Address]  
[Global Agent Address]  
**Issuer Type:** Freddie Mac Debt  
**Reference Pool:** 2018-XXXX

**Bond Class:** [M-X]  
**CUSIP:**  
**Original Amount:**  
**Issue Price:**  
**Interest Calculation:**

Date Paid	Accrual Days	Qualified Periodic Interest ("QPI")	Daily QPI (\$1000 of Original Par)	OID Accrued	Daily OID (\$1000 of Original Par)	Market Discount Fraction	Beg Adj Issue Price (\$1000 of Original Par)	Ending UPB Factor	(Write-down)/Write-up Amounts

**Issuer Name:** Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR) Debt Notes, Series 2018-XXXX  
**Issuer's Address:** c/o [Global Agent Name]  
[Global Agent Address]  
[Global Agent Address]  
**Issuer Type:** Freddie Mac Debt  
**Reference Pool:** 2018-XXXX

**Bond Class:** [M-X]  
**CUSIP:**  
**Original Amount:**  
**Issue Price:**  
**Interest Calculation:**

Date Paid	Accrual Days	Qualified Periodic Interest ("QPI")	Daily QPI (\$1000 of Original Par)	OID Accrued	Daily OID (\$1000 of Original Par)	Market Discount Fraction	Beg Adj Issue Price (\$1000 of Original Par)	Ending UPB Factor	(Write-down)/Write-up Amounts

2018 TAX INFORMATION  
Per \$1,000 of ORIGINAL PAR VALUE

SAMPLE

**Issuer Name:** Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR) Debt Notes, Series 2018-XXXX  
**Issuer's Address:** c/o [Global Agent Name]  
[Global Agent Address]  
[Global Agent Address]  
**Issuer Type:** Freddie Mac Debt  
**Reference Pool:** 2018-XXXX

**Bond Class:** [1 STACR Class exchanged for 2 or more MAC Classes]  
**CUSIP:**  
**Original Amount:**  
**Issue Price:**  
**Interest Calculation:**

Date Paid <sup>1</sup>	Accrual Days	OID Accrued <sup>2</sup>	Daily OID (\$1000 of Original Par)	Market Discount Fraction	Beg Adj Issue Price (\$1000 of Original Par)	Ending UPB Factor	(Write-down)/Write-up Amounts

<sup>1</sup> For tax reporting purposes the issue date of the strip will be the Initial Exchange Date (as specified in the Offering Circular).

<sup>2</sup> All payments on MAC strips are included in the stated redemption price at maturity. Consequently, there will be no qualified periodic interest payments, and OID will be based on the yield as computed using the LIBOR rate as of the Initial Exchange Date.

## EXHIBIT K

### CITIBANK ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENTS

BBK: Citibank, N.A.

ABA: 021-000-089

A/C#: 3617-2242

A/C Name: Structured Finance Incoming Wire

Ref: STACR18HQA1 Nt Coll AC/118908

EXHIBIT L

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Global Agent Fees:

Annually: \$48,000 annually, payable in equal monthly installments of \$4,000 remitted with Note Payment Amounts to the Note Collection Account.

**EXHIBIT D**  
**DEBT AGREEMENT**

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
**Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR®) Debt Notes,**  
**Series 2018-HQA1**

**STACR® DEBT AGREEMENT**

**STACR® DEBT AGREEMENT** (the “**Agreement**”), dated as of March 28, 2018 between the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“**Freddie Mac**”) and the Holders of the Notes (each as hereinafter defined).

Whereas:

(a) Freddie Mac is a corporate instrumentality of the United States created pursuant to an Act of Congress on July 24, 1970 (Title III of the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, as amended, 12 U.S.C. §§1451-1459, hereinafter referred to as the “**Freddie Mac Act**”), with full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to undertake the obligations undertaken by it herein;

(b) Pursuant to Section 306(a) of the Freddie Mac Act, Freddie Mac is authorized, upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, to borrow, to pay interest or other return, and to issue notes, bonds or other obligations or securities;

(c) To permit Freddie Mac to engage in activities consistent with its statutory purposes, Freddie Mac has authorized the issuance of unsecured general obligations of Freddie Mac; and

(d) Pursuant to this Agreement, Freddie Mac is issuing the Structured Agency Credit Risk (“**STACR®**”) Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1 (the “**Original Notes**”).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, it is hereby agreed that the following terms and conditions of this Agreement shall govern the Notes and the rights and obligations of Freddie Mac and Holders with respect to the Notes.

**ARTICLE I**

**Section 1.     Definitions.**

Whenever used in this Agreement, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires.

*Accounting Net Yield:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation, the related mortgage rate less the related servicing fee rate.

*Accrual Period:* With respect to each Payment Date, the period beginning on and including the prior Payment Date (or, in the case of the first Payment Date, the Closing Date) and ending on and including the day preceding such Payment Date.

*Agreement:* This STACR<sup>®</sup> Debt Agreement dated as of the Closing Date, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

*Beneficial Owner:* The entity or individual that beneficially owns a Note.

*Business Day:* A day other than (i) a Saturday or Sunday or (ii) a day on which the offices of Freddie Mac, the corporate trust offices of the Global Agent or the Exchange Administrator (currently located at 388 Greenwich Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10013), DTC, or the banking institutions in the City of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to be closed.

*Citibank:* Citibank, N.A.

*Class:* A class of Original Notes or MAC Notes issued under this Agreement or a class of Reference Tranche established under this Agreement, as the case may be.

*Class Coupon:* The Class Coupon on each Class of Notes and the Class B-2H Reference Tranche for any Accrual Period will be as set forth in *Appendix I* for the Original Notes and the Class B-2H Reference Tranche and *Appendix II* for the MAC Notes; provided that in no event shall the Class Coupon for any Note or the Class B-2H Reference Tranche be less than 0%. The Class B-2H Reference Tranche is not a Note; however, it is deemed to bear interest at the Class Coupon shown in Appendix I solely for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts.

*Class Coupon Formula:* The formula specified for each Class of variable rate Notes and the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, as set forth in *Appendix I* for the Original Notes and the Class B-2H Reference Tranche and *Appendix II* for the MAC Notes.

*Class Notional Amount:* With respect to each Class of Reference Tranche as of any Payment Date, a notional amount equal to the initial Class Notional Amount of such Class of Reference Tranche, *minus* the aggregate amount of Senior Reduction Amounts and/or Subordinate Reduction Amounts allocated to such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates, *minus* the aggregate amount of Tranche Write-down Amounts allocated to reduce the Class Notional Amount of such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date and on all prior Payment Dates, and *plus* the aggregate amount of Tranche Write-up Amounts allocated to increase the Class Notional Amount of such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date and on all prior Payment Dates. For the avoidance of doubt, no Tranche Write-up Amount or Tranche Write-down Amount will be applied twice on the same Payment Date.

*Class Principal Balance:* With respect to each Class of Original Notes, as of any Payment Date, the maximum dollar amount of principal to which the Holders of such Class of Notes are then entitled, with such amount being equal to the initial Class Principal Balance of such Class of Notes as set forth in *Appendix I*, *minus* the aggregate amount of principal paid by Freddie Mac on such Class of Notes on such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates, *minus* the aggregate amount of Tranche Write-down Amounts allocated to reduce the Class Principal Balance of such

Class of Notes on such Payment Date and on all prior Payment Dates, and *plus* the aggregate amount of Tranche Write-up Amounts allocated to increase the Class Principal Balance of such Class of Notes on such Payment Date and on all prior Payment Dates (in each case without regard to any exchange of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes). The Class Principal Balance of each Class of Original Notes shall at all times equal the Class Notional Amount of the Reference Tranche that corresponds to such Class of Notes. For the avoidance of doubt, no Tranche Write-up Amount or Tranche Write-down Amount will be applied twice on the same Payment Date.

The Class Principal Balance as of any Payment Date of each outstanding Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal will be equal to the outstanding Class Principal Balance or aggregate outstanding Class Principal Balance as of such Payment Date of the portion or portions of the related Class or Classes of Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such Class of MAC Notes (including any related Class or Classes of MAC Notes further exchanged for other MAC Notes in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5).

*Clearstream:* Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, which holds securities for its participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its participants.

*Closing Date:* March 28, 2018.

*Closing Date Deemed Exchange:* The deemed exchange, on the Closing Date, of the applicable amounts of the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes for the applicable amount of the Class M-2 Notes identified to the Exchange Administrator on or prior to the Closing Date.

*Combination:* The available modifications and combinations of Exchangeable Notes to be exchanged for MAC Notes, and vice versa, shown in *Appendix II*.

*Commission:* The United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

*Common Depositary:* The common depositary for Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any other applicable clearing system, which will hold Common Depositary Notes on behalf of Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any such other applicable clearing system.

*Common Depositary Notes:* Book-entry Notes that are deposited with a Common Depositary and that will clear and settle through the systems operated by Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any such other applicable clearing system other than DTC.

*Corresponding Class of Reference Tranches:* With respect to (i) the Class M-1 Notes, the Class M-1 Reference Tranche, (ii) the Class M-2A Notes, the Class M-2A Reference Tranche, (iii) the Class M-2B Notes, the Class M-2B Reference Tranche and (iv) the Class B-1 Notes, the Class B-1 Reference Tranche.

*Credit Event:* With respect to any Payment Date on or before the Termination Date and any Reference Obligation means the first to occur of any of the following events with respect to



such Reference Obligation being reported by the applicable servicer to Freddie Mac during the related Reporting Period: (i) a short sale is settled, (ii) a seriously delinquent Mortgage Note is sold prior to foreclosure, (iii) the Mortgaged Property that secured the related Mortgage Note is sold to a third party at a foreclosure sale, (iv) an REO disposition occurs, or (v) the related Mortgage Note is charged off. With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, there can only be one occurrence of a Credit Event; provided that one additional separate Credit Event can occur with respect to each instance of such Credit Event Reference Obligation becoming a Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligation.

*Credit Event Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the aggregate amount of the Credit Event UPBs of all Credit Event Reference Obligations for the related Reporting Period.

*Credit Event Net Gain:* With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) the related Net Liquidation Proceeds; over (b) the sum of (i) the related Credit Event UPB; (ii) the total amount of prior principal forgiveness modifications, if any, on the related Credit Event Reference Obligation; and (iii) delinquent accrued interest thereon, calculated at the related Current Accrual Rate from the related last paid interest date through the date Freddie Mac determines such Reference Obligation has been reported as a Credit Event Reference Obligation.

*Credit Event Net Loss:* With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) the sum of: (i) the related Credit Event UPB; (ii) the total amount of prior principal forgiveness modifications, if any, on the related Credit Event Reference Obligation; and (iii) delinquent accrued interest thereon, calculated at the related Current Accrual Rate from the related last paid interest date through the date Freddie Mac determines such Reference Obligation has been reported as a Credit Event Reference Obligation, over (b) the related Net Liquidation Proceeds.

*Credit Event Reference Obligation:* With respect to any Payment Date any Reference Obligation with respect to which a Credit Event has occurred.

*Credit Event UPB:* With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, the unpaid principal balance thereof as of the end of the Reporting Period related to the Payment Date that it became a Credit Event Reference Obligation.

*Cumulative Net Loss Percentage:* With respect to each Payment Date, a percentage equal to (i) the Principal Loss Amount for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates less the Principal Recovery Amount for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates; divided by (ii) the aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations in the Reference Pool as of the Cut-off Date.

*Cumulative Net Loss Test:* With respect to any Payment Date, a test that will be satisfied if the Cumulative Net Loss Percentage does not exceed the applicable percentage indicated below:

<b><u>Payment Date occurring in the period</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage</u></b>
April 2018 to March 2019	0.10%
April 2019 to March 2020	0.20%
April 2020 to March 2021	0.30%
April 2021 to March 2022	0.40%

April 2022 to March 2023	0.50%
April 2022 to March 2024	0.60%
April 2024 to March 2025	0.70%
April 2025 to March 2026	0.80%
April 2026 to March 2027	0.90%
April 2027 to March 2028	1.00%
April 2028 to March 2029	1.10%
April 2029 to March 2030	1.20%
April 2030 and thereafter	1.30%

*Current Accrual Rate:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation, the lesser of (i) the related current Accounting Net Yield; and (ii) the related current mortgage rate thereon (as adjusted for any modifications) minus 0.35%.

*CUSIP Number:* A unique nine-character designation assigned to each Class of Notes by the CUSIP Service Bureau and used to identify each Class of Notes on the records of the DTC.

*Cut-off Date:* Close of business on February 15, 2018.

*Cut-off Date Balance:* \$40,102,078,191; the initial aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations as of the Cut-off Date.

*Dealer:* Each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Barclays Capital Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Nomura Securities International, Inc. and CastleOak Securities, L.P.

*Delinquency Test:* For any Payment Date, a test that will be satisfied if (a) the sum of the Distressed Principal Balance for the current Payment Date and each of the preceding five Payment Dates, divided by six or, in the case of any Payment Date prior to the sixth Payment Date after the Closing Date, the sum of the Distressed Principal Balance for the current Payment Date and each of the preceding Payment Dates, divided by the number of Payment Dates since the Closing Date is less than (b) 50% of the amount by which (i) the product of (x) the Subordinate Percentage and (y) the aggregate UPB of the Reference Obligations as of the preceding Payment Date; exceeds (ii) the Principal Loss Amount for the current Payment Date.

*Depository:* DTC or any successor.

