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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 000-51401



Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Federally chartered corporation**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**200 East Randolph Drive  
Chicago, IL**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**36-6001019**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**60601**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(312) 565-5700**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one)

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

As of October 31, 2015, including mandatorily redeemable capital stock, registrant had 18,956,348 total outstanding shares of Class B Capital Stock.

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**PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Financial Statements.**

**Statements of Condition (unaudited)**

(Dollars in millions, except capital stock par value)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 606	\$ 342
Interest bearing deposits	560	560
Federal Funds sold	720	1,525
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	3,400	3,400
<b>Investment securities -</b>		
Trading, \$58 and \$71 pledged	155	167
Available-for-sale	18,308	19,975
Held-to-maturity, \$6,375 and \$7,824 fair value	5,740	7,118
<b>Total investment securities</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>27,260</b>
Advances, \$95 and \$83 carried at fair value	35,044	32,485
MPF Loans held in portfolio, net of allowance for credit losses of \$(3) and \$(15)	5,079	6,057
Derivative assets	2	29
Other assets	210	183
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 69,824</b>	<b>\$ 71,841</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Deposits -</b>		
Noninterest bearing	\$ 41	\$ 49
Interest bearing, \$15 and \$13 from other FHLBs	469	617
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>666</b>
<b>Consolidated obligations, net -</b>		
Discount notes, \$6,472 and \$1,799 carried at fair value	37,290	31,054
Bonds, \$980 and \$2,785 carried at fair value	26,062	34,251
<b>Total consolidated obligations, net</b>	<b>63,352</b>	<b>65,305</b>
Derivative liabilities	44	55
Affordable Housing Program assessment payable	92	90
Other liabilities	309	256
Subordinated notes	944	944
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>65,251</b>	<b>67,316</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies - see notes to the financial statements</b>		
<b>Capital</b>		
Class B1 activity stock - putable \$100 par value - 10 million and 8 million shares issued and outstanding	966	827
Class B2 membership stock - putable \$100 par value - 9 million and 11 million shares issued and outstanding	926	1,075
<b>Total capital stock</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>1,902</b>
Retained earnings - unrestricted	2,336	2,152
Retained earnings - restricted	304	254
<b>Total retained earnings</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>2,406</b>
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (AOCI)	41	217
<b>Total capital</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>4,525</b>
<b>Total liabilities and capital</b>	<b>\$ 69,824</b>	<b>\$ 71,841</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements (unaudited).

**Statements of Income (unaudited)**  
(Dollars in millions)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Interest income	\$ 304	\$ 333	\$ 934	\$ 1,033
Interest expense	182	195	561	649
<b>Net interest income before provision for (reversal of) credit losses</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>384</b>
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses	1	(2)	5	(8)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>392</b>
<b>Noninterest gain (loss) on -</b>				
Trading securities	(1)	(6)	(2)	(18)
Derivatives and hedging activities	(15)	1	(17)	(11)
Instruments held under fair value option	1	10	4	11
Litigation settlement awards	2	1	13	18
Other, net	7	5	15	14
<b>Noninterest gain (loss)</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Noninterest expense -</b>				
Compensation and benefits	20	17	57	49
Other operating expenses	13	12	38	34
Other	2	(1)	6	6
<b>Noninterest expense</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Income before assessments</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>317</b>
Affordable Housing Program assessment	8	13	28	32
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 72</b>	<b>\$ 110</b>	<b>\$ 252</b>	<b>\$ 285</b>

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**Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)**

(Dollars in millions)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 72</b>	<b>\$ 110</b>	<b>\$ 252</b>	<b>\$ 285</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss) -</b>				
Net unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	(79)	(99)	(214)	37
Non-credit OTTI on held-to-maturity securities	11	15	37	43
Net unrealized gain (loss) on cash flow hedges	(31)	85	8	91
Post-retirement plans	1	(2)	(7)	1
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>(98)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(176)</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ (26)</b>	<b>\$ 109</b>	<b>\$ 76</b>	<b>\$ 457</b>

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**Statements of Capital (unaudited)**

(Dollars and shares in millions)

	Capital Stock - Putable - B1 Activity		Capital Stock - Putable - B2 Membership		Total Capital Stock		Retained Earnings			AOCI	Total
	Shares	Value	Shares	Value	Shares	Value	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		
<b>December 31, 2014</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$ 827</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$1,075</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$1,902</b>	<b>\$ 2,152</b>	<b>\$ 254</b>	<b>\$2,406</b>	<b>\$ 217</b>	<b>\$ 4,525</b>
Comprehensive income							202	50	252	(176)	76
Proceeds from issuance of capital stock	3	228	—	15	3	243					243
Repurchases of capital stock	—	(29)	(3)	(223)	(3)	(252)					(252)
Capital stock reclassified to mandatorily redeemable capital stock	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)					(1)
Transfers between classes of capital stock	(1)	(60)	1	60							
Cash dividends - class B1 (2.25% annualized rate)							(14)		(14)		(14)
Cash dividends - class B2 (0.50% annualized rate)							(4)		(4)		(4)
<b>September 30, 2015</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$ 966</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$ 926</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$1,892</b>	<b>\$ 2,336</b>	<b>\$ 304</b>	<b>\$2,640</b>	<b>\$ 41</b>	<b>\$ 4,573</b>
December 31, 2013	7	\$ 629	10	\$1,041	17	\$1,670	\$ 1,853	\$ 175	\$2,028	\$ 67	\$ 3,765
Comprehensive income							228	57	285	172	457
Proceeds from issuance of capital stock	2	234	1	43	3	277					277
Repurchases of capital stock	(1)	(45)	(1)	(101)	(2)	(146)					(146)
Transfers between classes of capital stock	(1)	(115)	1	115							
Cash dividends - class B1 (1.43% annualized rate)							(5)		(5)		(5)
Cash dividends - class B2 (0.43% annualized rate)							(4)		(4)		(4)
September 30, 2014	7	\$ 703	11	\$1,098	18	\$1,801	\$ 2,072	\$ 232	\$2,304	\$ 239	\$ 4,344

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**Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)**

(Dollars in millions)

Nine months ended September 30,		2015	2014
<b>Operating</b>	<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>\$ 375</b>	<b>\$ 592</b>
<b>Investing</b>	Net change interest bearing deposits	—	(560)
	Net change Federal Funds sold	805	(1,283)
	Net change securities purchased under agreements to resell	—	4,550
	<b>Advances -</b>		
	Principal collected	251,066	188,332
	Issued	(253,574)	(191,556)
	<b>MPF Loans held in portfolio -</b>		
	Principal collected	1,085	1,353
	Purchases	(117)	(64)
	<b>Trading securities -</b>		
	Sales	—	2,002
	Proceeds from maturities and paydowns	109	867
	Purchases	(101)	(1,812)
	<b>Held-to-maturity securities -</b>		
	Short-term held-to-maturity securities, net	675 <sup>a</sup>	503 <sup>a</sup>
	Proceeds from maturities and paydowns	793	833
	Purchases	(16)	(22)
	<b>Available-for-sale securities -</b>		
	Proceeds from maturities and paydowns	1,452	1,157
	Purchases	(12)	—
	Proceeds from sale of foreclosed assets	47	76
	Capital expenditures for software and equipment	(8)	(8)
	<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>4,368</b>
<b>Financing</b>	Net change deposits	(156)	(14)
	<b>Net proceeds from issuance of consolidated obligations -</b>		
	Discount notes	210,023	924,591
	Bonds	8,503	16,891
	<b>Payments for maturing and retiring consolidated obligations -</b>		
	Discount notes	(203,798)	(925,174)
	Bonds	(16,777)	(13,888)
	Net proceeds (payments) on derivative contracts with financing element	(47)	(46)
	Net proceeds (payments) on bond transfers to other FHLBs	(35)	—
	Proceeds from issuance of capital stock	243	277
	Repurchase or redemption of capital stock	(252)	(146)
	Redemptions of mandatorily redeemable capital stock	(1)	—
	Cash dividends paid	(18)	(9)
	<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(2,315)</b>	<b>2,482</b>
	<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and due from banks</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>7,442</b>
	Cash and due from banks at beginning of period	342	971
	<b>Cash and due from banks at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 606</b>	<b>\$ 8,413</b>

<sup>a</sup> Short-term held-to-maturity securities, net, consists of investment securities with a maturity of less than 90 days when purchased.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements (unaudited).



Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago  
Notes to Financial Statements - (Unaudited)

(Dollars in millions except per share amounts unless otherwise indicated)

**Note 1 – Background and Basis of Presentation**

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago<sup>a</sup> is a federally chartered corporation and one of 11 Federal Home Loan Banks (the FHLBs) that, with the Office of Finance, comprise the Federal Home Loan Bank System (the System). The FHLBs are government-sponsored enterprises (GSE) of the United States of America and were organized under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act of 1932, as amended (FHLB Act), in order to improve the availability of funds to support home ownership. The FHLBs are regulated by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), an independent federal agency. We provide credit to members principally in the form of secured loans called advances. We also provide liquidity for home mortgage loans to members approved as Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs) through the Mortgage Partnership Finance<sup>®</sup> (MPF<sup>®</sup>) Program<sup>b</sup>.

Our accounting and financial reporting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP).

In the opinion of management, all normal recurring adjustments have been included for a fair statement of this interim financial information. These unaudited financial statements and the following footnotes should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and footnotes for the year ended December 31, 2014, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K (2014 Form 10-K) starting on page F-1, as filed with the SEC.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires us to make assumptions and estimates that may affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of income and expense. The most significant of these assumptions and estimates applies to fair value measurements and allowance for credit losses. Actual results could differ from these assumptions and estimates.

**Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities**

We do not consolidate any of our investments in variable interest entities since we are not the primary beneficiary. We classify variable interest entities as investment securities in our statements of condition. Such investment securities include, but are not limited to, senior interests in private label mortgage backed securities (MBS) and Federal Family Education Loan Program asset backed securities (FFELP ABS). Our maximum loss exposure for these investment securities is limited to their carrying amounts. We have no liabilities related to these investments in variable interest entities. We have not provided financial or other support (explicitly or implicitly) to these investment securities that we were not previously contractually required to provide nor do we intend to provide such support in the future.

**Gross versus Net Presentation of Financial Instruments**

We present our derivative assets and liabilities on a net basis in our statements of condition. GAAP requires disclosure of both gross information and net information related to derivatives, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, and securities borrowing or lending transactions regardless of whether we offset these transactions in our statements of condition. For the periods presented to date, these rights of offset only apply to our derivatives.

<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise specified, references to we, us, our, and the Bank are to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

<sup>b</sup> "Mortgage Partnership Finance", "MPF", "MPF Xtra", and "Community First" are registered trademarks of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.





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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Our **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** through December 31, 2014, can be found in our 2014 Form 10-K starting on page F-10. We adopted the following policies in 2015:

*Asset Classification and Charge-off Provisions*

On April 9, 2012, the FHFA issued Advisory Bulletin 2012-02, Framework for Adversely Classifying Loans, Other Real Estate Owned, and Other Assets and Listing Assets for Special Mention (AB 2012-02). The guidance in AB 2012-02 is generally consistent with the Uniform Retail Credit Classification and Account Management Policy issued by the federal banking regulators in June 2000. AB 2012-02 establishes a standard and uniform methodology for classifying assets, prescribes the timing of asset charge-offs (excluding investment securities), and provides measurement guidance with respect to determining our allowance for credit losses, and fair value measurement guidance for conventional MPF Loans that are classified as Substandard, Doubtful, or Loss, and Real Estate Owned (REO) related to conventional MPF Loans. Subsequent to the issuance of AB 2012-02, the FHFA issued interpretative guidance clarifying that implementation of the asset classification framework may occur in two phases. We implemented the asset classification provisions effective January 1, 2014. We prospectively adopted the remaining provisions of AB 2012-02 on January 1, 2015. The effect of implementing the remaining provisions was as follows:

- The AB 2012-02 allowance for credit losses measurement guidance did not have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows at the time of adoption.
- We recorded a \$10 million charge-off in the first quarter of 2015 to our allowance for credit losses on MPF Loans to conform our charge-off policies to AB 2012-02. In particular, we now write-down a conventional MPF Loan to its fair value less estimated selling costs when such a loan is classified as "Loss" and when a conventional MPF Loan is transferred to REO. Our prior practice was to record a charge-off when a conventional MPF Loan was transferred to REO. Exposures classified "Loss" are considered uncollectible and of such little value that the exposures continuance as a balance sheet asset is not warranted. This classification does not mean that the exposure has absolutely no recovery or salvage value; rather, it is not practical or desirable to defer charging off this asset, even though partial recovery may occur in the future. Examples of confirming events indicating that a "Loss" exists include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - A current assessment of value is made before a single family residential loan is more than 180 days past due. Any outstanding loan balance in excess of the fair value of the property, less cost to sell, is classified as "Loss" when the loan is no more than 180 days delinquent.
  - When a borrower is in bankruptcy, loans are written down to the fair value of the collateral, less costs to sell, within 60 days of receipt of the notification of filing from the bankruptcy court or within the delinquency time frames specified in the guidance, whichever is shorter. A loan is not written down if the loan is performing, the borrower continues making payments on the loan, and repayment in full is expected.
  - Fraudulent loans, not covered by any existing representations and warranties in the loan purchase agreement, are charged off within 90 days of discovery of the fraud, or within the delinquency time frames specified in the adverse classification guidance, whichever is shorter.
- We began using an Automated Valuation Methodology (AVM) to determine the fair value of our impaired conventional MPF Loans held in portfolio and REO. Our prior practice was to determine fair value using broker price opinions, if available, to measure impaired conventional MPF Loans held in portfolio and REO. If a current broker price opinion was not available, we estimated fair value based on our current actual loss severity rates we experienced on sales, excluding any estimated selling costs. The use of AVM's to determine fair value may result in increased volatility with respect to our provision for credit losses.
- We now place a conventional MPF Loan held in portfolio on nonaccrual when it is adversely classified as either "Substandard," "Doubtful," or "Loss". An adverse classification means that such a loan is not considered well secured and in the process of collection. Exposures classified "Substandard" are inadequately protected by the current worth and paying capacity of the obligor or by the collateral pledged, if any. Exposure so classified must have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the exposure. These weaknesses are characterized by the distinct possibility that we will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Exposures classified "Doubtful" have all the weaknesses inherent in those exposures classified "Substandard" with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable. Our prior practice was to place conventional MPF Loans held in portfolio on nonaccrual when the loan was 90 or more days past due (or 60 days past due in the case of a bankruptcy) and the loan was not well-secured and in the process of collection. This change in nonaccrual practice did not have a material effect on our nonaccrual loans outstanding at the time of adoption.