*Distressed Principal Balance:* For any Payment Date, the sum, without duplication, of the UPB of Reference Obligations that meet any of the following criteria: (a) Reference Obligations that are 60 days or more delinquent; (b) Reference Obligations that are in foreclosure, bankruptcy, or REO status; or (c) Reference Obligations that were modified in the 12 months preceding the end of the related Reporting Period.

*DTC:* The Depository Trust Company, a limited-purpose trust company, which holds securities for DTC Participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of transactions between DTC participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of DTC participants.

*DTC Participants:* Participants in the DTC System.

*DTC Notes:* Notes cleared, settled and maintained on the DTC System, registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. All of the Notes will be DTC Notes at issuance.

*DTC System:* The book-entry system of DTC.

*Early Redemption Date:* The Payment Date on which the Original Notes are redeemed by Freddie Mac pursuant to its Early Redemption Option.

*Early Redemption Option:* Freddie Mac's right to redeem the Original Notes prior to the Maturity Date on any Payment Date at the earlier of (a) on or after the Payment Date on which the aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations is less than or equal to 10% of the Cut-off Date Balance of the Reference Pool; or (b) on or after the Payment Date in March 2028, by paying an amount equal to the outstanding Class Principal Balance, after allocation of the Tranche Write-down Amount or Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date, of each Class of Original Notes (without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), plus accrued and unpaid interest. If on the Early Redemption Date a Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal is outstanding, all principal amounts that are payable by Freddie Mac on Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) will be allocated to and payable on such MAC Notes in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination.

*Eligibility Criteria:* With respect to each Reference Obligation, the following:

(a) is a fully amortizing, fixed rate, one- to four-unit, first lien Mortgage Loan, which has an original term of 241 to 360 months;

(b) was originated on or after January 1, 2017;

(c) has not been prepaid in full as of March 2, 2018;

(d) as of March 2, 2018, the servicer has not reported that the borrower of such Reference Obligation has filed for bankruptcy;

(e) has not been repurchased by the applicable seller or servicer as of March 2, 2018;

(f) has no Underwriting Defects, Major Servicing Defects, Minor Servicing Defects, Unconfirmed Underwriting Defects or Unconfirmed Servicing Defects found in Freddie Mac's internal quality control process as of March 2, 2018;

(g) as of January 31, 2018, has never been reported to be 30 days or more delinquent since purchase by Freddie Mac;

(h) was originated with documentation as described under "*General Mortgage Loan Purchase and Servicing — Underwriting Standards — Documentation*" in the Offering Circular;

- (i) is not covered by pool insurance;
- (j) has an original loan-to-value ratio that is (i) greater than 80% and (ii) less than or equal to 97%;
- (k) has an original combined loan-to-value ratio that is less than or equal to 97%;
- (l) subject to any applicable TOBs or certain pilot programs, is not subject to recourse or other credit enhancement;
- (m) was not originated under Freddie Mac's Relief Refinance program (including the Home Affordable Refinance Program ("HARP") which is FHFA's name for Freddie Mac's relief refinance program for mortgages with an LTV greater than 80%);
- (n) was not associated with a mortgage revenue bond purchased by Freddie Mac;
- (o) had an original principal balance greater than or equal to \$5,000; and
- (p) was not originated under a government program (e.g., FHA, VA or Guaranteed Rural Housing loans).

*Euroclear:* Euroclear System, a depositary that holds securities for its participants and clears and settles transactions between its participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment.

*Event of Default:* As defined in Section 5.01.

*Exchange Act:* The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

*Exchange Administrator:* The entity selected by Freddie Mac to act as its exchange administrator for the Exchangeable Notes and the MAC Notes, which as of the Closing Date is Citibank.

*Exchange Administration Agreement:* The exchange administration agreement dated as of the Closing Date between Freddie Mac and the Exchange Administrator relating to the administration of the exchange of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes and vice versa (including any exchanges of a Class of MAC Notes for other Classes of MAC Notes).

*Exchangeable Notes:* The Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes.

*FHFA:* The Federal Housing Finance Agency.

*Financial Intermediary:* Each brokerage firm, bank, thrift institution or other financial intermediary that maintains the account for each person who owns a beneficial ownership interest in the Notes issued in global form.

*Freddie Mac:* Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, a stockholder-owned company chartered by Congress pursuant to the Freddie Mac Act.

*Freddie Mac Act:* Title III of the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, as amended, 12 U.S.C. §§1451-1459.

*Global Agency Agreement:* The global agency agreement between Freddie Mac and the Global Agent, dated as of the Closing Date.

*Global Agent:* The entity selected by Freddie Mac to act as its global, calculating, transfer, authenticating and paying agent for the Original Notes, which as of the Closing Date is Citibank, and who will act as calculating, authenticating and paying agent with respect to the MAC Notes pursuant to the direction of the Exchange Administrator.

*Holder:* In the case of (i) DTC Notes, DTC or its nominee; (ii) Common Depositary Notes, the Common Depositary, or its nominee, in whose name the Notes are registered on behalf of a related clearing system; and (iii) Notes in definitive registered form, the person or entity in whose name such Notes are registered in the Register.

*ICE Method:* The method used to calculate One-Month LIBOR, as described in Section 3.05.

*Initial Exchange Date:* The 15th day following the Closing Date (or if such 15th day is not a Business Day, the next Business Day).

*Interest Accrual Amount:* With respect to each outstanding Class of Notes (and, for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts, the Class B-2H Reference Tranche) and any Payment Date, an amount equal to the accrued interest at the Class Coupon on the Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) of each Class of Notes (and, for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, on the Class Notional Amount of the Class B-2H Reference Tranche) immediately prior to such Payment Date.

*Interest Payment Amount:* With respect to each outstanding Class of Notes and any Payment Date, the Interest Accrual Amount for such Class of Notes, less any Modification Loss Amount for such Payment Date allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount owed for such Class of Notes pursuant to Section 3.03(f) hereof, or plus any Modification Gain Amount for such Payment Date allocated to increase the Interest Payment Amount of such Class of Notes pursuant to Section 3.03(g) hereof.

*Interest Only MAC Notes:* The Class M-2AI, Class M-2BI and Class M-2I Notes shown on *Appendix II*.

*Investment Advisers Act:* The Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

*Investment Company Act:* The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

*Issuer:* Freddie Mac as issuer of the Notes and any successor to the obligations of Freddie Mac under the Original Notes.

*Junior Reference Tranches:* The Class B-1, Class B-1H and Class B-2H Reference Tranches.

*LIBOR Adjustment Date:* With respect to any Payment Date, the second business day before the related Accrual Period begins. For this purpose, a “business day” is a day on which banks are open for dealing in foreign currency and exchange in London, New York City and Washington, D.C.

*Liquidation Proceeds:* With respect to any Credit Event Reference Obligation, all cash amounts (including sales proceeds, net of selling expenses), received in connection with the liquidation of the Credit Event Reference Obligation.

*LTV:* The loan-to-value ratio which is a ratio of (a) the total principal balance of a Mortgage Loan to (b) the value of the Mortgaged Property at origination.

*MAC Notes:* The Classes of Modifiable And Combinable STACR<sup>®</sup> Notes shown on Appendix II.

*Major Servicing Defect:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation for which Freddie Mac has determined the existence of an Unconfirmed Servicing Defect, the occurrence of any of the following: (a) the related servicer repurchased such Reference Obligation or made Freddie Mac whole resulting in a full recovery of losses incurred (“**Make-whole**”) during the related Reporting Period; (b) the party responsible for the representations and warranties and/or servicing obligations or liabilities with respect to the Reference Obligation becomes subject to a bankruptcy, an insolvency proceeding or a receivership; or (c) inappropriate cancellation of the mortgage insurance policy, provided that the servicer has not reinstated the related policy or otherwise assumed the obligations of the related mortgage insurance policy. Reference Obligations covered under servicing settlements will not result in Major Servicing Defects, excluding Reference Obligations for which (c) above applies.

*Make-whole:* As defined within the definition of “Major Servicing Defect” above.

*Maturity Date:* The Payment Date in September 2030.

*MBA Delinquency Method:* Under the MBA Delinquency Method, a loan due on the first of the month is considered 30 days delinquent when all or part of one or more payments remains unpaid as of close of business on the last Business Day of such month.

*Mezzanine Reference Tranches:* The Class M-1, Class M-1H, Class M-2A, Class M-2AH, Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches.

*Minimum Credit Enhancement Test:* With respect to any Payment Date, a test that will be satisfied if the Subordinate Percentage is greater than or equal to 4.25%.

*Minor Servicing Defect:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation for which Freddie Mac has determined the existence of an Unconfirmed Servicing Defect, the occurrence of a remedy, other than by repurchase or Make-whole that is mutually agreed upon by both Freddie Mac and the related servicer that results in a recovery of the damages sustained by Freddie Mac on such Reference Obligation as a result of the Unconfirmed Servicing Defect. No Reference Obligation will be removed from the Reference Pool as a result of the determination of a Minor Servicing Defect, and any such Reference Obligations will remain eligible to become subject to an Underwriting Defect or Major Servicing Defect.

*Modification Event:* With respect to any Reference Obligation, a forbearance or mortgage rate modification relating to such Reference Obligation.

*Modification Excess:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation that has experienced a Modification Event, the excess, if any, of: (a) one-twelfth of the Current Accrual Rate multiplied by the interest bearing unpaid principal balance (the “UPB”) of such Reference Obligation; over (b) one-twelfth of the Original Accrual Rate multiplied by the UPB of such Reference Obligation.

*Modification Gain Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the aggregate Modification Excess over the aggregate Modification Shortfall for such Payment Date.

*Modification Loss Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the aggregate Modification Shortfall over the aggregate Modification Excess for such Payment Date.

*Modification Shortfall:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation that has experienced a Modification Event, the excess, if any, of: (a) one-twelfth of the Original Accrual Rate multiplied by the UPB of such Reference Obligation; over (b) one-twelfth of the Current Accrual Rate multiplied by the interest bearing UPB of such Reference Obligation.

*Morningstar:* Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC, and its successors.

*Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Credit Event Reference Obligation, the amount that Freddie Mac reports is payable under any effective mortgage insurance policy (or, if the servicer has assumed the obligation of the related mortgage insurance company after an inappropriate cancellation of the related policy, the amount payable by such servicer) relating to such Credit Event Reference Obligation; provided, that such Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount will be limited to the amount that would be necessary to reduce to zero any Credit Event Net Gain and Credit Event Net Loss (in each case as calculated after taking into account any subsequent losses on such Credit Event Reference Obligation as contemplated under clause (c) of the definition of Principal Loss Amount and any subsequent recoveries on such Credit Event Reference Obligation as contemplated under clause (b) of the definition of Principal Recovery Amount) that would otherwise result for such Credit Event Reference Obligation on such Payment Date. If it is subsequently determined that the Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount

with respect to any previous Payment Date should have been a different amount based upon additional information received by Freddie Mac after such Payment Date, such difference will be treated as a subsequent loss under clause (c) of the definition of Principal Loss Amount (if the amount should have been lower) or a subsequent recovery under clause (b) of the definition of Principal Recovery Amount (if the amount should have been higher or if the Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount was limited pursuant to the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence and the amount actually received by Freddie Mac pursuant to the related mortgage insurance policy was greater than such limited amount, such difference will be so treated as a subsequent recovery). Any Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount reported by Freddie Mac will be included as a component of Net Liquidation Proceeds irrespective of Freddie Mac's receipt of such amounts from the related mortgage insurance company. The Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount will not be reduced or otherwise affected irrespective of (i) any insolvency of the related mortgage insurance company or (ii) any settlement or agreement between Freddie Mac and the related mortgage insurance company resulting in the reduction in a claim payment or the commutation or cancellation of coverage under the related mortgage insurance policy. For the avoidance of doubt, clause (ii) in the immediately preceding sentence excludes settlements or agreements related to the transfer of a Mortgage Note to a third party. The Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount with respect to any Reference Obligation will be deemed to be zero in the event that the related Mortgage Note is transferred to a third party. In such event, any proceeds received from the related mortgage insurance company in connection with the commutation or cancellation of mortgage insurance for any related Mortgage Note with an effective mortgage insurance policy will be included as a component of Liquidation Proceeds.

*Mortgage Loan:* Reference Obligations evidenced by promissory notes or other similar evidences of indebtedness secured by first mortgages, deeds of trust or similar security instruments on residential properties.

*Mortgage Note:* A promissory note or other similar evidences of indebtedness.

*Mortgaged Property:* Residential properties consisting of one- to four-family dwelling units, townhouses, individual condominium units, individual units in planned unit developments, individual cooperative units or manufactured homes or leaseholds.

*Net Liquidation Proceeds:* With respect to each Payment Date and any Credit Event Reference Obligation, the sum of the related Liquidation Proceeds, any Mortgage Insurance Credit Amount, and any proceeds received from the related servicer in connection with a Minor Servicing Defect (except for those included in Modification Excess), less related expenses, credits and reimbursement of advances, including but not limited to taxes and insurance, legal costs, maintenance and preservation costs; provided, however, to the extent that any such proceeds are received in connection with a Minor Servicing Defect resulting from a servicer's mishandling of a mortgage insurance claim, such proceeds shall not be included in the Net Liquidation Proceeds.

*Notes:* The Original Notes and the MAC Notes.

*Notional Principal Amount:* For calculating interest payments, on each Class of outstanding Interest Only MAC Notes as of any Payment Date, an amount equal to the outstanding



Class Principal Balance as of such Payment Date of the portion of the related Class of Exchangeable Notes (or the Class M-2 Notes pursuant to Combination 1) that was exchanged for such Interest Only MAC Note.