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**Notes to Financial Statements - (Unaudited)**

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*Classification of Certain Government-Guaranteed Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure*

In August of 2014, the FASB issued new guidance that requires certain government-guaranteed mortgage loans to be derecognized upon foreclosure and established as a separate receivable. Our foreclosed government MPF Loans meet the conditions specified by the new guidance and will be classified as a receivable rather than REO. Our foreclosed government MPF Loans were previously classified in REO in Other Assets. We prospectively adopted this new guidance on January 1, 2015, for our government MPF Loans. The new guidance did not have a material effect on our operating activities or our financial statements since our credit risk on government MPF Loans is limited to whether or not the servicing PFI fails to pay for losses not covered by Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insurance, or Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service (RHS) guarantees.

*Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure*

In January of 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance clarifying when consumer mortgage loans collateralized by real estate should be reclassified to REO. The new guidance became effective on January 1, 2015. The new guidance is consistent with our previous accounting and did not have an effect on our operating activities or our financial statements.

*Held for Sale Mortgage Loans*

We classify MPF Xtra, MPF Direct, and government mortgage loans obtained for a Ginnie Mae securitization transaction as mortgage loans held for sale (HFS), as we sell such loans in an outright sale or in a securitization transaction. If material, HFS mortgage loans are classified as a separate line item in our statements of condition; otherwise, we classify HFS mortgage loans in Other Assets. We have elected the fair value option for HFS mortgage loans. Since these HFS mortgage loans are carried at fair value, the loans do not require an allowance for credit losses. We measure the fair value of HFS mortgage loans based on to-be-announced (TBA) securities, which represent quoted market prices for new mortgage-backed securities issued by U.S. government sponsored enterprises. Any initial premium or discount is recognized as part of the fair value measurement process rather than amortized as a yield adjustment. Any transaction fees, such as extension fees, or costs are immediately recognized into other noninterest income. HFS mortgage loans are classified as an operating activity within our statements of cash flows.



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**Note 3 – Recently Issued but Not Yet Adopted Accounting Standards**

*Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Cost (i.e., Concession Fees)*

In April of 2015, the FASB issued new guidance requiring concession fees to be presented as a direct deduction from the debt it relates to rather than separately presented as a deferred cost in Other Assets. As required, we expect to adopt the new guidance January 1, 2016 on a retrospective basis for all periods presented in our financial statements. The new guidance is not expected to have a material effect on our financial statements.

*Amendments to Consolidation Analysis*

In February of 2015, the FASB issued amended guidance concerning consolidation analysis. The new guidance is intended to enhance consolidation guidance for legal entities such as limited partnerships, limited liability corporations, and securitization structures (collateralized debt obligations, collateralized loan obligations, and mortgage-backed security transactions). The new guidance will be effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. We do not expect the new guidance to affect our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

*Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern*

In August of 2014, the FASB issued guidance that requires an entity's management to assess the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Specifically, for each annual and interim reporting period, an entity's management should evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise "substantial doubt" about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern exists when relevant conditions and events, considered in the aggregate, indicate that it is probable that the entity is unable to meet its obligations as they become due within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued. The guidance becomes effective for the interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 2016, and early application is permitted. This guidance is not expected to have any effect on our financial condition or results of operations at the time of adoption.

*Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

In May of 2014, the FASB issued new guidance governing revenue recognition from contracts with customers. The new guidance focuses on the timing and amount of revenue recognition that best depicts the transfer by an entity of promised goods or services to its customers. Financial instruments and other contractual rights within the scope of other GAAP guidance are excluded from the scope of this new revenue recognition guidance. As a result, we anticipate that a majority of our contracts with members would be excluded from the scope of this new guidance. In August of 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date for the new revenue recognition guidance until January 1, 2018. We are in the process of reviewing our contracts with members to determine the effect, if any, on our operating activities and financial statements.



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**Note 4 – Interest Income and Interest Expense**

The following table presents interest income and interest expense for the periods indicated:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
<b>Interest income -</b>				
Interest bearing deposits, Federal Funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 6	\$ 6
<b>Investment securities -</b>				
Trading	—	6	2	21
Available-for-sale	132	136	396	415
Held-to-maturity	63	72	201	223
<b>Total investment securities</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>659</b>
<b>Advances -</b>				
Advance interest income	44	35	125	108
Advance prepayment fees, including related hedge adjustment gains (losses) of \$0, \$0, \$1, and \$0	1	4	7	8
<b>Total Advances</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>MPF Loans held in portfolio</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>252</b>
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1,033</b>
<b>Interest expense -</b>				
<b>Consolidated obligations -</b>				
Discount notes	72	68	216	201
Bonds	96	114	304	408
<b>Total consolidated obligations</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>609</b>
Subordinated notes	14	13	41	40
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>649</b>
<b>Net interest income before provision for (reversal of) credit losses</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>384</b>
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses	1	(2)	5	(8)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>\$ 121</b>	<b>\$ 140</b>	<b>\$ 368</b>	<b>\$ 392</b>



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**Note 5 – Investment Securities**

Our major security types presented in the tables below are defined as follows:

- U.S. Government & other government related may consist of the sovereign debt of the United States; debt issued by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation; and non-mortgage-backed securities of the Small Business Administration and Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Federal Family Education Loan Program - asset backed securities (FFELP ABS).
- Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSE) residential mortgage-backed securities (MBS) issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- Government-guaranteed residential, multifamily, and reverse mortgage MBS.
- Private-label residential MBS.
- State or local housing agency obligations.

**Pledged Collateral**

We transact most of our derivatives with large banks and major broker-dealers. Derivative transactions may be entered into either through an over-the-counter bilateral agreement with an individual counterparty or through a Futures Commission Merchant (FCM or clearing member) with a derivatives clearing organization (clearinghouse). We may pledge investment securities as collateral under these agreements, and in such cases, the amounts pledged are parenthetically disclosed on our statements of condition. Also see **Note 9 - Derivatives and Hedging Activities** for further details.

**Trading Securities**

The following table presents the fair value of our trading securities. We had no material gains or losses realized from the sales of trading securities.

As of	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
U.S. Government & other government related	\$ 101	\$ 102
<b>Residential MBS:</b>		
GSE	52	63
Government-guaranteed	2	2
<b>Total Residential MBS</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Trading securities</b>	<b>\$ 155</b>	<b>\$ 167</b>



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**Amortized Cost Basis and Fair Value – Available-for-Sale Securities (AFS)**

	Amortized Cost Basis	Gross Unrealized Gains in AOCI	Gross Unrealized (Losses) in AOCI	Carrying Amount and Fair Value
<b>As of September 30, 2015</b>				
U.S. Government & other government related	\$ 416	\$ 26	\$ (3)	\$ 439
State or local housing agency	15	—	—	15
FFELP ABS	5,269	274	(23)	5,520
<b>Residential MBS:</b>				
GSE	9,769	501	(13)	10,257
Government-guaranteed	1,931	79	—	2,010
Private-label	62	5	—	67
<b>Total Residential MBS</b>	<b>11,762</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>12,334</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,462</b>	<b>\$ 885</b>	<b>\$ (39)</b>	<b>\$ 18,308</b>
<b>As of December 31, 2014</b>				
U.S. Government & other government related	\$ 479	\$ 29	\$ —	\$ 508
State or local housing agency	3	—	—	3
FFELP ABS	5,824	408	(11)	6,221
<b>Residential MBS:</b>				
GSE	10,285	550	(8)	10,827
Government-guaranteed	2,258	87	—	2,345
Private-label	66	5	—	71
<b>Total Residential MBS</b>	<b>12,609</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>13,243</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,915</b>	<b>\$ 1,079</b>	<b>\$ (19)</b>	<b>\$ 19,975</b>

We had no sales of AFS securities for the periods presented.



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**Amortized Cost Basis, Carrying Amount, and Fair Value - Held-to-Maturity Securities (HTM)**

	Amortized Cost Basis	Non-credit OTTI Recognized in AOCI (Loss)	Carrying Amount	Gross Unrecognized Holding Gains	Gross Unrecognized Holding (Losses)	Fair Value
<b>As of September 30, 2015</b>						
U.S. Government & other government related	\$ 1,414	\$ —	\$ 1,414	\$ 78	\$ —	\$ 1,492
State or local housing agency	16	—	16	—	—	16
<b>Residential MBS:</b>						
GSE	2,373	—	2,373	173	—	2,546
Government-guaranteed	1,009	—	1,009	26	—	1,035
Private-label	1,155	(227)	928	359	(1)	1,286
<b>Total Residential MBS</b>	<b>4,537</b>	<b>(227)</b>	<b>4,310</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>4,867</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,967</b>	<b>\$ (227)</b>	<b>\$ 5,740</b>	<b>\$ 636</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ 6,375</b>
<b>As of December 31, 2014</b>						
U.S. Government & other government related	\$ 2,222	\$ —	\$ 2,222	\$ 76	\$ (1)	\$ 2,297
State or local housing agency	18	—	18	—	—	18
<b>Residential MBS:</b>						
GSE	2,695	—	2,695	189	—	2,884
Government-guaranteed	1,129	—	1,129	28	—	1,157
Private-label	1,318	(264)	1,054	415	(1)	1,468
<b>Total Residential MBS</b>	<b>5,142</b>	<b>(264)</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>5,509</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,382</b>	<b>\$ (264)</b>	<b>\$ 7,118</b>	<b>\$ 708</b>	<b>\$ (2)</b>	<b>\$ 7,824</b>

We had no sales of HTM securities for the periods presented.



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**Aging of Unrealized Temporary Losses**

The following tables present unrealized temporary losses on our AFS and HTM portfolio for periods less than 12 months and for 12 months or more. We recognized no OTTI charges on these unrealized loss positions because we expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis, we do not intend to sell these securities, and we believe it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell them prior to recovering their amortized cost basis. In the tables below, in cases where the gross unrealized losses for an investment category are less than \$1 million, the losses are not reported.

**Available-for-Sale Securities**

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
<b>As of September 30, 2015</b>						
U.S. Government & other government related	\$ 77	\$ (3)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 77	\$ (3)
State or local housing agency	2	—	—	—	2	—
FFELP ABS	90	—	799	(23)	889	(23)
<b>Residential MBS:</b>						
GSE	759	(1)	1,796	(12)	2,555	(13)
Private-label	—	—	1	—	1	—
<b>Total Residential MBS</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>(13)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 928</b>	<b>\$ (4)</b>	<b>\$ 2,596</b>	<b>\$ (35)</b>	<b>\$ 3,524</b>	<b>\$ (39)</b>
<b>As of December 31, 2014</b>						
U.S. Government & other government related	\$ 48	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 48	\$ —
State or local housing agency	3	—	—	—	3	—
FFELP ABS	14	—	877	(11)	891	(11)
<b>Residential MBS:</b>						
GSE	—	—	1,996	(8)	1,996	(8)
Private-label	—	—	16	—	16	—
<b>Total Residential MBS</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,012</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>2,012</b>	<b>(8)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 65</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 2,889</b>	<b>\$ (19)</b>	<b>\$ 2,954</b>	<b>\$ (19)</b>





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**Held-to-Maturity Securities**

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
<b>As of September 30, 2015</b>						
U.S. Government & other government related	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 16	\$ —	\$ 16	\$ —
State or local housing agency	1	—	10	—	11	—
<b>Residential MBS:</b>						
Private-label	2	—	1,228	(228)	1,230	(228)
<b>Total Residential MBS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>(228)</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>(228)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 1,254</b>	<b>\$ (228)</b>	<b>\$ 1,257</b>	<b>\$ (228)</b>
<b>As of December 31, 2014</b>						
U.S. Government & other government related	\$ 13	\$ —	\$ 5	\$ (1)	\$ 18	\$ (1)
State or local housing agency	10	—	—	—	10	—
<b>Residential MBS:</b>						
GSE	—	—	5	—	5	—
Private-label	12	—	1,384	(265)	1,396	(265)
<b>Total Residential MBS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>(265)</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>(265)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 35</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 1,394</b>	<b>\$ (266)</b>	<b>\$ 1,429</b>	<b>\$ (266)</b>

**Contractual Maturity Terms**

The table below presents the amortized cost basis and fair value of AFS and HTM securities by contractual maturity, excluding ABS and MBS securities. These securities are excluded because their expected maturities may differ from their contractual maturities if borrowers of the underlying loans elect to prepay their loans.