*NRSRO*: A nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

*Offering Circular*: The Freddie Mac STACR® Debt Notes, Series 2018-HQA1 Offering Circular dated March 20, 2018 (including any related Supplement thereto).

*One-Month LIBOR*: As defined in Section 3.05.

*Original Accrual Rate*: With respect to each Payment Date and any Reference Obligation, the lesser of (i) the related Accounting Net Yield as of the Cut-off Date; and (ii) the related mortgage rate as of the Cut-off Date minus 0.35%.

*Original Class M Notes*: The Class M-1, Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes.

*Original Notes*: The Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B and Class B-1 Notes.

*Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement*: Any settlement (which settlement only relates to claims arising from breaches of origination/selling representations and warranties or breaches of servicing obligations) that Freddie Mac enters into with a seller or servicer in lieu of requiring such seller or servicer to repurchase a specified pool of Mortgage Loans that include, among others, one or more Reference Obligations, as a result of breaches of origination/selling representations or warranties or as a result of breaches of servicing obligations whereby Freddie Mac has received the agreed-upon settlement proceeds from such seller or servicer. For the avoidance of doubt, any Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement will only relate to breaches of either (i) origination/selling representations and warranties or (ii) servicing obligations, but not both.

*Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Amount*: (I) with respect to the Payment Date in the month after the calendar month in which an Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement occurs, the lesser of (a) the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses of the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates, less the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses of the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations that were Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligations for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates; and (b) the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Loan Allocation Amount (Cap); and, (II), with respect to each Payment Date thereafter, the lesser of (a) the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses of the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations for such Payment Date; and (b) the maximum of: (i) zero; and (ii) the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Loan Allocation Amount (Cap), less the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Amount for all prior Payment Dates.

*Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Loan Allocation Amount (Cap):* With respect to any Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement, an amount equal to the greater of (A) zero or (B)(1) the sum of the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement proceeds determined to be attributable to the Reference Obligations (such determination to be made by Freddie Mac at or about the time of the settlement) minus (2) the aggregate amount of unreimbursed Credit Event Net Losses on such Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations that Freddie Mac identified as having Underwriting Defects or Major Servicing Defects, as applicable, through the related Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement date (exclusive of the related settlement proceeds).

*Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Reference Obligations:* Reference Obligations (including Credit Event Reference Obligations) that are covered by an Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement.

*Overcollateralization Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, an amount equal to (a) the aggregate amount of Write-up Excesses for such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates, minus (b) the aggregate amount of Write-up Excesses used to offset Tranche Write-down Amounts on all prior Payment Dates.

*Payment Date:* The 25<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month (or, if not a Business Day, the following Business Day), commencing in April 2018.

*Preliminary Class Notional Amount:* With respect to each Reference Tranche, the amount which is equal to the Class Notional Amount of such Reference Tranche immediately prior to such Payment Date, after the application of the Preliminary Tranche Write-down Amount in accordance with the same priorities set forth in Section 3.03(b) hereof, and after the application of the Preliminary Tranche Write-up Amount in accordance with the same priorities set forth in the Section 3.03(c) hereof.

*Preliminary Principal Loss Amount:* The amount which is equal to the Principal Loss Amount computed without giving effect to clause (d) of the definition of Principal Loss Amount.

*Preliminary Tranche Write-down Amount:* The amount which is equal to the Tranche Write-down Amount computed using the Preliminary Principal Loss Amount instead of the Principal Loss Amount.

*Preliminary Tranche Write-up Amount:* The amount which is equal to the Tranche Write-up Amount computed using the Preliminary Principal Loss Amount instead of the Principal Loss Amount.

*Principal Loss Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the sum of: (a) the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses for all Credit Event Reference Obligations for the related Reporting Period; (b) the aggregate amount of court-approved principal reductions

(“**cramdowns**”) on the Reference Obligations in the related Reporting Period; (c) subsequent losses on any Reference Obligation that became a Credit Event Reference Obligation on a prior Payment Date; and (d) amounts included in the *second, fourth, seventh, eighth* and *tenth* priorities set forth in Section 3.03(f) hereof.

*Principal Recovery Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the sum of: (a) the aggregate amount of Credit Event Net Losses for all Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligations for the related Reporting Period; (b) subsequent recoveries on any Reference Obligation that became a Credit Event Reference Obligation on a prior Payment Date; (c) the aggregate amount of the Credit Event Net Gains of all Credit Event Reference Obligations for the related Reporting Period; (d) the Origination Rep and Warranty/Servicing Breach Settlement Amount for such Payment Date; and (e) the Projected Recovery Amount.

*Projected Recovery Amount:* The fair value of the estimated amount of future subsequent recoveries, determined by Freddie Mac on the Termination Date, at its sole discretion, on the Credit Event Reference Obligations.

*Qualified Institutional Buyer:* (i) Any of the following entities, acting for its own account or the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers, that in the aggregate owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least \$100 million in securities of issuers that are not affiliated with the entity:

(A) Any *insurance company* as defined in section 2(13) of the Securities Act; Note: A purchase by an insurance company for one or more of its separate accounts, as defined by section 2(a)(37) of the Investment Company Act, which are neither registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act nor required to be so registered, shall be deemed to be a purchase for the account of such insurance company;

(B) Any *investment company* registered under the Investment Company Act or any *business development company* as defined in section 2(a)(48) of the Investment Company Act;

(C) Any *Small Business Investment Company* licensed by the U.S. Small Business Administration under section 301(c) or (d) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958;

(D) Any *plan* established and maintained by a state, its political subdivisions, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or its political subdivisions, for the benefit of its employees;

(E) Any *employee benefit plan* within the meaning of Title I of ERISA;

(F) Any trust fund whose trustee is a bank or trust company and whose participants are exclusively plans of the types identified in sub-clauses (D) or (E) above, except trust funds that include as participants individual retirement accounts or H.R. 10 plans;

(G) Any *business development company* as defined in section 202(a)(22) of the Investment Advisers Act;

(H) Any organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code, corporation (other than a bank as defined in section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act or a savings and loan association or other institution referenced in section 3(a)(5)(A) of the Securities Act or a foreign bank or savings and loan association or equivalent institution), partnership, or Massachusetts or similar business trust; and

(I) Any *investment adviser* registered under the Investment Advisers Act.

(ii) Any *dealer* registered pursuant to section 15 of the Exchange Act, acting for its own account or the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers, that in the aggregate owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least \$10 million of securities of issuers that are not affiliated with the dealer, *provided*, that securities constituting the whole or a part of an unsold allotment to or subscription by a dealer as a participant in a public offering shall not be deemed to be owned by such dealer;

(iii) Any *dealer* registered pursuant to section 15 of the Exchange Act acting in a riskless principal transaction on behalf of a Qualified Institutional Buyer;

Note: A registered dealer may act as agent, on a non-discretionary basis, in a transaction with a Qualified Institutional Buyer without itself having to be a Qualified Institutional Buyer.

(iv) Any investment company registered under the Investment Company Act, acting for its own account or for the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers, that is part of a family of investment companies which own in the aggregate at least \$100 million in securities of issuers, other than issuers that are affiliated with the investment company or are part of such family of investment companies. *Family of investment companies* means any two or more investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act, except for a unit investment trust whose assets consist solely of shares of one or more registered investment companies, that have the same investment adviser (or, in the case of unit investment trusts, the same depositor), provided that, for purposes of this sub-clause:

(A) Each series of a series company (as defined in Rule 18f-2 under the Investment Company Act) shall be deemed to be a separate investment company; and

(B) Investment companies shall be deemed to have the same adviser (or depositor) if their advisers (or depositors) are majority-owned subsidiaries of the same parent, or if one investment company's adviser (or depositor) is a majority-owned subsidiary of the other investment company's adviser (or depositor);

(v) Any entity, all of the equity owners of which are Qualified Institutional Buyers, acting for its own account or the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers; and

(vi) Any *bank* as defined in section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act, any savings and loan association or other institution as referenced in section 3(a)(5)(A) of the Securities Act, or any foreign bank or savings and loan association or equivalent institution, acting for its own account or the accounts of other Qualified Institutional Buyers, that in the aggregate owns and invests on a discretionary basis at least \$100 million in securities of issuers that are not affiliated with it and

that has an audited net worth of at least \$25 million as demonstrated in its latest annual financial statements, as of a date not more than 16 months preceding the date of sale under the Rule in the case of a U.S. bank or savings and loan association, and not more than 18 months preceding such date of sale for a foreign bank or savings and loan association or equivalent institution.

*Rating Agencies:* Fitch and Morningstar.

*Rating Agencies Information Website:* The internet website with respect to the Notes, initially located at [www.structuredfn.com](http://www.structuredfn.com), access to which is limited to the Rating Agencies and NRSROs who have been provided access.

*Record Date:* With respect to each Payment Date, (i) the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding that Payment Date, with respect to Notes issued in global form, and (ii) the close of business on the last Business Day of the preceding month, with respect to definitive Notes.

*Recovery Principal:* With respect to any Payment Date, the sum of (a) the excess, if any, of the Credit Event Amount for such Payment Date, over the Tranche Write-down Amount for such Payment Date; and (b) the Tranche Write-up Amount for such Payment Date.

*Reference Obligations:* The residential mortgage loans identified on [http://www.freddiemac.com/creditriskofferings/security\\_data.html](http://www.freddiemac.com/creditriskofferings/security_data.html).

*Reference Pool:* All of the Reference Obligations, collectively.

*Reference Pool Removal:* A Reference Obligation removed from the Reference Pool because (i) the Reference Obligation becomes a Credit Event Reference Obligation; (ii) the Reference Obligation is paid in full; (iii) of the identification and final determination, through Freddie Mac's quality control process, of an Underwriting Defect or Major Servicing Defect relating to the Reference Obligation; (iv) of the discovery of a violation of the Eligibility Criteria for such Reference Obligation; or (v) the Reference Obligation is seized pursuant to any special eminent domain proceeding brought by any federal, state or local government instrumentality with the intent to provide relief to financially-distressed borrowers with negative equity in the underlying mortgage loan. Reference Obligations will not be removed from the Reference Pool if they undergo a temporary or permanent modification and they do not meet any other criteria in the prior sentence to be removed.

*Reference Tranches:* Ten (10) classes of "hypothetical" tranches deemed to be backed by the Reference Pool, referred to as Class A-H, Class M-1, Class M-1H, Class M-2A, Class M-2AH, Class M-2B, Class M-2BH, Class B-1, Class B-1H and Class B-2H Reference Tranches, with the following initial Class Notional Amounts:

<b><u>Classes of Reference Tranches</u></b>	<b><u>Initial Class Notional Amount</u></b>
Class A-H	\$38,497,995,063
Class M-1 and Class M-1H <sup>(1)</sup>	\$320,816,625
Class M-2A and Class M-2AH <sup>(2)</sup>	\$441,122,860
Class M-2B and Class M-2BH <sup>(3)</sup>	\$441,122,861
Class B-1 and Class B-1H <sup>(4)</sup>	\$200,510,391
Class B-2H	\$200,510,391

(1) Pursuant to the hypothetical structure, the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches are *pro rata* with each other. The initial Class Notional Amount shown is the aggregate amount for the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches combined. The initial Class Notional Amount of the Class M-1 Reference Tranche is \$225,000,000 (which corresponds to the initial Class Principal Balance of the Class M-1 Notes) and the initial Class Notional Amount for the Class M-1H Reference Tranche is \$95,816,625.

(2) Pursuant to the hypothetical structure, the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches are *pro rata* with each other. The initial Class Notional Amount shown is the aggregate amount for the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches combined. The initial Class Notional Amount of the Class M-2A Reference Tranche is \$310,000,000 (which corresponds to the initial Class Principal Balance of the Class M-2A Notes) and the initial Class Notional Amount for the Class M-2AH Reference Tranche is \$131,122,860.

(3) Pursuant to the hypothetical structure, the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches are *pro rata* with each other. The initial Class Notional Amount shown is the aggregate amount for the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches combined. The initial Class Notional Amount of the Class M-2B Reference Tranche is \$310,000,000 (which corresponds to the initial Class Principal Balance of the Class M-2B Notes) and the initial Class Notional Amount for the Class M-2BH Reference Tranche is \$131,122,861.

(4) Pursuant to the hypothetical structure, the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches are *pro rata* with each other. The initial Class Notional Amount shown is the aggregate amount for the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches combined. The initial Class Notional Amount of the Class B-1 Reference Tranche is \$140,000,000 (which corresponds to the initial Class Principal Balance of the Class B-1 Notes) and the initial Class Notional Amount for the Class B-1H Reference Tranche is \$60,510,391.

*Register:* A register of the Holders of Notes maintained by the Global Agent.

*Registrar:* Citibank or its successor in interest.

*Reporting Period:* With respect to any Payment Date and for purposes of making calculations with respect to the hypothetical structure and the Reference Tranches as set forth in this Agreement:



(a) in the case of all principal collections, other than full prepayments, on the Reference Obligations, the period from and including the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the second calendar month preceding the month in which such Payment Date occurs to and including the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month immediately preceding the month in which such Payment Date occurs,

(b) in the case of full principal prepayments on the Reference Obligations, in the case of determining loan modifications, Unconfirmed Underwriting Defects, Underwriting Defects, Unconfirmed Servicing Defects, Minor Servicing Defects or Major Servicing Defects, and in the case of determining Credit Events resulting from short sales being settled, from charge-offs, from a seriously delinquent Mortgage Note being sold prior to foreclosure, from the Mortgaged Property that secured the related Mortgage Note being sold to a third party at a foreclosure sale, or from an REO disposition, the period from but excluding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Day of the calendar month immediately preceding the month in which such Payment Date occurs to and including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Day of the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs, and

(c) in the case of determining delinquency status with respect to each Reference Obligation, the last day of the second calendar month preceding the month in which such Payment Date occurs.

*Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligation:* With respect to each Payment Date, a Reference Obligation formerly in the Reference Pool that became a Credit Event Reference Obligation in a prior Reporting Period that is found in the related Reporting Period, through Freddie Mac's quality control process, to have an Underwriting Defect, Major Servicing Defect or a data correction that invalidates the previously determined Credit Event.

*Scheduled Principal:* With respect to any Payment Date is the sum of all monthly scheduled payments of principal due (whether with respect to the related Reporting Period or any prior Reporting Period) on the Reference Obligations in the Reference Pool and collected by Freddie Mac during the related Reporting Period.

*Senior Percentage:* With respect to any Payment Date is the percentage equivalent of a fraction, the numerator of which is the Class Notional Amount of the Class A-H Reference Tranche immediately prior to such Payment Date and the denominator of which is the aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations at the end of the previous Reporting Period.

*Senior Reduction Amount:* With respect to any Payment Date is either:

(a) if any of the Minimum Credit Enhancement Test, the Cumulative Net Loss Test or the Delinquency Test is not satisfied, the sum of:

- (i) the Senior Percentage of the Scheduled Principal for such Payment Date,
- (ii) 100% of the Unscheduled Principal for such Payment Date, and
- (iii) 100% of the Recovery Principal for such Payment Date; or

(b) if the Minimum Credit Enhancement Test, the Cumulative Net Loss Test and the

Delinquency Test are satisfied, the sum of:

- (i) the Senior Percentage of the Scheduled Principal for such Payment Date,
  - (ii) the Senior Percentage of the Unscheduled Principal for such Payment Date,
- and
- (iii) 100% of Recovery Principal for such Payment Date.

*Subordinate Reduction Amount:* With respect to any Payment Date, the sum of the Scheduled Principal, Unscheduled Principal and Recovery Principal for such Payment Date, less the Senior Reduction Amount.

*Subordinate Percentage:* With respect to any Payment Date, is the percentage equal to 100% *minus* the Senior Percentage for such Payment Date.

*Termination Date:* The earliest of (i) the Maturity Date, (ii) the Early Redemption Date, and (iii) the Payment Date on which the aggregate Class Principal Balance of all outstanding Classes of Original Notes is reduced to zero (without giving effect to any allocations of Tranche Write-down Amounts or Tranche Write-up Amounts on such Payment Date and all prior Payment Dates) and accrued and unpaid interest due on the Original Notes has been paid in full.

*Tranche Write-down Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the Principal Loss Amount for such Payment Date over the Principal Recovery Amount for such Payment Date. With respect to each Payment Date, the Class Notional Amount for the Class A-H Reference Tranche will be increased by the excess, if any, of the Tranche Write-down Amount for such Payment Date over the Credit Event Amount for such Payment Date.

*Tranche Write-up Amount:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the Principal Recovery Amount for such Payment Date over the Principal Loss Amount for such Payment Date.

*Unconfirmed Servicing Defect:* With respect to any Reference Obligation, the existence of the following, as determined by Freddie Mac in its sole discretion, (a) there is a violation of the servicing guidelines and other requirements in the Freddie Mac Single Family Seller/Servicer Guide (the “**Guide**”, as modified by the terms of the related servicer’s contract, including any related terms of business (“**TOBs**”)); and (b) Freddie Mac has issued a notice of defect, repurchase letter or a repurchase alternative letter related to the servicing breach. For the avoidance of doubt, Reference Obligations with minor technical violations, which in each case Freddie Mac determines to be acceptable Reference Obligations, may not result in an Unconfirmed Servicing Defect.

*Unconfirmed Underwriting Defect:* With respect to any Reference Obligation, the existence of the following, as determined by Freddie Mac in its sole discretion: (i) there is a material violation of the underwriting guidelines and other requirements in the Guide (as modified by the terms of the related seller’s contract, including any related TOBs) with respect to such



Reference Obligation, (ii) Freddie Mac determines that as of the origination date such Reference Obligation was secured by collateral that was inadequate or (iii) Freddie Mac determines that as of the origination date repayment in full on such Reference Obligation from the related mortgagor could not be expected. For the avoidance of doubt, any Reference Obligation with minor technical violations or missing documentation, which in each case Freddie Mac determines to be an acceptable Reference Obligation, will not result in an Unconfirmed Underwriting Defect.

*Underwriting Defect:* With respect to any Payment Date and any Reference Obligation for which Freddie Mac has determined the existence of an Unconfirmed Underwriting Defect, the occurrence of any of the following: (i) such Reference Obligation is repurchased by the related seller or servicer during the related Reporting Period, (ii) in lieu of repurchase, an alternative remedy (such as indemnification) is mutually agreed upon by both Freddie Mac and the related seller or servicer during the related Reporting Period, (iii) Freddie Mac in its sole discretion elects to waive the enforcement of a remedy against the seller or servicer in respect of such Unconfirmed Underwriting Defect during the related Reporting Period or (iv) the party responsible for the representations and warranties and/or servicing obligations or liabilities with respect to the Reference Obligation becomes subject to a bankruptcy, an insolvency proceeding or a receivership.

*Unscheduled Principal:* With respect to each Payment Date, the sum of:

(a) all partial principal prepayments on the Reference Obligations collected during the related Reporting Period; *plus*

(b) the aggregate unpaid principal balance of all Reference Obligations that became Reference Pool Removals during the related Reporting Period other than Credit Event Reference Obligations or any Reversed Credit Event Reference Obligations; *plus*

(c) negative adjustments in the unpaid principal balance of all Reference Obligations as the result of loan modifications or data corrections; *minus*

(d) positive adjustments in the unpaid principal balance of all Reference Obligations as the result of loan modifications, reinstatements into the Reference Pool or Reference Obligations that were previously removed from the Reference Pool in error, or data corrections.

In the event the amount in clause (d) above exceeds the sum of the amounts in clauses (a), (b), and (c) above, the Unscheduled Principal for the applicable Payment Date will be zero, and the Class Notional Amount for the Class A-H Reference Tranche will be increased by the amount that the amount in clause (d) above exceeds the sum of the amounts in clauses (a), (b), and (c) above. In the event that Freddie Mac were to ever employ a policy that permitted or required principal forgiveness as a loss mitigation alternative that would be applicable to the Reference Obligations, any principal that may be forgiven with respect to a Reference Obligation will be treated as a negative adjustment in unpaid principal balance of such Reference Obligation pursuant to clause (c) above.

*Write-up Excess:* With respect to each Payment Date, the excess, if any, of the Tranche

Write-up Amount for such Payment Date over the Tranche Write-up Amount allocated on such Payment Date pursuant to clauses (i) through (v) of “*Allocation of Tranche Write-up Amounts to the Reference Tranches*” in Section 3.03(c) of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Authorization; Certain Terms**

#### **Section 2.01. Authorization.**

The Notes shall be issued by Freddie Mac in accordance with the authority vested in Freddie Mac by Section 306(a) of the Freddie Mac Act. The indebtedness represented by the Original Notes shall be unsecured general obligations of Freddie Mac.

#### **Section 2.02. Notes Held or Acquired by Freddie Mac.**

Freddie Mac shall have the right to purchase and hold for its own account any Note and to otherwise acquire (either for cash or in exchange for newly-issued Notes) all or a portion of the Notes. Notes of any particular Class held or acquired by Freddie Mac shall have an equal and proportionate benefit to Notes of the same Class held by other Holders, without preference, priority or distinction, except that in determining whether the Holders of the required percentage of the outstanding Class Principal Balance (or Notional Principal Amount) of the Notes have given any required demand, authorization, notice, consent or waiver under this Agreement, any Notes owned by Freddie Mac or any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with Freddie Mac shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding for the purpose of such determination.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Payments to Holders; Maturity; Early Redemption**

#### **Section 3.01. General.**

(a) *General.* Payments in respect of Notes shall be made in immediately available funds to DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream or any other applicable clearing system, or their respective nominees, as the case may be, as the Holders thereof. Payments to a Holder of definitive Notes shall be made by electronic transfer of funds not later than the applicable Payment Date to a bank account designated by such Holder. Such payments shall be made in U.S. dollars. All payments to or upon the order of the Holder of a Note shall be valid and effective to discharge the liability of Freddie Mac in respect of an Original Note or a MAC Note representing an interest in Exchangeable Notes. Ownership positions within each system referenced herein shall be determined in accordance with the normal conventions observed by such system. Freddie Mac, the Global Agent, the Exchange Administrator and the Registrar shall not have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the

records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a DTC Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests. Ownership of any Notes will be as indicated in the Register maintained by the Global Agent.

All payments on Notes are subject to any applicable law or regulation. If a payment outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions, payments in respect of the related Notes shall be made at the office of any paying agent in the United States.

(b) *Business Day Convention.* In any case in which a Payment Date is not a Business Day, payment on the Notes shall not be made on such date but shall be made on the next Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Payment Date. No interest on such payment shall accrue for the period from and after such Payment Date to the actual date of such payment.

(c) *Withholding Requirements.* In the event that any jurisdiction imposes any withholding or other tax on any payment made by Freddie Mac (or its agent, the Exchange Administrator, or any other person potentially required to withhold) with respect to a Note, Freddie Mac (or its agent, the Exchange Administrator, or such other person) will deduct the amount required to be withheld from such payment, and Freddie Mac (or its agent, the Exchange Administrator, or such other person) will not be required to pay additional interest or other amounts, or redeem or repay the Notes prior to the Maturity Date, as a result.

(d) *Tax Reporting.* Freddie Mac (or its agent) shall furnish or make available, at such times as required by applicable law, to each Holder or Beneficial Owner of Original Notes such information as Freddie Mac (or its agent) is required or deems necessary or desirable to enable Holders and Beneficial Owners to prepare their U.S. federal income tax returns, if applicable. The Global Agent (or its agent), upon receiving direction from the Exchange Administrator, shall furnish or make available to each Holder or Beneficial Owner of MAC Notes information to facilitate tax reporting by a Holder or Beneficial Owner with respect to the MAC Notes, including tax reporting relating to original issue discount (“**OID**”), provided that for purposes of information reporting relating to OID, the Exchange Administrator shall calculate the yield to maturity with respect to a MAC Note based on the relevant prepayment assumption used to price the Exchangeable Notes. In addition, for the MAC Notes included in all Combinations other than Combination 1 set forth in *Appendix II* that pay stated interest at a variable rate, the Exchange Administrator shall assume that the variable rate is a fixed rate equal to the value of the variable rate as of the Initial Exchange Date.

(e) *Determination Final.* The determination by Freddie Mac or the Global Agent of the interest rate on the Notes and the determination of any payment on any Note (or any interim calculation in the determination of any such interest rate, index or payment) shall, absent manifest error, be final and binding on all parties. If a principal or interest payment error occurs, Freddie Mac or the Global Agent may correct it by adjusting payments to be made on later Payment Dates or in any other manner Freddie Mac or the Global Agent considers appropriate. If the source of One-Month LIBOR changes in format, but Freddie Mac or the Global Agent determines that the source continues to disclose the information necessary to determine the related Class Coupon

substantially as required, Freddie Mac will amend the procedure for obtaining information from that source to reflect the changed format. All One-Month LIBOR values used to determine interest payments are subject to correction within 30 days from the applicable payment. The source of a corrected value must be the same source from which the original value was obtained. A correction might result in an adjustment on a later date to the amount paid to the Holder.

**Section 3.02. Interest Payments.** The amount of interest that will accrue on a given Class of Notes (or will be deemed to accrue on the Class B-2H Reference Tranche for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts) during each Accrual Period is equal to:

- the Class Coupon for such Class of Notes or the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, as applicable, for such Accrual Period (calculated using the Class Coupon Formula for such Class of Notes, if applicable, or the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, as applicable), multiplied by
- the Class Principal Balance, Notional Principal Amount or Class Notional Amount of such Class of Notes or the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, as applicable, immediately prior to such Payment Date, multiplied by
- a fraction, the numerator of which is the actual number of days in such Accrual Period and the denominator of which is 360.

Interest shall be payable in arrears. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount of interest payable to any Class of Notes may be subject to reduction or increase as set forth under Section 3.03(f) or Section 3.03(g) hereof, as applicable, and the amount of interest deemed to be payable to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche may be subject to reduction as set forth under Section 3.03(f) hereof.

### **Section 3.03. Hypothetical Structure and Reference Tranches.**

(a) *General.* Solely for purposes of making the calculations for each Payment Date of any (i) principal write-downs (or write-ups) on the Notes as a result of Credit Events (or reversals thereof) or Modification Events on the Reference Obligations, (ii) any reduction or increase in interest amounts on the Notes as a result of Modification Events on the Reference Obligations and (iii) principal payments required to be made on the Notes by Freddie Mac, a hypothetical structure of 10 classes of Reference Tranches (the Class A-H, Class M-1, Class M-1H, Class M-2A, Class M-2AH, Class M-2B, Class M-2BH, Class B-1, Class B-1H and Class B-2H Reference Tranches) deemed to be backed by the Reference Pool is hereby established. Each Class of Reference Tranche will have the initial Class Notional Amount set forth in the definition of “Reference Tranches” in Article I (Definitions) in this Agreement, and the aggregate of the initial Class Notional Amounts of all the Reference Tranches will equal the Cut-off Date Balance.