	Available-for-Sale		Held-to-Maturity	
	Amortized Cost Basis	Carrying Amount and Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
<b>As of September 30, 2015</b>				
<b>Year of Maturity -</b>				
Due in one year or less	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 139	\$ 139
Due after one year through five years	75	78	199	205
Due after five years through ten years	28	29	203	214
Due after ten years	328	347	889	950
ABS and MBS without a single maturity date	17,031	17,854	4,310	4,867
<b>Total securities</b>	<b>\$ 17,462</b>	<b>\$ 18,308</b>	<b>\$ 5,740</b>	<b>\$ 6,375</b>



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**Other-Than-Temporary Impairment Analysis**

*Significant Inputs Used to Determine OTTI*

Our analysis for OTTI on our private-label MBS includes key modeling assumptions, inputs, and methodologies provided by an FHLB System OTTI Committee. We use the information provided to generate cash flow projections used in analyzing credit losses and determining OTTI for private-label MBS. The OTTI Committee was formed by the FHLBs to achieve consistency among the FHLBs in their analyses of the OTTI of private-label MBS. We are responsible for making our own determination of impairment, which includes determining the reasonableness of assumptions, inputs, and methodologies used, and performing the required present value calculations using appropriate historical cost bases and yields.

As of September 30, 2015, we had a short-term housing price forecast with projected changes ranging from -3.0% to +8.0% over the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2015, for all markets. For the vast majority of markets, the short-term forecast has changes ranging from +2.0% to +5.0%. For periods beginning after June 30, 2016, a unique path is projected for each geographic area based on an internally developed framework derived from historical data.

Based on these inputs and assumptions, we had no OTTI charges for the three or nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 2014.

The following table presents the changes in the cumulative amount of credit losses (recognized into earnings) on OTTI investment securities for the periods stated.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$ 591	\$ 649	\$ 620	\$ 677
<b>Reductions:</b>				
Increases in expected future cash flows recorded as credit-related accretion into interest income	(12)	(15)	(41)	(43)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$ 579	\$ 634	\$ 579	\$ 634



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**Note 6 – Advances**

We offer a wide range of fixed- and variable-rate advance products with different maturities, interest rates, payment characteristics and optionality. The following table presents our advances by callable/putable features:

As of	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Noncallable/nonputable	\$ 32,165	\$ 29,666
Callable	961	964
Putable	1,685	1,673
<b>Par value advances</b>	<b>34,811</b>	<b>32,303</b>
Hedging adjustments	214	166
Other adjustments	19	16
<b>Total advances</b>	<b>\$ 35,044</b>	<b>\$ 32,485</b>

The following table presents our advances by redemption terms:

As of September 30, 2015	Amount	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Next Maturity or Call Date	Next Maturity or Put Date
Due in one year or less	\$ 8,908	0.65%	\$ 9,819	\$ 9,826
One to two years	3,750	1.15%	3,693	3,375
Two to three years	4,641	1.05%	4,164	4,133
Three to four years	6,988	0.37% <sup>a</sup>	6,816	6,983
Four to five years	7,985	0.35% <sup>a</sup>	7,785	8,042
More than five years	2,539	2.13%	2,534	2,452
<b>Total par value</b>	<b>\$ 34,811</b>	<b>0.74%</b>	<b>\$ 34,811</b>	<b>\$ 34,811</b>

<sup>a</sup> The weighted average interest rate is relatively lower when compared to other categories due to a majority of advances in this category consisting of variable rate advances which reset periodically at current interest rates.

See **Note 8 - Allowance for Credit Losses** for information related to our credit risk on advances and allowance methodology for credit losses.

The following advance borrowers exceeded 10% of our total advances outstanding:

As of September 30, 2015	Par Value Outstanding	% of Total Outstanding
One Mortgage Partners Corp	\$ 11,000 <sup>a</sup>	32%
The Northern Trust Company	4,000	12%

<sup>a</sup> One Mortgage Partners Corp. is a subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase Bank NA.



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**Note 7 – MPF Loans**

The following table presents information on MPF Loans held in our portfolio by contractual maturity at the time of purchase. All are fixed-rate. Government is comprised of loans insured by the FHA and loans guaranteed by the VA, HUD or RHS.

As of	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Medium term (15 years or less)	\$ 752	\$ 1,094
Long term (greater than 15 years)	4,270	4,905
<b>Total unpaid principal balance</b>	<b>5,022</b>	<b>5,999</b>
Net premiums, credit enhancement and deferred loan fees	20	23
Hedging adjustments	40	50
<b>Total before allowance for credit losses</b>	<b>5,082</b>	<b>6,072</b>
Allowance for credit losses on MPF Loans	(3)	(15)
<b>Total MPF Loans held in portfolio, net</b>	<b>\$ 5,079</b>	<b>\$ 6,057</b>
Conventional mortgage loans	\$ 3,759	\$ 4,619
Government insured mortgage loans	1,263	1,380
<b>Total unpaid principal balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,022</b>	<b>\$ 5,999</b>

See **Note 8 - Allowance for Credit Losses** for information related to our credit risk on MPF Loans and allowance for credit losses methodology.

In addition to our portfolio MPF products, PFIs sell eligible MPF Loans to us through the MPF Program infrastructure and we concurrently sell them to Fannie Mae under the MPF Xtra product and to third party investors under the MPF Direct product. Under our MPF Government MBS product, PFIs sell us Government Loans that we intend to hold in our portfolio for a short period of time until such loans are pooled into Ginnie Mae MBS. Other MPF Banks that offer these products allow their PFIs to sell MPF Loans directly to us. As of September 30, 2015, we held an immaterial amount of MPF Loans held for sale, recorded in Other Assets in our statements of condition. See **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** for information related to our accounting for MPF Loans that are held for sale.



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**Note 8 – Allowance for Credit Losses**

We have established an allowance methodology for each of our portfolio segments:

- member credit products (advances, letters of credit and other extensions of credit to borrowers);
- conventional MPF Loans held for portfolio;
- government MPF Loans held for portfolio; and
- term Federal Funds sold and term securities purchased under agreements to resell.

For detailed information on these methodologies and our accounting policies please see **Note 8 - Allowance for Credit Losses** to the financial statements in our 2014 Form 10-K. Any updates to these accounting policies are noted below.

**Member Credit Products**

We lend to members within our district according to federal statutes, including the FHLB Act, and FHFA regulations. The FHLB Act requires us to obtain sufficient collateral to fully secure our credit products, and we do not expect to incur any credit losses on advances. We perfect our security interest in pledged collateral and enter into control agreements for securities collateral. We take a risk-based approach in requiring delivery of pledged collateral. We have policies and procedures in place that are designed to manage our credit risk, including requirements for restrictions on borrowing, verifications of collateral and monitoring of borrowings and the borrower’s financial condition. Based upon the collateral we held as security, our credit extension and collateral policies, our credit analysis and the repayment history on credit products, we do not believe that any credit losses have been incurred on our credit products. Accordingly, we have not recorded any allowance for credit losses for our on-balance sheet credit products, nor have we recorded a liability for our credit products with off-balance sheet credit exposure. Further, we expect to collect all amounts due according to contractual terms of our credit products. Accordingly, for the periods presented, we had no credit products that were past due, on nonaccrual status, considered impaired, or considered a troubled debt restructuring.

**Conventional MPF Loans**

*MPF Risk Sharing Structure*

We share the risk of credit losses on conventional MPF Loan products held in portfolio with our PFIs by structuring potential losses on conventional MPF Loans into layers with respect to each master commitment (MC). The credit risk analysis determines the degree to which layers of the MPF Risk Sharing Structure are available to recover losses on MPF Loans. PFIs deliver MPF Loans into pools designated by product specific MCs. The credit risk analysis is performed at an individual MC level as loss recovery is MC-specific and no risk layer can be applied across a PFI’s MCs. With respect to participation interests in MPF Loans, losses are allocated amongst the participating MPF Banks pro-ratably based upon their respective percentage participation interest in the related MC. For further detail of our **MPF Risk Sharing Structure** see page F-31 in our 2014 Form 10-K.

The following table presents the changes in the allowance for credit losses on conventional MPF Loans.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 3	\$ 19	\$ 15	\$ 29
Losses charged to the allowance	(1)	(1)	(17)	(5)
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses	1	(2)	5	(8)
Balance, end of period	\$ 3	\$ 16	\$ 3	\$ 16



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The table below presents the recorded investment by impairment methodology on conventional MPF Loans. There is no allowance for credit losses attributable to MPF Loans that are specifically identified and individually evaluated for impairment as of September 30, 2015, since such credit losses have been charged off in accordance to AB 2012-02. Refer to **Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** for further details.

As of	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Specifically identified and individually evaluated for impairment	\$ —	\$ 12
Homogeneous pools of loans collectively evaluated for impairment	3	3
<b>Allowance for credit losses on conventional MPF Loans</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 114	\$ 160
Collectively evaluated for impairment	3,707	4,538
<b>Total recorded investment</b>	<b>\$ 3,821</b>	<b>\$ 4,698</b>

**Government MPF Loans Held in Portfolio**

The PFI provides and maintains insurance or a guaranty from governmental agencies, which includes ensuring compliance with all of their requirements, and obtaining the benefit of the applicable insurance or guaranty with respect to defaulted government MPF Loans. Any losses incurred on government MPF Loans that are not recovered from the government insurer or guarantor are absorbed by the servicing PFI. Accordingly, our credit risk on government MPF Loans is limited to whether or not the servicing PFI fails to pay for losses not covered by FHA insurance, or VA, HUD or RHS guarantees. In this regard, based on our assessment of the servicing PFIs, we did not establish an allowance for credit losses for our government MPF Loan portfolio as of the periods presented. Further, due to the government guarantee or insurance and the servicing PFIs ability to absorb losses, government MPF Loans are not placed on nonaccrual status or disclosed as troubled debt restructurings.

**Credit Quality Indicators - MPF Loans**

The table below summarizes our recorded investment in MPF Loans by our key credit quality indicators. Serious delinquency rate is defined as 90 days or more past due or in the process of foreclosure, as a percentage of the total recorded investment. Past due 90 days or more still accruing interest is defined as MPF Loans that are either government guaranteed or conventional mortgage loans that are well secured (by collateral that have a realizable value sufficient to discharge the debt or by the guarantee or insurance, such as PMI, of a financially responsible party) and in the process of collection.

As of	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Conventional	Government	Total	Conventional	Government	Total
Past due 30-59 days	\$ 100	\$ 62	\$ 162	\$ 138	\$ 92	\$ 230
Past due 60-89 days	33	21	54	43	23	66
Past due 90 days or more	104	36	140	153	44	197
Total past due	237	119	356	334	159	493
Total current	3,584	1,169	4,753	4,364	1,246	5,610
<b>Total recorded investment</b>	<b>\$ 3,821</b>	<b>\$ 1,288</b>	<b>\$ 5,109</b>	<b>\$ 4,698</b>	<b>\$ 1,405</b>	<b>\$ 6,103</b>
Also in process of foreclosure	\$ 53	\$ 12	\$ 65	\$ 77	\$ 11	\$ 88
Serious delinquency rate	2.75%	2.82%	2.77%	3.28%	3.15%	3.25%
Past due 90 days or more still accruing interest	\$ 9	\$ 36	\$ 45	\$ 25	\$ 44	\$ 69
On nonaccrual status	\$ 114	\$ —	\$ 114	\$ 163	\$ —	\$ 163



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*Troubled Debt Restructurings*

As of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, our recorded investment balances of mortgage loans classified as troubled debt restructurings were \$69 million and \$73 million, respectively. The financial amounts related to troubled debt restructurings are not material to our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

*Individually Evaluated Impaired MPF Loans*

The following table summarizes the recorded investment, unpaid principal balance, and related allowance for credit losses attributable to individually evaluated impaired MPF Loans. Such impaired MPF Loans include MPF Loans that are considered collateral dependent and MPF Loans involved in a troubled debt restructuring. There is no allowance for credit losses attributable to MPF Loans that are individually evaluated for impairment as of September 30, 2015, since such credit losses have been charged off in accordance to AB 2012-02. For further details see **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** to the financial statements.

As of	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Recorded investment with an allowance for credit losses	\$ —	\$ 160
Recorded investment without an allowance for credit losses	114	—
Unpaid principal balance with an allowance for credit losses	—	158
Unpaid principal balance without an allowance for credit losses	125	—
Related allowance for credit losses	—	12

The following table summarizes the average recorded investment of impaired conventional MPF Loans. We do not recognize interest income on impaired loans.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Average recorded investment with an allowance for credit losses	\$ —	\$ 176	\$ —	\$ 190
Average recorded investment without an allowance for credit losses	118	—	132	—

**Term Federal Funds Sold and Term Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell**

Federal Funds sold are only evaluated for purposes of an allowance for credit losses if payment is not made when due. In this regard, all Federal Funds sold were repaid according to their contractual terms. We did not establish an allowance for credit losses for Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell since all payments due under the contractual terms have been received and because we hold sufficient underlying collateral.



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**Note 9 – Derivatives and Hedging Activities**

Refer to **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** to the financial statements in our 2014 Form 10-K for our accounting policies for derivatives.