(b) *Allocation of Tranche Write-down Amounts to the Reference Tranches.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Tranche Write-down Amount, if any, for such Payment Date will be allocated, *first*, to reduce any Overcollateralization Amount for such Payment Date, until such Overcollateralization Amount is reduced to zero, and, *second*, to reduce

the Class Notional Amount of each Class of Reference Tranche in the following order of priority, in each case until its Class Notional Amount is reduced to zero:

- (i) *first*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche;
- (ii) *second*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iii) *third*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iv) *fourth*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (v) *fifth*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date; and
- (vi) *sixth*, to the Class A-H Reference Tranche, but only in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the remaining unallocated Tranche Write-down Amount for such Payment Date over the Principal Loss Amount for such Payment Date attributable to clause (d) of the definition of “Principal Loss Amount”.

(c) *Allocation of Tranche Write-up Amounts to the Reference Tranches.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date will be allocated to increase the Class Notional Amount of each Class of Reference Tranche in the following order of priority until the cumulative Tranche Write-up Amounts allocated to each such Class of Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative Tranche Write-down Amounts previously allocated to such Class of Reference Tranche on or prior to such Payment Date:

- (i) *first*, to the Class A-H Reference Tranche;
- (ii) *second*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iii) *third*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iv) *fourth*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (v) *fifth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date; and
- (vi) *sixth*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche.

(d) *Allocation of Senior Reduction Amount to the Reference Tranches.* On each Payment Date prior to the Termination Date, after allocation of the Tranche Write-down Amount or Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date as described above, the Senior Reduction Amount will be allocated to reduce the Class Notional Amount of each Class of Reference Tranche in the following order of priority, in each case until its Class Notional Amount is reduced to zero:

- (i) *first*, to the Class A-H Reference Tranche;
- (ii) *second*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iii) *third*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iv) *fourth*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (v) *fifth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date; and
- (vi) *sixth*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche.

(e) *Allocation of Subordinate Reduction Amount to the Reference Tranches.* On each Payment Date prior to the Termination Date, after allocation of the Senior Reduction Amount and the Tranche Write-down Amount or Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date as described above, the Subordinate Reduction Amount will be allocated to reduce the Class Notional Amount of each Class of Reference Tranche in the following order of priority, in each case until its Class Notional Amount is reduced to zero:

- (i) *first*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (ii) *second*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iii) *third*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (iv) *fourth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, *pro rata*, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date;
- (v) *fifth*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche; and
- (vi) *sixth*, to the Class A-H Reference Tranche.

(f) *Allocation of Modification Loss Amount.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Preliminary Principal Loss Amount, the Preliminary Tranche Write-down Amount, the Preliminary Tranche Write-up Amount, and the Preliminary Class Notional Amount will be computed prior to allocating the Modification Loss Amount, as set forth below.

On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Modification Loss Amount, if any, for such Payment Date, will be allocated in the following order of priority:

(i) *first*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, until the amount allocated to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche is equal to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche Interest Accrual Amount;

(ii) *second*, to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche, until the amount allocated to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche is equal to the Preliminary Class Notional Amount of the Class B-2H Reference Tranche for such Payment Date;

(iii) *third*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class B-1 Reference Tranche is equal to the Class B-1 Notes Interest Accrual Amount;

(iv) *fourth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Preliminary Class Notional Amounts for such Payment Date until the aggregate amount allocated to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches is equal to the aggregate of the Preliminary Class Notional Amounts of the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches for such Payment Date;

(v) *fifth*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-2B Reference Tranche is equal to the Class M-2B Notes Interest Accrual Amount;

(vi) *sixth*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-2A Reference Tranche is equal to the Class M-2A Notes Interest Accrual Amount;

(vii) *seventh*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Preliminary Class Notional Amounts for such Payment Date until the aggregate amount allocated to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches is equal to the aggregate of the Preliminary Class Notional Amounts of the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches for such Payment Date;

(viii) *eighth*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Preliminary Class Notional Amounts for such Payment Date until the aggregate amount allocated to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches is equal to the aggregate of the Preliminary Class Notional Amounts of the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches for such Payment Date;

(ix) *ninth*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-1 Reference Tranche is equal to the Class M-1 Notes Interest Accrual Amount; and

(x) *tenth*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Preliminary Class Notional Amounts for such Payment Date until the aggregate amount allocated to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches is equal to the aggregate of the Preliminary Class Notional Amounts of the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches for such Payment Date.

Any amounts allocated to the Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B or Class B-1 Reference Tranches in the *ninth*, *sixth*, *fifth* or *third* priority above on any Payment Date will result in a corresponding reduction of the Interest Payment Amount of the Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B or Class B-1 Notes, as applicable (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) for such Payment Date. The Class B-2H Reference Tranche is assigned a Class Coupon solely for purposes of calculations in connection with the allocation of Modification Loss Amounts to the Mezzanine Reference Tranches and Junior Reference Tranches, and any amounts allocated to the Class B-2H Reference Tranche in the *first* priority above will not result in a corresponding reduction of the Interest Payment Amount of any Class of Notes. With respect to (A) any Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes that have been exchanged for Class M-2 Notes, (B) any Class M-2 Notes that have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2I and Class M-2R Notes, (ii) the Class M-2I and Class M-2S Notes, (iii) the Class M-2I and Class M-2T Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2I and Class M-2U Notes, respectively, (C) the Class M-2A Notes that have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AR Notes, (ii) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AS Notes, (iii) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AT Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AU Notes, respectively, or (D) the Class M-2B Notes that have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BR Notes, (ii) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BS Notes, (iii) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BT Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BU Notes, respectively, any Modification Loss Amount that is allocable in the *fifth* or *sixth* priority above on any Payment Date to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes will be allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes for such Payment Date, pro rata, based on their Interest Accrual Amounts. Any amounts allocated to any of the Reference Tranches in the *second*, *fourth*, *seventh*, *eighth* or *tenth* priority above will be included in the Principal Loss Amount for the related Payment Date.



(g) *Allocation of Modification Gain Amount.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Modification Gain Amount, if any, for such Payment Date, will be allocated in the following order of priority:

(i) *first*, to the Class M-1 and Class M-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-1 Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative amount of unreimbursed Modification Loss Amounts allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount on the Class M-1 Notes on all prior Payment Dates;

(ii) *second*, to the Class M-2A and Class M-2AH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-2A Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative amount of unreimbursed Modification Loss Amounts allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount on the Class M-2A Notes on all prior Payment Dates;

(iii) *third*, to the Class M-2B and Class M-2BH Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class M-2B Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative amount of unreimbursed Modification Loss Amounts allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount on the Class M-2B Notes on all prior Payment Dates;

(iv) *fourth*, to the Class B-1 and Class B-1H Reference Tranches, pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date, until the amount allocated to the Class B-1 Reference Tranche is equal to the cumulative amount of unreimbursed Modification Loss Amounts allocated to reduce the Interest Payment Amount on the Class B-1 Notes on all prior Payment Dates; and

(v) *fifth*, to the most subordinate Classes of Reference Tranches outstanding (except for the Class B-2H Reference Tranche), pro rata, based on their Class Notional Amounts immediately prior to such Payment Date.

Any amounts allocated to the Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B or Class B-1 Reference Tranches above on any Payment Date will result in a corresponding increase of the Interest Payment Amount of the Class M-1, Class M-2A, Class M-2B or Class B-1 Notes, as applicable (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) for such Payment Date. If (A) the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes have been exchanged for the Class M-2 Notes, (B) the Class M-2 Notes have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2I and Class M-2R Notes, (ii) the Class M-2I and Class M-2S Notes, (iii) the Class M-2I and Class M-2T Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2I and Class M-2U Notes, respectively, (C) the Class M-2A Notes have been exchanged for any of (i) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AR Notes, (ii) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AS Notes, (iii) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AT Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2AI and Class M-2AU Notes, respectively, or (D) the Class M-2B Notes have been exchanged for any of (i) the

Class M-2BI and Class M-2BR Notes, (ii) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BS Notes, (iii) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BT Notes, or (iv) the Class M-2BI and Class M-2BU Notes, respectively, any Modification Gain Amount that is allocable to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes on any Payment Date will be allocated to increase the Interest Payment Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes for such Payment Date, pro rata, based on their Interest Accrual Amounts.

(h) *Notes Acquired by Freddie Mac.* Freddie Mac may, from time to time, repurchase or otherwise acquire (either for cash or in exchange for newly-issued Notes) some or all of the Notes at any price or prices, in the open market or otherwise. Freddie Mac may hold, sell or cancel any such repurchased Notes. Any Notes Freddie Mac owns shall have an equal and proportionate benefit under the provisions of this Agreement, without preference, priority or distinction as among those Notes. However, in determining whether the required percentage of Holders of the Notes have given any required demand, authorization, notice, consent or waiver, Notes Freddie Mac owns, directly or indirectly, shall be deemed not to be outstanding. For the avoidance of doubt, any Notes repurchased or otherwise acquired by Freddie Mac shall no longer be considered issued and outstanding for any U.S. federal tax purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Freddie Mac cancels any Notes pursuant to this Section 3.03(h), solely for purposes of making calculations with respect to the hypothetical structure and Reference Tranches, such Notes and related Reference Tranches shall be deemed to continue to be outstanding in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, no payments shall be made with respect to any such cancelled Notes.

#### **Section 3.04. Principal Payments and Other Allocations on the Notes.**

(a) *Reductions in Class Principal Balances of the Notes.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Class Principal Balance of each Class of Original Notes will be reduced (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), without any corresponding payment of principal, by the amount of the reduction, if any, in the Class Notional Amount of the Corresponding Class of Reference Tranche due to the allocation of Tranche Write-down Amounts to such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 3.03(b) above.

On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, if a Class of MAC Notes is outstanding, all Tranche Write-down Amounts that are allocable to Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes will be allocated to reduce the Class Principal Balances or Notional Principal Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination.

(b) *Increases in Class Principal Balances of the Notes.* On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, the Class Principal Balance of each Class of Original Notes will be increased (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) by the amount of the increase, if any, in the Class Notional Amount of the Corresponding Class of Reference Tranche due to the allocation of Tranche Write-up Amounts to such Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 3.03(c) above.

On each Payment Date on or prior to the Termination Date, if a Class of MAC Notes is outstanding, all Tranche Write-up Amounts that are allocable to Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes will be allocated to increase the Class Principal Balances or Notional Principal Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination.

(c) *Principal Payments on the Notes.* On each Payment Date prior to the Maturity Date or the Early Redemption Date, Freddie Mac (or its agent, the Global Agent) will pay principal on each Class of Original Notes (in each case without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) in reduction of its Class Principal Balance in an amount equal to the portion of the Senior Reduction Amount and/or Subordinate Reduction Amount, as applicable, allocated to reduce the Class Notional Amount of the Corresponding Class of Reference Tranche on such Payment Date pursuant to Sections 3.03 (d) and (e) above.

If on the Maturity Date or any Payment Date a Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal is outstanding, all principal amounts that are payable by Freddie Mac on Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) will be allocated to and payable on such MAC Notes in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination. The Interest Only MAC Notes are not entitled to receive payments of principal.

### **Section 3.05. Determination of One-Month LIBOR.**

Pursuant to the terms of the Global Agency Agreement, the Global Agent shall calculate the Class Coupons for the applicable Classes of Notes (including MAC Notes on which the Exchange Administrator has directed the Global Agent to make payments) for each Accrual Period (after the first Accrual Period) on the applicable LIBOR Adjustment Date.

**“One-Month LIBOR”** will be determined by using the “Interest Settlement Rate” for U.S. dollar deposits with a maturity of one month set by ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (**“ICE”**) as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the LIBOR Adjustment Date (the **“ICE Method”**).

ICE’s Interest Settlement Rates are currently displayed on Bloomberg L.P.’s page “BBAM.” That page, or any other page that may replace page BBAM on that service or any other service that ICE nominates as the information vendor to display the ICE’s Interest Settlement Rates for deposits in U.S. dollars, is a **“Designated Page.”** ICE’s Interest Settlement Rates currently are rounded to five decimal places.

If ICE’s Interest Settlement Rate does not appear on the Designated Page as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on a LIBOR Adjustment Date, or if the Designated Page is not then available, One-Month LIBOR for that date will be the most recently published Interest Settlement Rate. If ICE no longer sets or publishes an Interest Settlement Rate, Freddie Mac will designate an alternative index that has performed, or that Freddie Mac (or its agent) expects to perform, in a manner substantially similar to ICE’s Interest Settlement Rate. If, prior to the time that ICE may cease to set or publish a rate for LIBOR, a new industry standard is adopted, Freddie Mac may elect in its

sole discretion, to use such standard index in lieu of LIBOR.

### **Section 3.06. Payment Procedures; Record Date.**

(a) *Procedures.* Payments of principal and interest due to Holders of Classes maintained on the DTC System shall be paid by Freddie Mac (or the Global Agent, whether taking direction from Freddie Mac or from the Exchange Administrator) to DTC in immediately available funds. DTC shall be responsible for crediting the amount of such payments to the accounts of the applicable DTC Participants in accordance with its normal procedures. Payments with respect to Common Depository Notes shall be credited to Euroclear participants, Clearstream participants or participants of any other applicable clearing system in accordance with the relevant system's rules and procedures.

Payments to a Holder of definitive Notes shall be made by electronic transfer of funds not later than the applicable Payment Date to a bank account designated by such Holder; *provided, however*, that the final payment on any definitive Note shall be made only upon presentation and surrender of the Holder's definitive Note at the office of the Global Agent or other paying agent, as described in Section 4.04.