We transact most of our derivatives with large banks and major broker-dealers. Some of these banks and broker-dealers or their affiliates buy, sell, and distribute consolidated obligations. Derivative transactions may be entered into through an over-the-counter bilateral agreement with an individual counterparty. Additionally, we clear derivatives transactions through an FCM with a derivatives clearing organization (clearinghouse). We are not a derivatives dealer and do not trade derivatives for speculative purposes.

*Managing Credit Risk on Derivative Agreements*

We are subject to credit risk due to the risk of nonperformance by counterparties to our derivative agreements. For bilateral derivative agreements, the degree of counterparty risk depends on the extent to which master netting arrangements, collateral requirements and other credit enhancements are included in such contracts to mitigate the risk. We manage counterparty credit risk through credit analysis, collateral requirements and adherence to the requirements set forth in our policies and FHFA regulations. We require collateral agreements on all derivatives that establish collateral delivery thresholds. Additionally, collateral related to derivatives with member institutions includes collateral assigned to us, as evidenced by a written security agreement, and held by the member institution for our benefit. Based on credit analyses and collateral requirements, we do not anticipate any credit losses on our derivative agreements. See **Note 16 - Fair Value Accounting** to the financial statements in our 2014 Form 10-K for discussion regarding our fair value methodology for derivative assets and liabilities, including an evaluation of the potential for the fair value of these instruments to be affected by counterparty credit risk.

Our over-the-counter bilateral derivative agreements contain provisions that require us to post additional collateral with our counterparties if there is deterioration in our credit rating, except for those derivative agreements with a zero unsecured collateral threshold for both parties, in which case positions are required to be fully collateralized regardless of credit rating. If our credit rating is lowered by a major credit rating agency, such as Standard and Poor's or Moody's, we would be required to deliver additional collateral on derivatives in net liability positions. If our credit rating had been lowered from its current rating to the next lower rating, we would have been required to deliver up to an additional \$39 million of collateral at fair value to our derivatives counterparties at September 30, 2015.

Cleared swaps are subject to initial and variation margin requirements established by the clearinghouse and its clearing members. We post initial and variation margin through the clearing member, on behalf of the clearinghouse, which could expose us to institutional credit risk in the event that a clearing member or the clearinghouse fail to meet their obligations. Clearing derivatives through a clearinghouse mitigates counterparty credit risk exposure because a central clearinghouse counterparty is substituted for individual counterparties and collateral is posted daily for changes in the value of cleared derivatives through an FCM. The clearinghouse determines initial margin requirements for cleared derivatives. In this regard, clearing agents may require additional initial margin to be posted based on credit considerations, including but not limited to, credit rating downgrades. We were not required to post additional initial margin by our clearing agents at September 30, 2015.





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We present our derivative assets and liabilities on a net basis in our statements of condition. Refer to **Note 1 - Background and Basis of Presentation** and **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** to the financial statements in our 2014 Form 10-K for further discussion. In addition to the cash collateral noted in the following table, we also pledge investment securities (as parenthetically disclosed on our statements of condition) as part of our initial margin related to cleared derivative transactions.

The following table presents our gross and net derivative assets and liabilities by contract type and amount for our derivative agreements.

As of	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Notional Amount	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities	Notional Amount	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities
<b>Derivatives in hedge accounting relationships-</b>						
Interest rate swaps	\$ 27,240	\$ 94	\$ 1,305	\$ 30,940	\$ 53	\$ 1,348
<b>Derivatives not in hedge accounting relationships-</b>						
Interest rate swaps	22,767	565	442	19,159	487	329
Interest rate swaptions	1,270	43	—	1,850	56	—
Interest rate caps or floors	1,131	93	—	1,164	105	—
Interest rate futures	3	—	—	3	—	—
Mortgage delivery commitments	651	1	—	284	3	3
Other	118	—	1	—	—	—
<b>Derivatives not in hedge accounting relationships</b>	<b>25,940</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>22,460</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>332</b>
<b>Gross derivative amount before adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 53,180</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>\$ 53,400</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>1,680</b>
Netting adjustments and cash collateral		(794) <sup>a</sup>	(1,704) <sup>a</sup>		(675) <sup>a</sup>	(1,625) <sup>a</sup>
<b>Derivatives on statements of condition</b>		<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 44</b>		<b>\$ 29</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>

<sup>a</sup> Amounts represent the application of the netting requirements that allow us to settle positive and negative positions and also cash collateral and related accrued interest held or placed by us with the same clearing agent and/or counterparty. Cash collateral posted was \$946 million at June 30, 2015, and \$978 million at December 31, 2014. Cash collateral received was \$36 million at June 30, 2015, and \$29 million at December 31, 2014.



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The following table presents our gross recognized amount of offsetting derivative assets and liabilities for derivatives with legal right of offset as well as derivatives without the legal right of offset. Any over-collateralization received by or paid from us to an individual clearing member and/or at a counterparty arrangement level is not included in the determination of the net amount. Specifically, any such over-collateralization amount received by us is not offset against another derivative asset counterparty exposure for which there is no legal right of offset, while any over-collateralization delivered by us is not offset against another derivative liability counterparty exposure for which there is no legal right of offset.

As of September 30, 2015	Derivative Assets			Derivative Liabilities		
	Bilateral	Cleared	Total	Bilateral	Cleared	Total
<b>Derivatives with legal right of offset -</b>						
Gross recognized amount	\$ 652	\$ 143	\$ 795	\$ 1,420	\$ 328	\$ 1,748
Netting adjustments and cash collateral	(651)	(143)	(794)	(1,378)	(326)	(1,704)
<b>Derivatives with legal right of offset - net</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>
Derivatives without legal right of offset	1	—	1	—	—	—
<b>Derivatives on statements of condition</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>
Noncash collateral received (pledged) and cannot be sold or repledged	1	—	1	—	1	1
<b>Net amount</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 42</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 43</b>
As of December 31, 2014						
<b>Derivatives with legal right of offset -</b>						
Gross recognized amount	\$ 656	\$ 45	\$ 701	\$ 1,466	\$ 211	\$ 1,677
Netting adjustments and cash collateral	(632)	(43)	(675)	(1,414)	(211)	(1,625)
<b>Derivatives with legal right of offset - net</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>52</b>
Derivatives without legal right of offset	3	—	3	3	—	3
<b>Derivatives on statements of condition</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>55</b>
Noncash collateral received (pledged) and cannot be sold or repledged	23	—	23	—	—	—
<b>Net amount</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>

At September 30, 2015, we had \$56 million of additional net credit exposure on cleared derivatives due to our pledging of non-cash collateral to a clearinghouse for initial margin, which exceeded our net derivative liability position. We had \$4 million comparable exposure at December 31, 2014.



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The table below presents the gains (losses) of derivatives and hedging activities as presented in the statements of income.

For the periods ending	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
<b>Fair value hedges -</b>				
Interest rate swaps	\$ (17)	\$ (3)	\$ (30)	\$ (15)
<b>Cash flow hedges</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Economic hedges -</b>				
Interest rate swaps	(14)	1	(43)	(2)
Interest rate swaptions	4	(4)	7	(20)
Interest rate caps or floors	(4)	(17)	(12)	(32)
Net interest settlements	16	23	60	55
Mortgage delivery commitments	1	1	1	2
Other	(2)	—	(2)	—
<b>Economic hedges</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Gains (losses) on derivatives and hedging activities</b>	<b>\$ (15)</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ (17)</b>	<b>\$ (11)</b>



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*Fair Value Hedges*

The following table presents, by type of hedged item, the gains (losses) on derivatives and the related hedged items in fair value hedging relationships and the effect of those derivatives on our net interest income. **Net Interest Settlements Recorded in Net Interest Income** represents the effect of net interest settlements attributable to open derivative hedging instruments on net interest income. The effect of derivatives on net interest income is included in the interest income/expense line item of the respective hedged item type. **Closed Hedge Adjustments Amortized into Net Interest Income** represents the amortization of hedge adjustments included in the interest income/expense line item of the respective hedged item type. We had no gain (loss) for hedged firm commitments on forward-starting advances that no longer qualified as a fair value hedge.

	Gain (loss)			Net Interest Settlements Recorded in Net Interest Income	Closed Hedge Adjustments Amortized into Net Interest Income
	On Derivative	On Hedged Item	Total Ineffectiveness Recognized in Derivatives and Hedging Activities		
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2015</b>					
Available-for-sale securities	\$ (40)	\$ 29	\$ (11)	\$ (33)	\$ —
Advances	(77)	78	1	(21)	(1)
MPF Loans held for portfolio	—	—	—	—	(4)
Consolidated obligation bonds	87	(94)	(7)	54	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (30)</b>	<b>\$ 13</b>	<b>\$ (17)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (5)</b>
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2014</b>					
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 50	\$ (50)	\$ —	\$ (35)	\$ —
Advances	7	(5)	2	(20)	(1)
MPF Loans held for portfolio	—	—	—	—	(4)
Consolidated obligation bonds	(57)	52	(5)	63	(1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (3)</b>	<b>\$ (3)</b>	<b>\$ 8</b>	<b>\$ (6)</b>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2015</b>					
Available-for-sale securities	\$ (28)	\$ 15	\$ (13)	\$ (101)	\$ (10)
Advances	(49)	49	—	(62)	(1)
MPF Loans held for portfolio	—	—	—	—	(11)
Consolidated obligation bonds	117	(134)	(17)	172	(3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>	<b>\$ (70)</b>	<b>\$ (30)</b>	<b>\$ 9</b>	<b>\$ (25)</b>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2014</b>					
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 20	\$ (23)	\$ (3)	\$ (105)	\$ —
Advances	(56)	62	6	(60)	(3)
MPF Loans held for portfolio	—	—	—	—	(13)
Consolidated obligation bonds	225	(243)	(18)	189	(11)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 189</b>	<b>\$ (204)</b>	<b>\$ (15)</b>	<b>\$ 24</b>	<b>\$ (27)</b>



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*Cash Flow Hedges*

The following table presents our gains (losses) on our cash-flow hedging relationships recorded in income and other comprehensive income (loss). In cases where amounts are insignificant in the aggregate, we do not report a balance. **Net Interest Settlements Recorded in Net Interest Income** represents the effect of net interest settlements attributable to open derivative hedging instruments on net interest income. The effect of derivatives on net interest income is included in the interest income/expense line item of the respective hedged item type.

	Amortization of Effective Portion Reclassified From AOCI to Interest	Ineffective Portion Reclassified From AOCI to Derivatives and Hedging Activities	Total Reclassified From AOCI to Statements of Income	Net Change in Other Comprehensive Income	Effective Portion Recorded in AOCI	Net Interest Settlements Recorded in Net Interest Income
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2015</b>						
Advances - interest rate floors	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ 2	\$ (2)	\$ —	\$ —
Discount notes - interest rate swaps	(1)	1	—	(29)	(29)	(61)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ (31)</b>	<b>\$ (29)</b>	<b>\$ (61)</b>
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2014</b>						
Advances - interest rate floors	\$ 4	\$ —	\$ 4	\$ (4)	\$ —	\$ —
Discount notes - interest rate swaps	(1)	—	(1)	88	87	(62)
Bonds - interest rate swaps	(1)	—	(1)	1	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>	<b>\$ 87</b>	<b>\$ (62)</b>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2015</b>						
Advances - interest rate floors	\$ 8	\$ —	\$ 8	\$ (8)	\$ —	\$ —
Discount notes - interest rate swaps	(2)	2	—	14	14	(185)
Bonds - interest rate swaps	(2)	—	(2)	2	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	<b>\$ 8</b>	<b>\$ 14</b>	<b>\$ (185)</b>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2014</b>						
Advances - interest rate floors	\$ 9	\$ —	\$ 9	\$ (9)	\$ —	\$ —
Discount notes - interest rate swaps	(2)	1	(1)	98	97	(184)
Bonds - interest rate swaps	(2)	—	(2)	2	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>	<b>\$ 97</b>	<b>\$ (184)</b>

There were no amounts reclassified from AOCI into earnings for the periods presented as a result of the discontinuance of cash-flow hedges because the original forecasted transactions failed to occur by the end of the originally specified time period or within a two-month period thereafter. The deferred net gains (losses) on derivative instruments in AOCI that are expected to be reclassified to earnings during the next twelve months were \$(2) million as of September 30, 2015. The maximum length of time over which we are hedging our exposure to the variability in future cash flows for forecasted transactions is 5 years.



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**Note 10 – Consolidated Obligations**

The FHLBs issue consolidated obligations through the Office of Finance as their agent. Consolidated obligations consist of discount notes and consolidated obligation bonds. Consolidated discount notes are issued primarily to raise short-term funds. Discount notes are issued at less than their face amount and redeemed at par value when they mature. The maturity of consolidated bonds range from less than one year to over 20 years, but they are not subject to any statutory or regulatory limits on maturity.

The following table presents our consolidated obligation bonds, for which we are the primary obligor, including callable bonds that are redeemable in whole, or in part, at our discretion on predetermined call dates.

As of September 30, 2015	Contractual Maturity	Weighted Average Interest Rate	By Next Maturity or Call Date
Due in one year or less	\$ 3,095	3.53%	\$ 17,714
One to two years	4,111	2.18%	2,991
Two to three years	5,309	1.61%	2,177
Three to four years	3,627	1.41%	1,853
Four to five years	3,343	1.51%	141
Thereafter	6,603	2.75%	1,212
<b>Total par value</b>	<b>\$ 26,088</b>	<b>2.17%</b>	<b>\$ 26,088</b>

The following table presents our consolidated obligation discount notes for which we are the primary obligor. All are due in one year or less.

As of	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Carrying Amount	\$ 37,290	\$ 31,054
Par Value	37,301	31,060
Weighted Average Interest Rate	0.17%	0.09%

The following table presents consolidated obligation bonds outstanding by call feature:

As of	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Noncallable	\$ 10,845	\$ 11,046
Callable	15,243	23,355
<b>Par value</b>	<b>26,088</b>	<b>34,401</b>
Bond premiums (discounts), net	7	17
Hedging adjustments	(39)	(177)
Fair value option adjustments	6	10
<b>Total consolidated obligation bonds</b>	<b>\$ 26,062</b>	<b>\$ 34,251</b>

**Joint and Several Liability**

We do not expect to pay any additional amounts on behalf of other FHLBs under our joint and several liability as of September 30, 2015. As a result, we did not accrue a liability for our joint and several liability related to the other FHLBs' share of the consolidated obligations as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014.

The following table summarizes the consolidated obligations of the FHLBs and those for which we are the primary obligor:

Par values as of	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Bonds	Discount Notes	Total	Bonds	Discount Notes	Total
FHLB System total consolidated obligations	\$ 447,000	\$ 409,511	\$ 856,511	\$ 484,812	\$ 362,363	\$ 847,175
FHLB Chicago as primary obligor	26,088	37,301	63,389	34,401	31,060	65,461
As a percent of the FHLB System	6%	9%	7%	7%	9%	8%



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**Note 11 – Capital**

Under our Capital Plan our stock consists of two sub-classes of stock, Class B1 activity stock and Class B2 membership stock (together, Class B stock), both with a par value of \$100 and redeemable on five years' written notice, subject to certain conditions. Under the Capital Plan, each member is required to own capital stock in an amount equal to the greater of a membership stock requirement or an activity stock requirement. Class B1 activity stock is available for purchase only to support a member's activity stock requirement. Class B2 membership stock is available to be purchased to support a member's membership stock requirement and any activity stock requirement.

**Minimum Capital Requirements**

For details on our minimum capital requirements, including how the ratios below were calculated, see **Minimum Capital Requirements** on page F-44 of our 2014 Form 10-K. We complied with our minimum regulatory capital requirements as shown below:

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Requirement	Actual	Requirement	Actual
Risk-based capital	\$ 1,040	\$ 4,541	\$ 1,127	\$ 4,317
Total regulatory capital	\$ 2,793	\$ 4,541	\$ 2,874	\$ 4,317
Total regulatory capital ratio	4.00%	6.50%	4.00%	6.01%
Leverage capital	\$ 3,491	\$ 6,813	\$ 3,592	\$ 6,475
Leverage capital ratio	5.00%	9.76%	5.00%	9.01%

Total regulatory capital and leverage capital do not include accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Under the FHFA regulation on capital classifications and critical capital levels for the FHLBs, we are adequately capitalized.

The following members' capital stock exceeded 10% of our total capital stock outstanding:

As of September 30, 2015	Capital Stock Outstanding	% of Total Outstanding
One Mortgage Partners Corp	\$ 250 <sup>a</sup>	13%
Northern Trust Company	200	11%

<sup>a</sup> One Mortgage Partners Corp. is a subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase Bank NA.



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**Note 12 - Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The following table summarizes the income (loss) in AOCI for the periods indicated:

	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) Available- for-sale Securities	Non-credit OTTI Held-to- maturity Securities	Net Unrealized on Cash Flow Hedges	Post- Retirement Plans	Total AOCI
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2015</b>					
<b>Beginning balance</b>	\$ 925	\$ (238)	\$ (541)	\$ (7)	\$ 139
Change in the period recorded to the statements of condition, before reclassifications to statements of income	(79)	11	(29)	1	(96)
<b>Amounts reclassified in period to statements of income:</b>					
Net interest income	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Non-interest gain (loss)	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
<b>Total other comprehensive income in the period</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(98)</b>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 846</b>	<b>\$ (227)</b>	<b>\$ (572)</b>	<b>\$ (6)</b>	<b>\$ 41</b>
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2014</b>					
<b>Beginning balance</b>	\$ 1,188	\$ (293)	\$ (659)	\$ 4	\$ 240
Change in the period recorded to the statements of condition, before reclassifications to statements of income	(99)	15	87	(2)	1
<b>Amounts reclassified in period to statements of income:</b>					
Net interest income	—	—	(2)	—	(2)
<b>Total other comprehensive income in the period</b>	<b>(99)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,089</b>	<b>\$ (278)</b>	<b>\$ (574)</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 239</b>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2015</b>					
<b>Beginning balance</b>	\$ 1,060	\$ (264)	\$ (580)	\$ 1	\$ 217
Change in the period recorded to the statements of condition, before reclassifications to statements of income	(214)	37	14	(7)	(170)
<b>Amounts reclassified in period to statements of income:</b>					
Net interest income	—	—	(4)	—	(4)
Non-interest gain (loss)	—	—	(2)	—	(2)
<b>Total other comprehensive income in the period</b>	<b>(214)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>(176)</b>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 846</b>	<b>\$ (227)</b>	<b>\$ (572)</b>	<b>\$ (6)</b>	<b>\$ 41</b>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2014</b>					
<b>Beginning balance</b>	\$ 1,052	\$ (321)	\$ (665)	\$ 1	\$ 67
Change in the period recorded to the statements of condition, before reclassifications to statements of income	37	43	97	—	177
<b>Amounts reclassified in period to statements of income:</b>					
Net interest income	—	—	(5)	—	(5)
Non-interest gain (loss)	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Non-interest expense	—	—	—	1	1
<b>Total other comprehensive income in the period</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,089</b>	<b>\$ (278)</b>	<b>\$ (574)</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 239</b>





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**Note 13 - Fair Value Accounting**

For accounting policies regarding fair values see **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** to the financial statements in our 2014 Form 10-K. For a description of the valuation techniques and significant inputs see **Note 16 - Fair Value Accounting** to the financial statements in our 2014 Form 10-K. There has been one change in our valuation inputs for interest rate derivative agreements since then as discussed below.

The fair values of all interest rate derivative agreements are netted by clearing member and/or by counterparty, including cash collateral received from or delivered to the counterparty. If these netted amounts are positive, they are classified as an asset, and if negative, they are classified as a liability. We use a midmarket pricing convention based on the bid-ask spread for fair-value measurements. Because these estimates are made at a specific point in time, they are susceptible to material near-term changes. We evaluated the potential for the fair value of the instruments to be affected by changes in our counterparty credit risk and our own credit risk, and we made no adjustments as they were insignificant to the overall fair-value measurements. When midmarket pricing inputs are unavailable, we use a discounted cash-flow model which uses market-observable inputs (inputs that are actively quoted and can be validated to external sources), including the following:

- Discount rate assumption. At September 30, 2015, we used the overnight-index swap (OIS) curve and at December 31, 2014, we used the LIBOR swap curve.

We implemented using the OIS curve to determine the fair value of derivative contracts in the first quarter of 2015. The initial effect of using the OIS curve did not have a material effect on our operating activities or financial statements.



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The tables below are a summary of the fair value estimates and related levels in the fair value hierarchy. The carrying amounts are as recorded in the statements of condition. These tables do not represent an estimate of our overall market value as a going concern; as they do not take into account future business opportunities and future net profitability of assets and liabilities. The tables below are presented in the following order:

- Fair values of financial instruments.
- Financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis on our statements of condition.
- Assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis on our statements of condition.

We had no transfers between Levels 1, 2, and/or 3 for the periods presented.

*Fair values of financial instruments*

	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy		
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>September 30, 2015</b>					
<b>Financial Assets -</b>					
Cash and due from banks	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ —	\$ —
Interest bearing deposits	560	560	560	—	—
Federal Funds sold	720	720	—	720	—
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	3,400	3,400	—	3,400	—
Held-to-maturity securities	5,740	6,375	—	5,089	1,286
Advances	35,044	35,020	—	35,020	—
MPF Loans held in portfolio, net	5,079	5,442	—	5,406	36
<b>Financial Liabilities -</b>					
Deposits	(510)	(510)	—	(510)	—
Consolidated obligation discount notes	(37,290)	(37,292)	—	(37,292)	—
Consolidated obligation bonds	(26,062)	(26,586)	—	(26,532)	(54) <sup>a</sup>
Subordinated notes	(944)	(980)	—	(980)	—
<b>December 31, 2014</b>					
<b>Financial Assets -</b>					
Cash and due from banks	\$ 342	\$ 342	\$ 342	\$ —	\$ —
Interest bearing deposits	560	560	560	—	—
Federal Funds sold	1,525	1,525	—	1,525	—
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	3,400	3,400	—	3,400	—
Held-to-maturity securities	7,118	7,824	—	6,356	1,468
Advances	32,485	32,546	—	32,546	—
MPF Loans held in portfolio, net	6,057	6,585	—	6,435	150
<b>Financial Liabilities -</b>					
Deposits	(666)	(666)	—	(666)	—
Consolidated obligation discount notes	(31,054)	(31,055)	—	(31,055)	—
Consolidated obligation bonds	(34,251)	(34,831)	—	(34,768)	(63) <sup>a</sup>
Subordinated notes	(944)	(1,013)	—	(1,013)	—

<sup>a</sup> Amount represents debt carried at fair value under a full fair value hedge strategy, not at fair value under the fair value option.



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*Financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis on our statements of condition*

As of September 30, 2015	Level 2	Level 3	Netting	Fair Value
<b>Financial assets -</b>				
U.S. Government & other government related non-MBS	\$ 101	\$ —		\$ 101
GSE residential MBS	52	—		52
U.S. Governmental-guaranteed residential MBS	2	—		2
<b>Trading securities</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>—</b>		<b>155</b>
U.S. Government & other government related non-MBS	439	—		439
State or local housing agency non-MBS	15	—		15
FFELP ABS	5,520	—		5,520
GSE residential MBS	10,257	—		10,257
U.S. Government-guaranteed residential MBS	2,010	—		2,010
Private-label residential MBS	—	67		67
<b>Available-for-sale securities</b>	<b>18,241</b>	<b>67</b>		<b>18,308</b>
Advances	95	—		95
Derivative assets	791	5	\$ (794) <sup>a</sup>	2
Other assets - Mortgage loans held for sale	21	—		21
<b>Total financial assets at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 19,303</b>	<b>\$ 72</b>	<b>\$ (794)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>\$ 18,581</b>
Level 3 as a percent of total assets at fair value		<u>0.4%</u>		
<b>Financial liabilities -</b>				
Consolidated obligation discount notes	\$ (6,472)	\$ —		\$ (6,472)
Consolidated obligation bonds	(980)	(54) <sup>b</sup>		(1,034)
Derivative liabilities	(1,748)	—	\$ 1,704 <sup>a</sup>	(44)
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value</b>	<b>\$ (9,200)</b>	<b>\$ (54)</b>	<b>\$ 1,704<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>\$ (7,550)</b>
Level 3 as a percent of total liabilities at fair value		<u>0.7%</u>		
<b>As of December 31, 2014</b>				
<b>Financial assets -</b>				
U.S. Government & other government related non-MBS	\$ 102	\$ —		\$ 102
GSE residential MBS	63	—		63
U.S. Governmental-guaranteed residential MBS	2	—		2
<b>Trading securities</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>—</b>		<b>167</b>
U.S. Government & other government related non-MBS	508	—		508
State or local housing agency non-MBS	3	—		3
FFELP ABS	6,221	—		6,221
GSE residential MBS	10,827	—		10,827
U.S. Government-guaranteed residential MBS	2,345	—		2,345
Private-label residential MBS	—	71		71
<b>Available-for-sale securities</b>	<b>19,904</b>	<b>71</b>		<b>19,975</b>
Advances	83	—		83
Derivative assets	691	13	\$ (675) <sup>a</sup>	29
<b>Total financial assets at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 20,845</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>	<b>\$ (675)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>\$ 20,254</b>
Level 3 as a percent of total assets at fair value		<u>0.4%</u>		
<b>Financial liabilities -</b>				
Consolidated obligation discount notes	\$ (1,799)	\$ —		\$ (1,799)
Consolidated obligation bonds	(2,785)	(63) <sup>b</sup>		(2,848)
Derivative liabilities	(1,680)	—	\$ 1,625 <sup>a</sup>	(55)
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value</b>	<b>\$ (6,264)</b>	<b>\$ (63)</b>	<b>\$ 1,625<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>\$ (4,702)</b>
Level 3 as a percent of total liabilities at fair value		<u>1.3%</u>		

<sup>a</sup> The netting adjustment amount includes cash collateral (either received or paid by us) and related accrued interest in cases where we have a legal right of setoff, by contract (e.g., master netting agreement) or otherwise, to discharge all or a portion of the debt owed to our counterparty by applying against the debt an amount that our counterparty owes to us. See **Note 9 - Derivatives and Hedging Activities**.

<sup>b</sup> Amount represents debt carried at fair value under a full fair value hedge strategy, not at fair value under the fair value option.

Financial instruments carried at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs were immaterial and there were no significant changes in balances in unobservable inputs (Level 3) in the nine months ended September 30, 2015, or 2014.