In the event of a principal or interest payment error, Freddie Mac, in its sole discretion, may effect corrections by the adjustment of payments to be made on future Payment Dates or in such other manner as it deems appropriate.

(b) *Record Date.* Any payment made on a Class on any Payment Date shall be made to the Holders of record of such Class as of the related Record Date.

### **Section 3.07. Maturity.**

(a) *General.* On the Maturity Date, Freddie Mac shall pay 100% of the outstanding Class Principal Balance as of such date to the Holders of each Class of Original Notes (without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), after taking into account any allocations of any Tranche Write-down Amounts and Tranche Write-up Amounts applicable to such Classes for such Payment Date.

(b) *Payments to MAC Notes.* If on the Maturity Date a Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal is outstanding, all principal amounts that are payable by Freddie Mac on Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) will be allocated to and payable on such MAC Notes in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination. The Interest Only MAC Notes are not entitled to receive payments of principal.

### **Section 3.08. Early Redemption Option.**

(a) *General.* On any Payment Date prior to the Maturity Date at the earlier of (a) on or after the Payment Date on which the aggregate unpaid principal balance of the Reference Obligations is less than or equal to 10% of the Cut-off Date Balance of the Reference Pool; or (b) on or after

the Payment Date in March 2028, Freddie Mac may, at its option, redeem the Original Notes. On such Payment Date, Freddie Mac shall pay an amount equal to the outstanding Class Principal Balance, after allocation of the Tranche Write-down Amount or Tranche Write-up Amount, if any, for such Payment Date, of each Class of Original Notes (without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), plus accrued and unpaid interest.

(b) *Payments to MAC Notes.* In the case of an early redemption as described in (a) above, if a Class of MAC Notes that is entitled to principal is outstanding, all principal amounts that are payable by Freddie Mac on Exchangeable Notes that were exchanged for such MAC Notes (or any MAC Notes further exchanged for such MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5) will be allocated to and payable on such MAC Notes in accordance with the exchange proportions applicable to the related Combination. The Interest Only MAC Notes are not entitled to receive payments of principal.

(c) *Notice.* Notice of optional redemption shall be given to Holders of the related Notes not less than 5 Business Days nor more than 60 calendar days prior to the Payment Date of the redemption in the manner provided in Section 6.08.

### **Section 3.09. MAC Notes.**

(a) *General.* Pursuant to the procedures and fees set forth in the Exchange Administration Agreement:

- except with respect to the Closing Date Deemed Exchange, the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2 Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 1 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2R and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 2 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2S and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 3 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2T and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 4 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2 Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2U and Class M-2I Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 5 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AR and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 6 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AS and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 7 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;

- the Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AT and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 8 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2A Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2AU and Class M-2AI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 9 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BR and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 10 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BS and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 11 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date;
- the Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BT and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 12 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date; and
- the Class M-2B Notes may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the Class M-2BU and Class M-2BI Notes, and vice versa, pursuant to Combination 13 described in *Appendix II* hereto at any time on or after the Initial Exchange Date.

*Appendix II* describes the characteristics of the MAC Classes and the available Combinations of Exchangeable Notes and MAC Notes. Exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes (or in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5, of MAC Notes for other MAC Notes), and vice versa, may occur repeatedly pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Exchange Administration Agreement.

(b) *Voting and Direction Rights of MAC Notes.* In the event that Class M-2A or Class M-2B Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (including any MAC Notes further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), the Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting and direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Class M-2A or Class M-2B Notes and the Class Principal Balances or Notional Principal Amounts, as applicable, of such MAC Notes will be used to determine if the requisite percentage of Holders under this Agreement has voted or given direction; provided that with respect to:

- any outstanding MAC Notes exchanged for Class M-2 Notes in Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5 described in *Appendix II*, the Class M-2I Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 1% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to the exchanged Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes that were exchanged for the Class M-2 Notes and the Class M-2R, Class M-2S, Class M-2T or Class M-2U Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 99% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes that were exchanged for the Class M-2 Notes;
- any outstanding MAC Notes exchanged for Class M-2A Notes in Combination 6, 7, 8 or 9 described in *Appendix II*, the Class M-2AI Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 1% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to such exchanged Class M-2A Notes and the Class M-2AR, Class M-2AS, Class M-2AT or Class M-2AU Notes so

exchanged will be entitled to exercise 99% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to such exchanged Class M-2A Notes; and

- any outstanding MAC Notes exchanged for Class M-2B Notes in Combination 10, 11, 12 or 13 described in *Appendix II*, the Class M-2BI Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 1% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to such exchanged Class M-2B Notes and the Class M-2BR, Class M-2BS, Class M-2BT or Class M-2BU Notes so exchanged will be entitled to exercise 99% of the total voting or direction rights that were allocated to such exchanged Class M-2B Notes.

(c) If the Class M-2 Notes have been exchanged for other Classes of MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5, the Classes of MAC Notes held after the exchange will be treated in the same manner as if the Class M-2 Notes had been exchanged directly for the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes and then the Class M-2A and Class M-2B Notes had been exchanged pursuant to (i) Combinations 6 and 10, in the case of Combination 2, (ii) Combinations 7 and 11, in the case of Combination 3, (iii) Combinations 8 and 12, in the case of Combination 4 and (iv) Combinations 9 and 13, in the case of Combination 5.

### **Section 3.10. Selling Restrictions.**

Subject to limited exceptions in connection with the initial sale of the Notes, each purchaser of a Note, in making its purchase, will be deemed to have acknowledged, represented and agreed as follows:

(1) Such purchaser (i) is a Qualified Institutional Buyer and (ii) is acquiring such Note for its own account (and not for the account of others) or as a fiduciary or agent for others (which others also are Qualified Institutional Buyers). Such purchaser is aware that it (or any account for which it is purchasing) may be required to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Notes for an indefinite period, and it (or such account) is able to bear such risk for an indefinite period.

(2) No sale, pledge or other transfer of any Note may be made by any person unless (i) such sale, pledge or other transfer is made to the Issuer or (ii) such sale, pledge or other transfer is made to a person whom the seller reasonably believes after due inquiry is a Qualified Institutional Buyer acting for its own account (and not for the account of others) or as a fiduciary or agent for others (which others also are Qualified Institutional Buyers) to whom notice is given that the sale, pledge or transfer of the Note is restricted to Qualified Institutional Buyers.

(3) The Notes will bear the following legends (and such legends will satisfy the notice requirement referred to in (2)(ii) above), unless the Issuer determines otherwise in accordance with applicable law:

BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOTE THE HOLDER OF THIS NOTE IS DEEMED TO REPRESENT THAT IT IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN THE DEBT AGREEMENT, DATED JANUARY 30, 2018) AND IS ACQUIRING SUCH NOTE FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT (AND NOT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF OTHERS) OR AS A FIDUCIARY OR AGENT FOR OTHERS (WHICH OTHERS ALSO ARE



QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS) TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS RESTRICTED TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS.

NO SALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE MAY BE MADE BY ANY PERSON UNLESS (I) SUCH SALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS MADE TO THE ISSUER OR (II) SUCH SALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS MADE TO A PERSON WHOM THE TRANSFEROR REASONABLY BELIEVES AFTER DUE INQUIRY IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER ACTING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT (AND NOT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF OTHERS) OR AS A FIDUCIARY OR AGENT FOR OTHERS (WHICH OTHERS ALSO ARE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS) TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE SALE, PLEDGE OR TRANSFER IS RESTRICTED TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS. ANY ATTEMPTED TRANSFER IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE VOID AB INITIO AND THE PURPORTED TRANSFEROR WILL CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS THE OWNER OF THE NOTES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Form; Clearance and Settlement Procedures; Minimum Denominations; Definitive Notes**

#### **Section 4.01. Form of Notes.**

(a) *General.* Original Notes shall be deposited with (i) the Global Agent as a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, DTC, or (ii) the Global Agent as a Common Depositary, and registered in the name of such Common Depositary or a nominee of such Common Depositary. In the case of an exchange of an Exchangeable Note and a MAC Note, the Exchange Administrator shall direct the Global Agent to facilitate such exchange with DTC.

(b) *Title.* The person in whose name a Note is registered in the Register shall be the Holder of such Note. Beneficial interests in a Note shall be represented, and transfers thereof shall be effected, only through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of the Beneficial Owners of such Note, as a direct or indirect participant in the applicable clearing system for such Note.

Freddie Mac, the Global Agent, the Exchange Administrator and the Registrar may treat the Holders as the absolute owners of Notes for the purpose of making payments and for all other purposes, whether or not such Notes shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. Owners of beneficial interests in a Note shall not be considered by Freddie Mac, the Global Agent, the Exchange Administrator or the Registrar as the owner or Holder of such Note and, except as provided in Section 4.04(a), shall not be entitled to have such Notes registered in their names and shall not receive or be entitled to receive definitive Notes. Any Beneficial Owner shall rely on the procedures of the applicable clearing system and, if such Beneficial Owner is not



a participant therein, on the procedures of the participant through which such Beneficial Owner holds its interest, to exercise any rights of a Holder of such Notes.

(c) *Global Agent and Exchange Administrator.* The Global Agent acts solely as a fiscal agent of Freddie Mac with respect to the Original Notes (and of the Exchange Administrator with respect to the MAC Notes) and does not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any Holder of an Original Note, except that any moneys held by the Global Agent for payment on an Original Note shall be held in trust for the Holder. The Global Agent does not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for, or with, any Holder of an Original Note.

(d) *Registrar.* In acting under the Global Agency Agreement, the Registrar does not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for, or with, any Holder of a Note.

#### **Section 4.02. Clearance and Settlement Procedures.**

(a) *General.* Notes distributed solely within the United States shall clear and settle through the DTC System, and Notes distributed solely outside of the United States shall clear and settle through the systems operated by Euroclear, Clearstream and/or any other designated clearing system or, in certain cases, DTC.

(b) *Primary Distribution.*

(i) *General.* On initial issue, the Notes shall be credited through one or more of the systems specified below.

(ii) *DTC.* DTC Participants acting on behalf of investors holding DTC Notes shall follow the delivery practices applicable to securities eligible for DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. DTC Notes shall be credited to DTC Participants' securities accounts following confirmation of receipt of payment to Freddie Mac on the Closing Date.

(iii) *Euroclear and Clearstream.* Investors holding Common Depository Notes through Euroclear, Clearstream or such other clearing system shall follow the settlement procedures applicable to conventional Eurobonds in registered form. Such Common Depository Notes shall be credited to Euroclear, Clearstream or such other clearing system participants' securities accounts either on the Closing Date or on the settlement day following the Closing Date against payment in same-day funds (for value on the Closing Date).

(c) *Secondary Market Transfers.* Transfers of beneficial interests in the Notes within the various systems that may be clearing and settling interests therein shall be made in accordance with the usual rules and operating procedures of the relevant system.

(d) *Limitation on Liability.* None of Freddie Mac, the Global Agent or the Exchange Administrator shall bear responsibility, in connection with the Notes, for the performance by any system or the performance of the system's respective direct or indirect participants or

accountholders of the respective obligations of such participants or accountholders under the rules and procedures governing such system's operations.

#### **Section 4.03. Minimum Denominations.**

The Original Notes shall be issued and maintained in minimum denominations of \$10,000 and additional increments of \$1.

#### **Section 4.04. Definitive Notes.**

(a) *Issuance of Definitive Notes.* Beneficial interests in Notes issued in global form shall be subject to exchange for definitive Notes only if such exchange is permitted by applicable law and (i) in the case of a DTC Note, DTC or Freddie Mac advise the Global Agent in writing that DTC is no longer willing, qualified or able to discharge properly its responsibilities as nominee and depositary with respect to the DTC Notes and Freddie Mac (or its agent) is unable to locate a successor; (ii) in the case of a particular DTC Note or Common Depositary Note, if all of the systems through which it is cleared or settled are closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar days (other than by reason of holidays, statutory or otherwise) or are permanently closed for business or have announced an intention to permanently cease business and in any such situations Freddie Mac is unable to locate a single successor within 90 calendar days of such closure; or (iii) after the occurrence of an Event of Default, Holders of Notes having voting rights aggregating not less than a majority of all voting rights evidenced by the DTC Notes and Common Depositary Notes advise the Global Agent and DTC through the Financial Intermediaries and the DTC Participants in writing that the continuation of a book-entry system through DTC (or successor thereto) is no longer in the best interests of such Holders. In such circumstances, Freddie Mac shall cause sufficient definitive Notes to be executed and delivered as soon as practicable (and in any event within 45 calendar days of Freddie Mac receiving notice of the occurrence of such circumstances) to the Global Agent or its agent for completion, authentication and delivery to the relevant registered holders of such definitive Notes. A person having an interest in a DTC Note or Common Depositary Note issued in global form shall provide Freddie Mac or the Global Agent with a written order containing instructions and such other information as Freddie Mac or the Global Agent may require to complete, execute and deliver such definitive Notes in authorized denominations.

In the event that definitive Notes are issued in exchange for Notes issued in global form, such definitive Notes shall have terms identical to the Notes for which they were exchanged except as described below.

(b) *Title.* The person in whose name a definitive Note is registered in the Register shall be the "Holder" of such definitive Note.