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*Assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis on our statements of condition*

Assets that are not carried at fair value in our statements of condition may be required to be measured at fair value under certain circumstances. Examples include, but are not limited to, conventional MPF Loans held in portfolio that become impaired or REO that have declined in fair value during the reporting period. We measure such assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. Effective January 1, 2015, we began using an Automated Valuation Methodology (AVM) to determine the fair value of our impaired conventional MPF Loans and REO pursuant to the guidance provided by AB 2012-02. Refer to **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** for further details.

The table below presents assets that typically are not carried at fair value that were measured at fair value in our statements of condition as of the dates shown. The fair value information presented is not as of the period-end, rather it was as of the date the fair value adjustment was recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, and excludes nonrecurring fair value measurements of assets no longer on the balance sheet.

As of	Level 3	
	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Impaired conventional MPF Loans held in portfolio	\$ 36	\$ 150
REO (recorded in Other Assets)	12	9

**Fair Value Option**

We elected the fair value option for advances, MPF Loans held for sale, discount notes, and consolidated obligation bonds for which hedge accounting treatment may not be achieved. Specifically, hedge accounting may not be achieved in cases where it may be difficult to pass prospective or retrospective effectiveness testing under derivative hedge accounting guidance even though the interest rate swaps used to hedge these financial instruments have matching terms. Accordingly, electing the fair value option allows us to better match the change in fair value of the advance, MPF Loans held for sale, discount note, and short-term consolidated obligation bonds with the interest rate swap economically hedging it. We made no adjustments to the fair values of our instruments under the fair value option for credit risk as of the dates presented.

The table below summarizes the net gain (loss) related to financial assets and liabilities for which we elected the fair value option, except for MPF Loans held for sale which are not material.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Advances	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 3
Bonds	—	7	4	8
Discount Notes	—	—	(2)	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$ 11</b>

The following table reflects the difference between the aggregate unpaid principal balance (UPB) outstanding and the aggregate fair value for advances and consolidated obligation bonds for which the fair value option has been elected. None of the advances were 90 days or more past due and none were on nonaccrual status.

As of	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Advances	Consolidated Obligation Bonds	Advances	Consolidated Obligation Bonds
Unpaid Principal Balance	\$ 90	\$ 974	\$ 80	\$ 2,775
Fair Value Over (Under) UPB	5	6	3	10
Fair Value	<b>\$ 95</b>	<b>\$ 980</b>	<b>\$ 83</b>	<b>\$ 2,785</b>



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**Note 14 – Commitments and Contingencies**

The table below shows our commitments outstanding, which represent off-balance sheet obligations, for the periods presented.

As of	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Expire within one year	Expire after one year	Total	Expire within one year	Expire after one year	Total
Unsettled consolidated obligation bonds	\$ 93	\$ —	\$ 93	\$ 91	\$ —	\$ 91
Member standby letters of credit	4,754	1,597 <sup>a</sup>	6,351	2,410	1,207 <sup>a</sup>	3,617
Housing authority standby bond purchase agreements	—	433	433	155	262	417
Committed unused member lines of credit	—	—	—	4,000	—	4,000
Advance commitments	185	20	205	158	104	262
MPF Program mortgage purchase commitments	383	—	383	143	—	143
Other commitments	52	—	52	68	—	68
<b>Commitments</b>	<b>\$ 5,467</b>	<b>\$ 2,050</b>	<b>\$ 7,517</b>	<b>\$ 7,025</b>	<b>\$ 1,573</b>	<b>\$ 8,598</b>

<sup>a</sup> Contains \$1,032 million and \$974 million of member standby letters of credit at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, which were renewable annually.

For a description of previously defined terms see **Note 17 - Commitments and Contingencies** to the financial statements in our 2014 Form 10-K.

**Note 15 – Transactions with Related Parties and Other FHLBs**

We define related parties as members that own 10% or more of our capital stock or members whose officers or directors also serve on our Board of Directors. Capital stock ownership is a prerequisite to transacting any member business with us. Members and former members own all of our capital stock.

In the normal course of business, we extend credit to or enter into other transactions with these related parties. All transactions are done at market terms that are no more favorable than the terms of comparable transactions with other members who are not considered related parties.

*Members*

The table below summarizes balances we had with our members as defined above as related parties (including their affiliates). Members represented in these tables may change between periods presented, to the extent that our related parties change, based on changes in the composition of our Board membership.

As of	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets - Interest bearing deposits	\$ 560	\$ 560
Assets - Advances	15,156	11,159
Assets - Advance Interest Receivable	4	2
Liabilities - Deposits	18	26
Equity - Capital Stock	466	267

*Other FHLBs*

From time to time, we may loan to, or borrow from, other FHLBs. All transactions are done at market terms that are no more favorable than the terms of comparable transactions with other counterparties. These transactions are overnight, maturing the following business day. These and other material transactions with other FHLBs, if any, are identified on the face of our **Financial Statements**.



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**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**  
**Selected Financial Data**

As of or for the three months ended	September 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	September 30, 2014
<b>Selected statements of condition data</b>					
Total investments <sup>a</sup>	\$ 28,883	\$ 28,080	\$ 30,816	\$ 32,745	\$ 30,229
Advances	35,044	34,553	31,941	32,485	26,766
MPF Loans held in portfolio, gross	5,082	5,377	5,732	6,072	6,438
Less: allowance for credit losses	(3)	(3)	(4)	(15)	(16)
Total assets	69,824	69,760	70,147	71,841	72,031
Consolidated obligations, net -					
Discount notes	37,290	34,552	30,474	31,054	30,507
Bonds	26,062	28,672	33,043	34,251	35,239
Total capital stock	1,892	1,835	1,923	1,902	1,801
Total retained earnings	2,640	2,575	2,484	2,406	2,304
Total capital	4,573	4,549	4,579	4,525	4,344
<b>Other selected data at period end</b>					
MPF off-balance sheet loans outstanding <sup>b</sup>	\$ 15,083	14,840	\$ 14,662	\$ 14,474	\$ 14,298
FHLB systemwide consolidated obligations (par)	856,511	852,783	812,196	847,175	816,950
Number of members	742	748	745	751	757
Total employees (full and part time)	410	413	408	405	391
<b>Selected statements of income data</b>					
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	\$ 121	\$ 117	\$ 130	\$ 136	\$ 140
Non-interest gain (loss)	(6)	24	(5)	18	11
Non-interest expense	35	33	33	35	28
Net income	72	97	83	107	110
<b>Other selected data during the periods</b>					
MPF off-balance sheet loan volume funded system <sup>b</sup>	\$ 807	\$ 800	\$ 698	\$ 604	\$ 591
MPF off-balance sheet loan volume funded FHLBC <sup>b</sup>	363	388	357	315	281
<b>Selected ratios (rates annualized)</b>					
Total regulatory capital to assets ratio	6.50%	6.33%	6.29%	6.01%	5.71%
Market value of equity to book value of equity	108%	110%	112%	114%	116%
Total investments - % of total assets	41%	40%	44%	46%	42%
Advances - % of total assets	50%	50%	46%	45%	37%
MPF Loans held in portfolio, net - % of total assets	7%	8%	8%	8%	9%
Dividend rate class B1 activity stock-period paid	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.00%	1.50%
Dividend rate class B2 membership stock-period paid	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Return on average assets	0.42%	0.56%	0.44%	0.58%	0.62%
Return on average equity	6.31%	8.51%	7.34%	9.60%	10.16%
Average equity to average assets	6.66%	6.58%	5.99%	6.03%	6.07%
Net yield on average interest-earning assets	0.72%	0.71%	0.70%	0.75%	0.79%
Return on average Regulatory Capital spread to three month LIBOR index	6.15%	8.59%	7.51%	9.84%	10.53%
Cash dividends	\$ 7	\$ 6	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 4
Dividend payout ratio	10%	6%	6%	5%	4%

<sup>a</sup> Total investments includes investment securities, interest bearing deposits, Federal Funds sold, and securities purchased under agreements to resell.

<sup>b</sup> MPF off-balance sheet outstanding loans are MPF Program loans purchased from our PFIs or the PFIs of systemwide FHLBs and are concurrently resold to Fannie Mae or other third party investors under the MPF Xtra and MPF Direct products or pooled and securitized in Ginnie Mae MBS under the MPF Government MBS product. See **Mortgage Partnership Finance Program** beginning on page 7 in our 2014 Form 10-K.



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**Forward-Looking Information**

Statements contained in this report, including statements describing the objectives, projections, estimates, or future predictions of management, may be "forward-looking statements." These statements may use forward-looking terminology, such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "could," "estimates," "may," "should," "will," their negatives, or other variations of these terms. We caution that, by their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties related to our operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements and could affect the extent to which a particular objective, projection, estimate, or prediction is realized. As a result, undue reliance should not be placed on such statements.

These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, the following:

- changes in the demand by our members for advances, including the impact of the availability of other sources of funding for our members, such as deposits;
- limits on our investments in long-term assets;
- the impact of new business strategies, including our ability to develop and implement business strategies focused on maintaining net interest income; the impact of our efforts to simplify our balance sheet on our market risk profile and future hedging costs; our ability to successfully transition to a new business model, implement business process improvements and scale our size to our members' borrowing needs; the extent to which our members use our advances as part of their core financing rather than just as a back-up source of liquidity; and our ability to implement product enhancements and new products and generate enough volume in new products to cover our costs related to developing such products;
- the extent to which amendments to our Capital Plan, including our ability to reduce capital stock requirements for certain future advance borrowings, and our ability to continue to pay enhanced dividends on our activity-based stock, impact borrowing by our members;
- our ability to meet required conditions to repurchase and redeem capital stock from our members (including maintaining compliance with our minimum regulatory capital requirements and determining that our financial condition is sound enough to support such repurchases), and the amount and timing of such repurchases or redemptions;
- general economic and market conditions, including the timing and volume of market activity, inflation/deflation, unemployment rates, housing prices, the condition of the mortgage and housing markets, increased delinquencies and/or loss rates on mortgages, prolonged or delayed foreclosure processes, and the effects on, among other things, mortgage-backed securities; volatility resulting from the effects of, and changes in, various monetary or fiscal policies and regulations, such as those determined by the Federal Reserve Board and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; impacts from various measures to stimulate the economy and help borrowers refinance home mortgages and student loans; disruptions in the credit and debt markets and the effect on future funding costs, sources, and availability;
- volatility of market prices, rates, and indices, or other factors, such as natural disasters, that could affect the value of our investments or collateral; changes in the value or liquidity of collateral securing advances to our members;
- changes in the value of and risks associated with our investments in mortgage loans, mortgage-backed securities, and FFELP ABS and the related credit enhancement protections;
- changes in our ability or intent to hold mortgage-backed securities to maturity;
- changes in mortgage interest rates and prepayment speeds on mortgage assets;



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- membership changes, including the withdrawal of members due to restrictions on our dividends or the loss of members through mergers and consolidations; changes in the financial health of our members, including the resolution of some members; risks related to expanding our membership to include more institutions with regulators and resolution processes with which we have less experience;
- changes in investor demand for consolidated obligations and/or the terms of interest rate derivatives and similar agreements, including changes in the relative attractiveness of consolidated obligations as compared to other investment opportunities; changes in our cost of funds due to concerns over U.S. fiscal policy, and any related rating agency actions impacting FHLB consolidated obligations;
- political events, including legislative, regulatory, judicial, or other developments that affect us, our members, our counterparties and/or investors in consolidated obligations, including, among other things, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) and related regulations and proposals and legislation related to housing finance and GSE reform; changes by our regulator and changes in the FHLB Act or applicable regulations as a result of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Housing Act) or as may otherwise be issued by our regulator, including regulatory changes to FHLB membership requirements proposed by the FHFA; the potential designation of us as a nonbank financial company for supervision by the Federal Reserve;
- the ability of each of the other FHLBs to repay the principal and interest on consolidated obligations for which it is the primary obligor and with respect to which we have joint and several liability;
- the pace of technological change and our ability to develop and support technology and information systems, including our ability to protect the security of our information systems and manage any failures, interruptions or breaches in our information systems or technology services provided to us through third-party vendors;
- our ability to attract and retain skilled employees;
- the impact of new accounting standards and the application of accounting rules, including the impact of regulatory guidance on our application of such standards and rules;
- the volatility of reported results due to changes in the fair value of certain assets and liabilities; and
- our ability to identify, manage, mitigate, and/or remedy internal control weaknesses and other operational risks.

For a more detailed discussion of the risk factors applicable to us, see **Risk Factors** in our 2014 Form 10-K on page 19.

These forward-looking statements are representative only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement as a result of new information, future events, changed circumstances, or any other reason.





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**Executive Summary**

**Third Quarter 2015 Financial Highlights**

- We recorded net income of \$72 million for the third quarter of 2015, down from \$110 million in the third quarter of 2014.
- Net interest income for the third quarter of 2015 was \$121 million, down from \$140 million for the third quarter of 2014 as our investment and MPF Loan portfolios continued to pay down.
- Noninterest gain (loss) for the third quarter of 2015 was (\$6 million), down from a gain of \$11 million for the third quarter of 2014 as hedging costs returned to more historically normalized levels.
- Total investment securities declined \$3.1 billion from \$27.3 billion at December 31, 2014, to \$24.2 billion at September 30, 2015, as the investments portfolio continued to pay down.
- Advances outstanding increased \$2.5 billion to \$35.0 billion at September 30, 2015, up from \$32.5 billion at December 31, 2014.
- Total assets decreased \$2.0 billion to \$69.8 billion at September 30, 2015, down from \$71.8 billion at December 31, 2014.
- We reached over \$2.6 billion in retained earnings at September 30, 2015.
- We remained in compliance with all of our regulatory capital requirements as of September 30, 2015.