(c) *Payments.* Payments of principal and interest on a definitive Note shall be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds with a bank designated by such Holder that is acceptable to Freddie Mac; provided, that such bank has appropriate facilities therefor and accepts such transfer and such transfer is permitted by any applicable law or regulation and will not subject Freddie Mac to any liability, requirement or unacceptable charge. In order for a Holder to receive

such payments, the relevant paying agent (including the Global Agent) must receive at their offices from such Holder (i) in the case of payments on a Payment Date, a written request therefor not later than the close of business on the related Record Date or (ii) in the case of the final principal payment (on the Maturity Date or any earlier date of redemption or repayment) the related definitive Note not later than two Business Days prior to such Payment Date. Such written request must be delivered to the relevant paying agent (including the Global Agent) by mail, by hand delivery or by any other method acceptable to the relevant paying agent. Any such request shall remain in effect until the relevant paying agent receives written notice to the contrary.

All payments on definitive Notes shall be subject to any applicable law or regulation. If a payment outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or similar restrictions, payments in respect of the related definitive Notes may be made at the office of any paying agent in the United States.

(d) *Transfer and Exchange.* Definitive Notes shall be presented for registration of transfer or exchange (with the form of transfer included thereon properly endorsed, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, with such evidence of due authorization and guaranty of signature as may be required by Freddie Mac, duly executed) at the office of the Registrar or any other transfer agent upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges and other amounts, but without payment of any service charge to the Registrar or such transfer agent for such transfer or exchange. A transfer or exchange shall not be effective unless, and until, recorded in the Register.

A transfer or exchange of a definitive Note shall be effected upon satisfying the Global Agent with regard to the documents and identity of the person making the request and subject to such reasonable regulations as Freddie Mac may from time to time agree with the Global Agent. Such documents may include forms prescribed by U.S. tax authorities to establish the applicability of, or the exemption from, withholding or other taxes regarding the transferee Holder. Definitive Notes may be transferred or exchanged in whole or in part only in the authorized denominations of the DTC Notes or Common Depositary Notes issued in global form for which they were exchanged. In the case of a transfer of a definitive Note in part, a new Note in respect of the balance not transferred shall be issued to the transferor. In addition, replacement of mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost definitive Notes also is subject to the conditions discussed above with respect to transfers and exchanges generally. Each new definitive Note to be issued upon transfer of such a definitive Note, as well as the definitive Note issued in respect of the balance not transferred, shall be mailed to such address as may be specified in the form or instrument of transfer at the risk of the Holder entitled thereto in accordance with the customary procedures of the Global Agent.

Any definitive Note that becomes mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost shall be replaced by Freddie Mac at the expense of the Holder upon delivery to the Global Agent of evidence of the destruction, theft or loss thereof, and an indemnity satisfactory to Freddie Mac and the Global Agent. Upon the issuance of any substituted definitive Note, Freddie Mac or the Global Agent may require the payment by the Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any taxes and expenses connected therewith.

## ARTICLE V

## **Events of Default and Remedies**

### **Section 5.01. Events of Default.**

An “**Event of Default**” with respect to the Notes shall consist of any one of the following cases:

(a) any failure by Freddie Mac (or its agent) to pay to Holders of such Notes any required interest or principal payment that continues unremedied for 30 days;

(b) any failure by Freddie Mac to perform in any material way any other covenant or agreement in this Agreement, which failure continues unremedied for 60 days after the receipt of notice of such failure by Freddie Mac from the Holders of at least 25% of the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes); in the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein).

(c) a court having jurisdiction in the premises shall enter a decree or order for relief in respect of Freddie Mac in an involuntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or appoint a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, or sequestrator (or other similar official) of Freddie Mac or for all or substantially all of its property, or order the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or

(d) Freddie Mac shall commence a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or shall consent to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law, or shall consent to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian, or sequestrator (or other similar official) of Freddie Mac or any substantial part of its property, or shall make any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or shall fail generally to pay its debts as they become due.

The appointment of a conservator (or other similar official) by a regulator having jurisdiction over Freddie Mac, whether or not Freddie Mac consents to such appointment, will not constitute an Event of Default.

### **Section 5.02. Rights Upon Event of Default.**

(a) As long as an Event of Default under this Agreement remains unremedied, Holders of not less than 50% of the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) to which such Event of Default relates

may, by written notice to Freddie Mac, declare such Notes due and payable and accelerate the maturity of such Notes. In the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein. Upon such acceleration, the Class Principal Balance of such Notes and the interest accrued thereon shall be due and payable.

(b) Prior to or after the institution of any action or proceeding relating to the Notes, the Holders of not less than 50% of the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) to which such Event of Default relates may, by written notice to Freddie Mac, waive an Event of Default, whether or not it has resulted in a declaration of an acceleration of the maturity of the Notes, and may rescind or annul any previously declared acceleration. In the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein.

(c) Whenever in this Agreement it is provided that the Holders of a specified percentage in outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Notes may take any action (including the making of any demand or request, or the giving of any authorization, notice, consent or waiver), the fact that at the time of taking any such action the Holders of such specified percentage have joined therein may be evidenced by a writing, or any number of writings of similar tenor, executed by Holders in person, or by an agent or proxy appointed in writing.

(d) No Holder of a Note has any right in any manner whatsoever by virtue of or by availing itself of any provision of this Agreement to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other such Holder, or to obtain or seek to obtain preference or priority over any other such Holder or to enforce any right under this Agreement, except in the manner provided in this Agreement and for the ratable and common benefit of all such Holders.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

#### **Section 6.01. Limitations on Liability of Freddie Mac and Others.**

Neither Freddie Mac nor any of its directors, officers, employees or agents shall be under any liability to the Holders or Beneficial Owners for any action taken, or not taken, by them in good faith under this Agreement or for errors in judgment. This provision will not protect Freddie Mac or any other related person against any liability which would otherwise be imposed by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence or by reason of reckless disregard of obligations and duties under this Agreement. Freddie Mac and such related persons shall have no

liability of whatever nature for special, indirect or consequential damages, lost profits or business, or any other liability or claim (other than for direct damages), even if reasonably foreseeable, or Freddie Mac has been advised of the possibility of such loss, damage, liability or claim. Freddie Mac and such related persons may rely in good faith on any document or other communication of any kind properly submitted by any person (in writing or electronically) with respect to any matter arising under this Agreement.

In performing its responsibilities under this Agreement, Freddie Mac may employ agents or independent contractors. Except upon an Event of Default, Freddie Mac shall not be subject to the control of Holders in any manner in the discharge of its responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement.

Freddie Mac shall be under no obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any legal action that is not incidental to its responsibilities under this Agreement and which in its opinion may involve it in any expense or liability. However, Freddie Mac may in its discretion undertake any such legal action which it may deem necessary or desirable in the interests of the Holders. In such event, the legal expenses and costs of such action shall be expenses and costs of Freddie Mac.

#### **Section 6.02. Binding Effect of this Agreement.**

By receiving and accepting a Note, each Holder, Financial Intermediary and Beneficial Owner of such Note unconditionally agrees, without any signature or further manifestation of assent, to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, as supplemented, modified or amended pursuant to its terms.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successor to Freddie Mac.

#### **Section 6.03. Tax Treatment of the Notes.**

By purchasing the Original Class M Notes (including any Original Class M Notes sold by virtue of a sale of related MAC Notes), Holders and Beneficial Owners agree to treat such Notes as indebtedness of Freddie Mac for U.S. federal income tax purposes, unless such Holders or Beneficial Owners are required to treat the Original Class M Notes in some other manner pursuant to a final determination by the Internal Revenue Service or by a court of competent jurisdiction (each a “**Final Tax Determination**”). By purchasing the Class B-1 Notes, Holders agree to treat such Class B-1 Notes as notional principal contracts for U.S. federal income tax purposes (except for U.S. withholding tax purposes) and, as a result, as (i) a deemed loan and (ii) an on-market swap, each of which is tax accounted for in the manner described in the Offering Circular, unless such Holders are required to treat the Class B-1 Notes in some other manner pursuant to a Final Tax Determination. Holders and Beneficial Owners, as applicable, further agree (a) to prepare their U.S. federal income tax returns on the basis that (i) the Original Class M Notes (including any Original Class M Notes sold by virtue of a sale of related MAC Notes) will be treated as indebtedness of Freddie Mac and/or (ii) the Class B-1 Notes will be treated as (1) a deemed loan and (2) an on-market swap, and (b) to report items of income, deduction, gain or loss with respect to the Original Notes in a manner consistent with the information reported to them pursuant to



Section 3.01(d), unless otherwise required pursuant to a previously-selected method for tax accounting for contingent notional principal contracts or a Final Tax Determination.

#### **Section 6.04. Limitation of Rights of Holders.**

The death or incapacity of any person having an interest, beneficial or otherwise, in a Note shall not operate to terminate this Agreement, nor entitle the legal representatives or heirs of such person or any Holder for such person to claim an accounting, take any action or bring any proceeding in any court for a termination of any Notes, nor otherwise affect the rights, obligations and liabilities of the parties hereto or any of them.

#### **Section 6.05. Conditions to Payment, Transfer or Exchange.**

Freddie Mac, its agent or any other person potentially required to withhold with respect to payments on a Note shall have the right to require a Holder of a Note, as a condition to payment of principal of or interest on such Note, or as a condition to transfer or exchange such Note, to present at such place as Freddie Mac, its agent or such other person shall designate a certificate in such form as Freddie Mac, its agent or such other person may from time to time prescribe, to enable Freddie Mac, its agent or such other person to determine its duties and liabilities with respect to (i) any taxes, assessments or governmental charges which Freddie Mac, the Global Agent, the Exchange Administrator or such other person, as the case may be, may be required to deduct or withhold from payments in respect of such Note under any present or future law of the United States or jurisdiction therein or any regulation or interpretation of any taxing authority thereof; and (ii) any reporting or other requirements under such laws, regulations or interpretations. Freddie Mac, its agent or such other person shall be entitled to determine its duties and liabilities with respect to such deduction, withholding, reporting or other requirements on the basis of information contained in such certificate or, if no certificate shall be presented, on the basis of any presumption created by any such law, regulation or interpretation, and shall be entitled to act in accordance with such determination.

#### **Section 6.06. Amendment.**

(a) Freddie Mac may modify, amend or supplement this Agreement and the terms of the Notes, without the consent of the Holders or Beneficial Owners, (i) to cure any ambiguity, or to correct or supplement any defective provision or to strikeout, change, or add any other provision with respect to matters or questions arising under this Agreement or the terms of any Note in a manner not inconsistent with any other provision of this Agreement or such Note; (ii) to add to the covenants of Freddie Mac for the benefit of the Holders or Beneficial Owners or surrender any right or power conferred upon Freddie Mac; (iii) to evidence the succession of another entity to Freddie Mac and its assumption of the covenants of Freddie Mac; (iv) to conform the terms of an issue of Notes or cure any ambiguity or discrepancy resulting from any changes in the Book-Entry Rules or any regulation or document that are applicable to book-entry securities of Freddie Mac; or (v) in any other manner that Freddie Mac may determine and that will not adversely affect in any material respect the interests of Holders or Beneficial Owners at the time of such modification, amendment or supplement. Notwithstanding these rights, Freddie Mac will not be permitted to make any amendment to this Agreement and the terms of the Notes unless Freddie Mac has

received an opinion of nationally-recognized U.S. federal income tax counsel to the effect that, and subject to customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions, Holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such amendment.

(b) In addition, with the written consent of the Holders of at least 50% of the aggregate then-outstanding Class Principal Balance of each Class of Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) affected thereby, excluding any such Notes owned by Freddie Mac, Freddie Mac may, from time to time and at any time, modify, amend or supplement the terms of the Notes for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any provisions of such Notes or modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders; provided, however, that no such modification, amendment or supplement may, without the written consent or affirmative vote of each Holder of an affected Note; (A) change the Maturity Date or any monthly Payment Date of the Notes; (B) materially modify the redemption or repayment provisions, if any, relating to the redemption or repayment price of, or any redemption or repayment date or period for, the Notes; (C) reduce the Class Principal Balance or Notional Principal Amount of (other than as provided for in this Agreement), delay the principal payment of (other than as provided for in this Agreement), or materially modify the rate of interest or the calculation of the rate of interest on, the Notes; or (D) reduce the percentage of Holders whose consent or affirmative vote is necessary to modify, amend or supplement the terms of the Notes. In the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein. A quorum (i) at any meeting of Holders called to adopt a resolution shall consist of Holders entitled to vote a majority of the then aggregate outstanding Class Principal Balance of Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes) called to such meeting and (ii) at any reconvened meeting previously adjourned for lack of a quorum will consist of Holders entitled to vote 25% of the then aggregate outstanding Class Principal Balance of Original Notes (in each case the outstanding Class Principal Balance of the Original Notes will be determined without regard to any exchanges of Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes), in both cases excluding any Notes owned by Freddie Mac. In the event that Exchangeable Notes have been exchanged for MAC Notes (or such MAC Notes have been further exchanged for other MAC Notes pursuant to Combination 2, 3, 4 or 5), Holders of such MAC Notes will be entitled to exercise all the voting or direction rights that are allocated to such exchanged Exchangeable Notes as described herein. It shall not be necessary for the Holders to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, but it shall be sufficient if such consent or resolution approves the substance of such change.

(c) Freddie Mac may establish a record date for the determination of Holders entitled to vote at any meeting of Holders of Notes, to grant any consent in respect of Notes and to notice of any such meeting or consent.

(d) Any instrument given by or on behalf of any Holder of a Note in connection with any consent to any such modification, amendment or supplement shall be irrevocable once given and shall be conclusive and binding on all subsequent Holders of such Note or any Note issued, directly



or indirectly, in exchange or substitution therefor, irrespective of whether or not notation in regard thereto is made thereon. Any modification, amendment or supplement of this Agreement or of the terms of Notes shall be conclusive and binding on all Holders of Notes affected thereby, whether or not they have given such consent or were present at any meeting (unless by the terms of this Agreement a written consent or an affirmative vote of such Holders is required), and whether or not notation of such modification, amendment or supplement is made upon the Notes.

(e) Freddie Mac will notify the Rating Agencies of any modification, amendment or supplement of this Agreement (which notification shall be effected pursuant to Section 6.08).

#### **Section 6.07. Persons Deemed Owners.**

Freddie Mac, the Registrar, DTC and the Common Depositories (or any agent of any of them), may deem and treat the Holder as the absolute owner of a Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal or interest and for all other purposes, and none of Freddie Mac, the Registrar, DTC and the Common Depositories, nor any agent of any of them, shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. All such payments so made to any such Holder or upon such Holder's order shall be valid, and, to the extent of the sum or sums paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the duty for monies payable by Freddie Mac upon an Original Note. A Holder is not necessarily the beneficial owner of a Note. The rights of a beneficial owner of a Note with respect to Freddie Mac and the Registrar may be exercised only through the Holder. The rights of a beneficial owner of a DTC Note with respect to DTC and a Common Depository Note with respect to the Common Depositories may be exercised only through the applicable DTC Participant. Neither Freddie Mac nor the Registrar shall have any direct obligation to a beneficial owner that is not also the Holder of a Note. DTC and the Common Depository will have no direct obligation to a beneficial owner that is not also a DTC Participant, with respect to such Note.

#### **Section 6.08. Notice.**

(a) Any notice, demand or other communication which by any provision of this Agreement is required or permitted to be given to or served upon any Holder, may be given or served in writing by deposit thereof, postage prepaid, in the mail, addressed to such Holder as (i) such Holder's name and address may appear in the Register, (ii) in the case of a Holder of a DTC Note, by transmission to such Holder through the DTC communication system or (iii) in the case of a Common Depository Note, by transmission to such Holder through the Common Depository system. Such notice, demand or other communication to or upon any Holder shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made, for all purposes, upon mailing or transmission.

(b) Except as set forth in Section 4.04 of this Agreement, any notice, demand or other communication which by any provision of this Agreement is required or permitted to be given to or served upon Freddie Mac shall be given in writing addressed (until another address is published by Freddie Mac) as follows: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, 8200 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102 Attention: General Counsel and Secretary. Such notice, demand or other communication to or upon Freddie Mac shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made only upon actual receipt of the writing by Freddie Mac.

(c) To the extent that Freddie Mac is required to provide any information or notification to the Rating Agencies pursuant to this Agreement, Freddie Mac will cause such information or notification to be posted to the Rating Agencies Information Website. None of the Global Agent, Exchange Administrator or Registrar shall provide any information directly to, or communicate with, either orally or in writing, any Rating Agency or any NRSRO regarding the Notes relevant to such Rating Agency's or NRSRO's surveillance of the Notes, including, but not limited to, providing responses to inquiries from a Rating Agency or NRSRO regarding the Notes. Upon the Global Agent, Exchange Administrator or Registrar receiving any communication from any Rating Agency or NRSRO regarding the Notes, it shall promptly forward such communication to Freddie Mac.

#### **Section 6.09. Governing Law.**

THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE HOLDERS AND FREDDIE MAC WITH RESPECT TO THE NOTES SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. INsofar AS THERE MAY BE NO APPLICABLE PRECEDENT, AND INsofar AS TO DO SO WOULD NOT FRUSTRATE THE PURPOSES OF THE FREDDIE MAC ACT OR ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS GOVERNED THEREBY, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL BE DEEMED REFLECTIVE OF THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

#### **Section 6.10. Headings.**

The Article, Section and Subsection headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement.

#### **Section 6.11. Successors.**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, including any successor by operation of law, and permitted assigns.

RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN ORIGINAL NOTE (OR A MAC NOTE ISSUED IN EXCHANGE THEREFOR) ISSUED HEREUNDER BY OR ON BEHALF OF A HOLDER, WITHOUT ANY SIGNATURE OR FURTHER MANIFESTATION OF ASSENT, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE BY THE HOLDER AND ALL OTHERS HAVING A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN SUCH NOTE OF ALL THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE AGREEMENT OF FREDDIE MAC, SUCH HOLDER AND SUCH OTHERS THAT THOSE TERMS AND PROVISIONS SHALL BE BINDING, OPERATIVE AND EFFECTIVE AS BETWEEN FREDDIE MAC AND SUCH HOLDER AND SUCH OTHERS.

#### **Section 6.12. Compliance with Fiduciary Rule**

Any purchaser, transferee or holder of Notes or any interest therein that is a "benefit plan investor" as defined in 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101 as modified by Section 3(42) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (a "Benefit Plan Investor") or a fiduciary purchasing the Notes on behalf of a Benefit Plan Investor (a "Plan Fiduciary") will be deemed to make the following representations in connection with the regulations promulgated by the Department of Labor at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-21 on April 8, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 20,997)

(the “Fiduciary Rule”). Accordingly, in connection with the Fiduciary Rule, each Benefit Plan Investor will be deemed to have represented by its acquisition of the Notes that:

(1) none of the Issuer, any Dealer or any of their respective affiliates (the “Transaction Parties”), has provided or will provide advice with respect to the acquisition of the Notes by the Benefit Plan Investor, other than to the Plan Fiduciary which is independent (within the meaning of the Fiduciary Rule) of the Transaction Parties;

(2) the Plan Fiduciary either:

(a) is a bank as defined in Section 202 of the Investment Advisers Act, or similar institution that is regulated and supervised and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency; or

(b) is an insurance carrier which is qualified under the laws of more than one state to perform the services of managing, acquiring or disposing of assets of a Benefit Plan Investor; or

(c) is an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act, or, if not registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act by reason of paragraph (1) of Section 203A of the Investment Advisers Act, is registered as an investment adviser under the laws of the state in which it maintains its principal office and place of business; or

(d) is a broker-dealer registered under the Exchange Act; or

(e) has, and at all times that the Benefit Plan Investor is invested in the Notes will have, total assets of at least U.S. \$50,000,000 under its management or control (provided that this clause (e) shall not be satisfied if the Plan Fiduciary is either (i) the owner or a relative of the owner of an investing individual retirement account or (ii) a participant or beneficiary of the Benefit Plan Investor investing in or holding the Notes in such capacity);

(3) the Plan Fiduciary is capable of evaluating investment risks independently, both in general and with respect to particular transactions and investment strategies, including the acquisition by the Benefit Plan Investor of the Notes;

(4) the Plan Fiduciary is a “fiduciary” within the meaning of Section 3(21) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), or both, and is responsible for exercising independent judgment in evaluating the Benefit Plan Investor’s acquisition of the Notes;

(5) none of the Transaction Parties has exercised any authority to cause the Benefit Plan Investor to invest in the Notes or to negotiate the terms of the Benefit Plan Investor’s investment in the Notes; and

(6) the Plan Fiduciary has been informed by the Transaction Parties:

(a) that none of the Transaction Parties is undertaking to provide impartial investment advice or to give advice in a fiduciary capacity in connection with the Benefit Plan Investor's acquisition of the Notes; and

(b) of the existence and nature of the Transaction Parties' financial interests in the Benefit Plan Investor's acquisition of the Notes as disclosed in the Offering Circular.

These representations are intended to comply with Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Sections 2510.3-21(a) and (c)(1) as promulgated on April 8, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 20,997). If these sections of the Fiduciary Rule are revoked, repealed or no longer effective, these representations shall be deemed to be no longer in effect.

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE  
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**APPENDIX I**  
**STACR® DEBT NOTES, SERIES 2018-HQA1**  
**ORIGINAL NOTE TERMS**

**\$985,000,000**

<b>Class of Notes</b>	<b>Initial Class Principal Balance or Class Notional Amount</b>	<b>CUSIP Number</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>
<b>M-1</b>	<b>\$225,000,000</b>	<b>3137G0UC1</b>	<b>September 2030</b>
<b>M-2A</b>	<b>\$310,000,000</b>	<b>3137G0UK3</b>	<b>September 2030</b>
<b>M-2B</b>	<b>\$310,000,000</b>	<b>3137G0UR8</b>	<b>September 2030</b>
<b>B-1</b>	<b>\$140,000,000</b>	<b>3137G0UX5</b>	<b>September 2030</b>

The Original Notes bear interest as shown in the following table. The initial Class Coupons apply only to the first Accrual Period. The Global Agent determines One-Month LIBOR using the ICE Method as described in Section 3.05.

<b>Class of Notes or Reference Tranche</b>	<b>Initial Class Coupon</b>	<b>Class Coupon Formula</b>
<b>M-1</b>	<b>2.55382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 0.70%</b>
<b>M-2A</b>	<b>4.15382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 2.30%</b>
<b>M-2B</b>	<b>4.15382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 2.30%</b>
<b>B-1</b>	<b>6.20382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 4.35%</b>
<b>B-2H Reference Tranche</b>	<b>12.85382%</b>	<b>One-Month LIBOR + 11.00% <sup>(1)</sup></b>

(1) The Class B-2H Reference Tranche is not a Note; however, it is deemed to bear interest at the Class Coupon shown solely for purposes of calculating allocations of any Modification Loss Amounts.

**APPENDIX II**  
**STACR<sup>®</sup> DEBT NOTES, SERIES 2018-HQA1**  
**AVAILABLE MODIFICATIONS AND COMBINATIONS**  
**And**  
**MAC NOTE TERMS**

<b>Combination</b>	<b>Original Class</b>	<b>Original Class Principal Balance</b>	<b>Exchange Proportions<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>MAC Class</b>	<b>Maximum Original Class Principal Balance/ Notional Principal Amount</b>	<b>Exchange Proportions<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Interest Formula <sup>(2)</sup></b>
1	M-2A M-2B	\$310,000,000 \$310,000,000	50% 50%	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	One-Month LIBOR + 2.30%
2	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2R M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$620,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 100%	One-Month LIBOR + 0.80% 1.50%
3	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2S M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$496,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 80%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.10% 1.50%
4	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2T M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$372,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 60%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.40% 1.50%
5	M-2	\$620,000,000	100%	M-2U M-2I	\$620,000,000 \$248,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 40%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.70% 1.50%
6	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AR M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$310,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 100%	One-Month LIBOR + 0.80% 1.50%
7	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AS M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$248,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 80%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.10% 1.50%
8	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AT M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$186,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 60%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.40% 1.50%
9	M-2A	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2AU M-2AI	\$310,000,000 \$124,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 40%	One-Month LIBOR +1.70% 1.50%
10	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BR M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$310,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 100%	One-Month LIBOR + 0.80% 1.50%
11	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BS M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$248,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 80%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.10% 1.50%
12	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BT M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$186,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 60%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.40% 1.50%
13	M-2B	\$310,000,000	100%	M-2BU M-2BI	\$310,000,000 \$124,000,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	100% 40%	One-Month LIBOR + 1.70% 1.50%

(1) Exchange proportions are constant proportions of the *original* Class Principal Balances (or *original* Notional Principal Amounts, if applicable) of the Original Classes or MAC Classes, as applicable. In accordance with the exchange proportions, you may exchange the Exchangeable Notes for MAC Notes, and vice versa. In addition, in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5, in accordance with the exchange proportions, the indicated MAC Notes may further be exchanged for other MAC Notes, and vice versa.

(2) In the event that One-Month LIBOR used to calculate the Class Coupons of the Notes for any Accrual Period is less than zero, the Class Coupons on the Class M-2I, Class M-2AI and Class M-2BI Notes may be subject to downward adjustment such that the aggregate amount of interest payable to such MAC Notes and the other MAC Notes in the related Combination would not exceed the aggregate Interest Payment Amount otherwise payable to the related Exchangeable Notes for which such Classes were exchanged (or related MAC Notes in the case of Combinations 2, 3, 4 and 5).

(3) Notional Principal Amount.

## Exhibit E

### **NOTIFICATION OF EXCHANGE TO ISSUER**

#### **Notification of Exchange to Issuer**

[\*\* DATE] 20[17]

**Freddie Mac (the Issuer)**  
**STRUCTURED AGENCY CREDIT RISK (STACR®) DEBT NOTES**  
**Series 2018-HQA1 Due September 2030**

US\$[ ] Class M-2 Notes  
Class M-2A Notes  
Class M-2B Notes  
Class M-2R Notes  
Class M-2S Notes  
Class M-2T Notes  
Class M-2U Notes  
Class M-2I Notes  
Class M-2AR Notes  
Class M-2AS Notes  
Class M-2AT Notes  
Class M-2AU Notes  
Class M-2AI Notes  
Class M-2BR Notes  
Class M-2BS Notes  
Class M-2BT Notes  
Class M-2BU Notes  
Class M-2BI Notes

**(the Notes)**

*[Note: Only the classes affected by the exchange/combination will need to be referenced in the notification]*

#### **Re: Modifiable and Combinable Notes:**

The Exchange Administrator wishes to advise that as of today's date the following notes are outstanding:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Notes Outstanding</b>
Class M-2 Notes	
Class M-2A Notes	
Class M-2B Notes	
Class M-2R Notes	
Class M-2S Notes	
Class M-2T Notes	
Class M-2U Notes	
Class M-2I Notes	
Class M-2AR Notes	
Class M-2AS Notes	

Class M-2AT Notes	
Class M-2AU Notes	
Class M-2AI Notes	
Class M-2BR Notes	
Class M-2BS Notes	
Class M-2BT Notes	
Class M-2BU Notes	
Class M-2BI Notes	

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