**Summary and Outlook**

*Third Quarter 2015 Dividend*

For the second time this year, the Bank's Board of Directors has increased the dividend declared per share on Class B1 activity stock by 25 basis points to an annualized rate of 2.50% based on the Bank's preliminary financial results for the third quarter of 2015. With this action, the Board continues and enhances the practice of rewarding members that use the Bank's advances and support the financial health of the entire cooperative. The Board has also implemented changes, as described below, that provide access to the higher dividend to most borrowing members. The Board maintained the dividend level declared in previous quarters this year for Class B2 membership stock at an annualized rate of 0.50%.

*Enhancing Members' Return on Membership*

Also in the third quarter, the Board implemented the Second Amended and Restated Capital Plan, which increases members' return on activity with the Bank. This Capital Plan became effective October 1, 2015. It significantly reduced the threshold for the automatic conversion of membership stock to activity stock. Instead of \$5 million, the threshold is now \$10,000. Using this lower threshold, a member that borrows more than \$200,000 at a 5% activity stock requirement has a lower net cost of borrowing due to the higher dividend paid on activity stock. As a result of this change, more than 99% of the Bank's borrowing members held more activity stock on October 1. Members are expected to see the benefit when the Bank pays the fourth quarter 2015 dividend, which is planned to be in February 2016. See **Capital Rules** on page 52 for further details.

*More Mortgage Partnership Finance Solutions*

Providing members with access to the secondary mortgage market remains one of our top priorities as well. We are working on a servicing released enhancement to the new MPF Government MBS product, which is designed to provide members with additional flexibility to enhance their competitiveness and support homeownership in their communities. Whether members choose servicing released or servicing retained, the MPF Government MBS offers attractive pricing, which members can pass on to their borrowers.

This summer we rolled out MPF Direct, which has a single-family loan limit of \$1.5 million. We also reintroduced three MPF products-MPF Original, MPF 125, and MPF 35-that allow members to earn higher fee income for sharing the credit risk of conventional, conforming loans while we manage the liquidity, interest rate, and prepayment risks. With all of these products, we are striving to help members meet the different mortgage needs of the borrowers in their communities.

*Providing a Reliable Source of Liquidity*

We continue to monitor the political uncertainty in Washington, D.C. At the beginning of the fourth quarter we started building our liquidity position and extending the terms of our borrowings so that we are better able to meet members' funding requests during all political and economic scenarios. For more than 82 years, we have been a reliable source of liquidity to our members, and we remain committed to that standard.



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## **Results of Operations**

Our financial condition and results of operations are influenced by the interest rate environment, global and national economies, local economies within our districts of Illinois and Wisconsin, and the conditions in the financial, housing and credit markets. In particular, our net interest income is affected by several external factors, including market interest rate levels and volatility, credit spreads and the general state of the economy. We manage our interest rate risk by entering into fair value hedge relationships utilizing derivative agreements in which 1-month, 3-month or 6-month LIBOR is received or paid to hedge a portion of our advances, available for sale securities and debt. We also enter into cash flow hedge relationships utilizing derivative agreements to hedge the cash flow risk attributable to the rolling nature of our short-term consolidated discount notes. Additionally, we enter into economic hedges using derivative agreements to hedge our mortgage-related assets, which are sensitive to changes in mortgage rates.

Our profitability is significantly affected by the interest rate environment. We earn relatively narrow spreads between yields on assets and the rates paid on corresponding liabilities. We also expect our ability to generate significant earnings on capital and short-term investments will be affected in light of the Federal Reserve's policy of setting the short-term Federal Funds rate. Short-term interest rates also directly affect our earnings on invested capital.

Our operating results are affected not only by rising or falling interest rates but also by the particular path and volatility of changes in market interest rates and the prevailing shape of the yield curve. A flattening of the yield curve tends to compress our net interest margin, while steepening of the curve offers better opportunities to purchase assets with wider net interest spreads. The performance of our MPF Loans held for investment portfolio is particularly affected by shifts in the 10-year maturity range of the yield curve, which is the point that heavily influences mortgage rates and potential refinancings. Yield curve shape can also influence the pace at which borrowers refinance or prepay their existing loans, as borrowers may select shorter-duration mortgage products. In addition, our higher yielding private label MBS portfolio continues its expected runoff. As higher coupon MPF Loans mature along with higher yielding private label MBS, the return of principal cannot be invested in assets with a comparable yield, resulting in a decline in the aggregate yield on the remaining MPF Loans held for investment portfolio and investment securities and a possible decrease in our net interest margin.

Lastly, the volume related to our MPF Xtra and MPF Direct programs as well as our Ginnie Mae MBS issuances also are influenced by the interest rate environment, global and national economies, local economies within our districts of Illinois and Wisconsin, and the conditions in the financial, housing and credit markets.

## **Net Interest Income**

Net interest income before the provision for (reversal of) credit losses includes the following in accordance with GAAP:

- Net interest paid or received on interest rate swaps that are accounted for as fair value or cash flow hedges;
- Amortization of premiums;
- Accretion of discounts;
- Amortization of hedge adjustments;
- Advance prepayment fees; and
- MPF credit enhancement fees.



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The tables below present the increase or decrease in interest income and expense before the provision for (reversal of) credit losses due to volume or rate variances. The calculation of these components includes the following considerations:

- Average daily balances are computed using historical amortized cost balances except for items carried under the fair value option which include changes in fair value.
- MPF Loans held in portfolio that are on nonaccrual status are included in average daily balances used to determine the effective yield/rate.
- Interest and effective yield/rate includes all components of net interest income as discussed above. Yields/rates are calculated on an annualized basis.
- Any change due to the combined volume/rate variance has been allocated ratably to volume and rate.

For the three months ended	September 30, 2015			September 30, 2014			Increase (decrease) due to		
	Average Balance	Total Interest	Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Total Interest	Yield/Rate	Volume	Rate	Net Change
Federal Funds sold, securities purchased under agreements to resell, and interest bearing deposits	\$ 5,506	\$ 2	0.15%	\$ 10,538	\$ 2	0.08%	\$ (1)	\$ 1	\$ —
Investment securities	24,188	195	3.22%	28,210	214	3.03%	(30)	11	(19)
Advances	33,318	45	0.54%	24,934	39	0.63%	13	(7)	6
MPF Loans held in portfolio	5,140	62	4.82%	6,537	78	4.77%	(17)	1	(16)
<b>Total Interest Income on Assets</b>	<b>68,152</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>1.78%</b>	<b>70,219</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1.90%</b>	<b>(35)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(29)</b>
Consolidated obligation discount notes	34,080	72	0.85%	28,971	68	0.94%	12	(8)	4
Consolidated obligation bonds	28,565	96	1.34%	36,279	114	1.26%	(24)	6	(18)
Subordinated notes	944	14	5.93%	944	13	5.51%	—	1	1
<b>Total Interest Expense on Liabilities</b>	<b>63,589</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1.14%</b>	<b>66,194</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1.18%</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(13)</b>
<b>Net yield on interest-earning assets</b>	<b>\$ 68,152</b>	<b>\$ 122</b>	<b>0.72%</b>	<b>\$ 70,219</b>	<b>\$ 138</b>	<b>0.79%</b>	<b>\$ (23)</b>	<b>\$ 7</b>	<b>\$ (16)</b>

For the nine months ended	September 30, 2015			September 30, 2014			Increase (decrease) due to		
	Average Balance	Total Interest	Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Total Interest	Yield/Rate	Volume	Rate	Net Change
Federal Funds sold, securities purchased under agreements to resell, and interest bearing deposits	\$ 7,297	\$ 6	0.11%	\$ 10,294	\$ 6	0.08%	\$ (2)	\$ 2	\$ —
Investment securities	24,754	599	3.23%	29,363	659	2.99%	(103)	43	(60)
Advances	32,633	132	0.54%	23,611	116	0.66%	45	(29)	16
MPF Loans held in portfolio	5,455	197	4.82%	6,973	252	4.82%	(55)	—	(55)
<b>Total Interest Income on Assets</b>	<b>70,139</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1.78%</b>	<b>70,241</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>1.96%</b>	<b>(115)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>(99)</b>
Consolidated obligation discount notes	33,890	216	0.85%	27,773	201	0.96%	44	(29)	15
Consolidated obligation bonds	30,769	304	1.32%	37,626	408	1.45%	(75)	(29)	(104)
Subordinated notes	944	41	5.79%	944	40	5.65%	—	1	1
<b>Total Interest Expense on Liabilities</b>	<b>65,603</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>1.14%</b>	<b>66,343</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>1.30%</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(57)</b>	<b>(88)</b>
<b>Net yield on interest-earning assets</b>	<b>\$ 70,139</b>	<b>\$ 373</b>	<b>0.71%</b>	<b>\$ 70,241</b>	<b>\$ 384</b>	<b>0.73%</b>	<b>\$ (84)</b>	<b>\$ 73</b>	<b>\$ (11)</b>



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Net interest income changed mainly due to the following:

- Investment interest income declined primarily due to the decline in average investment balances as we continue to reduce our MBS portfolio to less than three times our total regulatory capital. This ratio is one of the conditions that needs to be met to remove the restriction on us to obtain FHFA approval for any new investments that have a term to maturity in excess of 270 days. For further information, see **Investment Securities** on page 49. This decline was partially offset by accretion into interest income of expected improvements in the present value of cash flows on securities that were previously charged with credit related OTTI. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we recorded credit-related accretion to interest income of \$12 million and \$41 million. For the comparable period in 2014, accretion was \$15 million and \$43 million. Future accretion is dependent upon how estimated market conditions may impact the projected cash flows, and may vary from past experience.
- Interest income from advances increased primarily due to increases in volume. Member demand for advances has continued to increase modestly in 2015 after a significant increase of \$9.0 billion during 2014. We are finding that our members in Illinois and Wisconsin have increased funding needs as the economic activity in our district continues to improve. In addition, members are taking advantage of the benefits of our Reduced Capitalization Advance Program (RCAP) to lower their cost of borrowing and our dividend policies are designed to make the net cost of borrowing through advances more attractive to our active members. While our advances increased so far in 2015, it is possible that our advances may decrease to the extent our members elect to utilize alternative funding resources.
- Interest income from MPF Loans continued to decline as expected due to the net decrease in balance of MPF Loans outstanding. Though we have experienced a net decline in MPF Loans outstanding, we resumed purchasing MPF Loans that we held in portfolio during 2015, though the amount has been nominal to date. We do not expect these new MPF Loans to be material enough to offset older loan paydowns in the near-term, but may become so over a longer-term period of time.
- Interest expense decreased both as a result of a reduction in the average interest rates of our debt portfolio, as well as due to reduced overall debt outstanding. As higher rate debt has matured or been called, the debt was replaced with lower-rate funding. Market rates on our short term discount notes also declined on average and we benefited from these lower rates by increasing the mix of discount notes as compared to bonds.

Net interest income is also impacted by fair value and cash flow hedging activity. For details see **Trading Securities, Derivatives and Hedging Activities**, and **Instruments Held at Fair Value Option** on pages 45 and 46.



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**Non-Interest Gain (Loss)**

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Trading securities	\$ (1)	\$ (6)	\$ (2)	\$ (18)
Derivatives and hedging activities	(15)	1	(17)	(11)
Instruments held under fair value option	1	10	4	11
<b>Subtotal - Trading Securities, Derivatives and Hedging Activities, and Instruments Held Under Fair Value Option</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>(18)</b>
Litigation settlement awards	2	1	13	18
Other, net	7	5	15	14
<b>Noninterest gain (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (6)</b>	<b>\$ 11</b>	<b>\$ 13</b>	<b>\$ 14</b>

*Trading Securities, Derivatives and Hedging Activities, and Instruments Held Under Fair Value Option*

Gains (losses) on these activities have generally stabilized in recent quarters primarily as a result of less volatile hedging costs, which is consistent with hedging strategies of our more simplified balance sheet, along with a more stable economy. Our loss in the third quarter of 2015 (as compared to the gain in the third quarter of 2014), was primarily due to volatility and uncertainty related to the September Federal Reserve meeting to discuss, among other things, a potential rise in short term rates. The Federal Reserve decided to defer any rate increases at that time.

Most of our total net effect from hedging activities was recorded as a component of net interest income. This was primarily due to the low interest rate environment resulting in negative net interest settlements on derivative contracts in active hedge accounting relationships. Net interest income was also reduced by the amortization of negative hedge adjustments from previously active hedges that were closed (de-designated) but where the previously hedged instrument is still outstanding.

Details of the impact on all of these hedging related items are in the table on the following page.

*Litigation settlement awards*

On October 15, 2010, we instituted litigation relating to 64 private label MBS bonds we purchased in an aggregate original principal amount of \$4.29 billion. In both 2015 and 2014, we received payments for settlements with some of the defendants. We continue to pursue litigation related to these matters. We cannot predict to what extent we will be successful in this remaining litigation. See **Item 1. Legal Proceedings** on page 65 for further details.



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The following table shows the impact of Trading Securities, Derivatives and Hedging Activities, and Instruments Held Under Fair Value Option on our results of operations.

	Advances	Investments	MPF Loans	Discount Notes	Bonds	Total
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2015</b>						
Amortization/accretion	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ (4)	\$ (1)	\$ —	\$ (4)
Net interest settlements	(21)	(33)	—	(61)	54	(61)
<b>Total recorded in net interest income</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(62)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>(65)</b>
Fair value hedges - ineffectiveness net gain (loss)	1	(11)	—	—	(7)	(17)
Cash flow hedges - ineffectiveness net gain (loss)	—	—	—	1	—	1
Economic hedges - net gain (loss)	(2)	—	(2)	2	3	1
<b>Total recorded derivatives &amp; hedging activities</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(15)</b>
Instruments held under fair value option	1	—	—	—	—	1
<b>Total net effect gain (loss) of hedging activities</b>	<b>\$ (20)</b>	<b>\$ (44)</b>	<b>\$ (6)</b>	<b>\$ (59)</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>	<b>\$ (79)</b>
<b>Three months ended September 30, 2014</b>						
Amortization/accretion	\$ 3	\$ —	\$ (4)	\$ (1)	\$ (2)	\$ (4)
Net interest settlements	(20)	(35)	—	(62)	63	(54)
<b>Total recorded in net interest income</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>(35)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(63)</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>(58)</b>
Fair value hedges - ineffectiveness net gain (loss)	2	—	—	—	(5)	(3)
Economic hedges - net gain (loss)	—	—	(4)	—	8	4
<b>Total recorded derivatives &amp; hedging activities</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Instruments held under fair value option	3	—	—	—	7	10
<b>Total net effect gain (loss) of hedging activities</b>	<b>\$ (12)</b>	<b>\$ (35)</b>	<b>\$ (8)</b>	<b>\$ (63)</b>	<b>\$ 71</b>	<b>\$ (47)</b>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2015</b>						
Amortization/accretion	\$ 7	\$ (10)	\$ (11)	\$ (2)	\$ (5)	\$ (21)
Net interest settlements	(62)	(101)	—	(185)	172	(176)
<b>Total recorded in net interest income</b>	<b>(55)</b>	<b>(111)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(187)</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>(197)</b>
Fair value hedges - ineffectiveness net gain (loss)	—	(13)	—	—	(17)	(30)
Cash flow hedges - ineffectiveness net gain (loss)	—	—	—	2	—	2
Economic hedges - net gain (loss)	(4)	—	(3)	7	11	11
<b>Total recorded derivatives &amp; hedging activities</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>(17)</b>
Instruments held under fair value option	2	—	—	(2)	4	4
<b>Total net effect gain (loss) of hedging activities</b>	<b>\$ (57)</b>	<b>\$ (124)</b>	<b>\$ (14)</b>	<b>\$ (180)</b>	<b>\$ 165</b>	<b>\$ (210)</b>
<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2014</b>						
Amortization/accretion	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ (13)	\$ (2)	\$ (13)	\$ (22)
Net interest settlements	(60)	(105)	—	(184)	189	(160)
<b>Total recorded in net interest income</b>	<b>(54)</b>	<b>(105)</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>(186)</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>(182)</b>
Fair value hedges - ineffectiveness net gain (loss)	6	(3)	—	—	(18)	(15)
Cash flow hedges - ineffectiveness net gain (loss)	—	—	—	1	—	1
Economic hedges - net gain (loss)	—	—	(5)	—	8	3
<b>Total recorded derivatives &amp; hedging activities</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>(11)</b>
Instruments held under fair value option	3	—	—	—	8	11
<b>Total net effect gain (loss) of hedging activities</b>	<b>\$ (45)</b>	<b>\$ (108)</b>	<b>\$ (18)</b>	<b>\$ (185)</b>	<b>\$ 174</b>	<b>\$ (182)</b>



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**Noninterest Expense**

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Compensation and benefits	\$ 20	\$ 17	\$ 57	\$ 49
Other operating expenses	13	12	38	34
Other	2	(1)	6	6
<b>Noninterest expense</b>	<b>\$ 35</b>	<b>\$ 28</b>	<b>\$ 101</b>	<b>\$ 89</b>

Compensation and benefits increased due to higher salaries and wages as well as incentive compensation expense. In addition, we added employees in order to continue to enhance our member-focused bank capabilities and to continue to build out the MPF Program platform to support new products such as MPF Direct and MPF Government MBS. We had 410 employees as of September 30, 2015, compared to 391 as of September 30, 2014.

Other operating expenses increased mostly due to information technology, primarily because of general infrastructure maintenance, information technology security, and the investment in systems related to the MPF Program.



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**Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	\$ (79)	\$ (99)	\$ (214)	\$ 37
Non-credit OTTI on held-to-maturity securities	11	15	37	43
Net unrealized gain (loss) on cash flow hedges	(31)	85	8	91
Post-retirement plans	1	(2)	(7)	1
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (98)</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ (176)</b>	<b>\$ 172</b>

*Net unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities*

We have a substantial unrealized gain position related to our AFS securities portfolio remaining in our AOCI. These unrealized gains decreased during the first nine months of 2015, primarily in our student loan FFELP ABS, due to market-related declines. If we do not sell these securities, the remaining unrealized gain position will eventually reverse to zero within AOCI as they pay down and mature.

*Non-credit OTTI on held-to-maturity securities*

Over the past several years, we have accreted back into the carrying amount of our HTM securities portfolio a portion of the previously incurred non-credit OTTI recorded during the financial crisis. As these securities approach maturity, we expect these unrealized non-credit losses to continue to reverse as principal and interest from the securities are received over time unless there is any further impairment. We also expect the rate of accretion to decline as these securities approach maturity.

*Net unrealized gain (loss) on cash flow hedges*

We had net unrealized gains on cash flow hedges in 2014. During 2015, longer-term market interest rates declined in the first quarter before increasing in excess of the first quarter decline during the second quarter of 2015. The market then turned again in the third quarter of 2015 with a decrease in long term interest rates, creating the unrealized loss for the third quarter. Shorter-term market interest rates remained stable throughout 2014 and 2015. Our cash flow hedges are more sensitive to changes in longer-term market interest rates than to changes in shorter-term market interest rates. We have a substantial unrealized loss position in AOCI related to these cash flow hedges.

*Post-retirement plans*

The unrealized loss in the post-retirement plans for 2015 is due to a revision to the mortality tables we use for our post-retirement healthcare and supplemental defined benefit equalization plan. We do not expect this to be a recurring event and, as this effect is amortized into earnings over the average employment period of several years remaining before retirement, we expect its impact to our results of operations to be immaterial.

For further information on the activity in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) see **Note 12 - Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)** to the financial statements.





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**Statements of Condition**

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Cash and due from banks, interest bearing deposits, Federal Funds sold, and securities purchased under agreement to resell	\$ 5,286	\$ 5,827
Investment securities	24,203	27,260
Advances	35,044	32,485
MPF Loans held in portfolio, net	5,079	6,057
Other	212	212
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 69,824</b>	<b>\$ 71,841</b>
Consolidated obligation discount notes	\$ 37,290	\$ 31,054
Consolidated obligation bonds	26,062	34,251
Subordinated notes	944	944
Other	955	1,067
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>65,251</b>	<b>67,316</b>
Capital stock	1,892	1,902
Total retained earnings	2,640	2,406
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	41	217
<b>Total capital</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>4,525</b>
<b>Total liabilities and capital</b>	<b>\$ 69,824</b>	<b>\$ 71,841</b>

**Cash and due from banks, interest bearing deposits, Federal Funds sold, and securities purchased under agreements to resell**

Amounts held in these accounts will vary each day based on the following:

- Interest rate spreads between Federal Funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell and our debt;
- Liquidity requirements;
- Counterparties available; and
- Collateral availability on securities purchased under agreements to resell.

Our liquidity position was relatively unchanged, as we continue to take advantage of the very low interest rates in the market by issuing debt in the form of short term discount notes and investing it in short term liquid assets.

**Investment Securities**

We are required to obtain FHFA approval for any new investments that have a term to maturity in excess of 270 days until such time as our MBS portfolio is less than three times our total regulatory capital and our advances represent more than 50% of our total assets. At September 30, 2015, our MBS portfolio was 3.55 times our total regulatory capital and our advances represented 50% of our total assets, thus we expect our portfolios to continue to decline over time as a result of this limitation.



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### **Advances**

Member demand for advances has continued to increase modestly in 2015 after a significant increase of \$9.0 billion during 2014. We are finding that our members in Illinois and Wisconsin have experienced increased funding needs as the economic activity in our district continues to improve. In addition, members are taking advantage of the benefits of our Reduced Capitalization Advance Program (RCAP) to lower their cost of borrowing and our dividend policies are designed to make the net cost of borrowing through advances more attractive to our active members. While our advances increased so far in 2015, it is possible that our advances may decrease to the extent our members elect to utilize alternative funding resources.

### **MPF Loans Held in Portfolio, Net**

MPF Loans continued to pay down as expected, a result of our past business strategy to limit the concentration of our MPF Loans. However, we have begun adding new MPF Loans to our portfolio but we do not expect these new MPF Loans to be material enough to offset older loan paydowns in the near-term, but may become so over a longer-term period of time. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we have added \$117 million in new MPF Loans to our portfolio.

In addition to our MPF Loans held in portfolio, we have MPF off-balance sheet products, where we buy and concurrently resell MPF Loans to other third party investors or securitize them into MBS.



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## Liquidity, Funding, & Capital Resources

### Liquidity

For the period ending September 30, 2015, we have maintained a liquidity position in accordance with FHFA regulations and guidance, and policies established by our Board of Directors. Based upon our excess liquidity position described below, we anticipate remaining in compliance with our liquidity requirements. See **Liquidity, Funding, & Capital Resources** on page 49 in our 2014 Form 10-K for a detailed description of our liquidity requirements. We use different measures of liquidity as follows:

**Overnight Liquidity** – Our policy requires us to maintain overnight liquid assets at least equal to 3.5% of total assets. As of September 30, 2015, our overnight liquidity was \$7.2 billion or 10% of total assets, giving us an excess overnight liquidity of \$4.7 billion.

**Deposit Coverage** – To support our member deposits, FHFA regulations require us to have an amount equal to the current deposits invested in obligations of the U.S. Government, deposits in eligible banks or trust companies, or advances with maturities not exceeding five years. As of September 30, 2015, we had excess liquidity of \$37.1 billion to support member deposits.

**Contingency Liquidity** – The cumulative five business day liquidity measurement assumes there is a localized credit crisis for all FHLBs where the FHLBs do not have the ability to issue new consolidated obligations or borrow unsecured funds from other sources (e.g., purchasing Federal Funds or customer deposits). Our net liquidity in excess of our total uses and reserves over a cumulative five-business-day period was \$17.6 billion as of September 30, 2015.

In addition to the liquidity measures discussed above, FHFA guidance requires us to maintain daily liquidity through short-term investments in an amount at least equal to anticipated cash outflows under two different scenarios. We may fund overnight or shorter term investments and advances with discount notes that have maturities that extend beyond the maturities of the related investments or advances. For a discussion of how this may impact our earnings, see page 23 in the **Risk Factors** section of our 2014 Form 10-K.

### Funding

#### *Conditions in Financial Markets*

During the third quarter of 2015, much of the focus in the financial markets was on a potential rate increase at the September Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting. The FOMC did not raise rates, and the 10-year Treasury fell nearly 40 basis points over the course of the quarter ending at 2.04%. Many analysts are currently forecasting that the FOMC will not raise rates until 2016 due to lower GDP growth assumptions. We maintained ready access to funding during the third quarter.

In October, the U.S. Treasury projected that the statutory “debt ceiling” limit would be reached in the first half of November. We continue to monitor the political uncertainty in Washington, D.C. At the beginning of the fourth quarter we started building our liquidity position and extending the terms of our borrowings so that we are better able to meet members’ funding requests during all political and economic scenarios.

#### *Cash flows from operating activities*

Our operating assets and liabilities support our mission to provide our member shareholders competitively priced funding, a reasonable return on their investment in our capital stock, and support for community investment activities. Operating assets and liabilities can vary significantly in the normal course of business due to the amount and timing of cash flows, which are affected by member-driven activities and market conditions. We believe cash flows from operations, available cash balances and our ability to generate cash through short- and long-term borrowings are sufficient to fund our operating liquidity needs. Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities was \$375 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This resulted from net income adjusted for non-cash adjustments, which primarily is attributable to a positive net change in the fair value of derivatives and hedging activities.

#### *Cash flows from investing activities*

Our investing activities predominantly include advances, MPF Loans held for investment, investment securities, and other short-term interest-earning assets. Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities was \$2.2 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This resulted primarily from a net decrease in federal funds sold, maturities related to held-to-maturity and



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available-for-sale investment securities, and principal collected on MPF Loans held in portfolio, partially offset by a net increase in advances funded during the period. The net increase in advances and the shift away from investment securities is consistent with our objective to make advances to our members our primary business.

*Cash flows from financing activities*

Our financing activities primarily reflect cash flows related to issuing and repaying consolidated obligations. Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities was \$(2.3) billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This was primarily driven by paydowns in excess of issuances related to our consolidated obligation bonds partially offset by a net increase in our consolidated obligation discount notes. The shift to discount note funding was driven by increased demand from our members for short term advances as well as taking advantage of very low short-term interest rates in the market.

*Consolidated Obligation Bonds and Discount Notes*

We fund our assets principally with consolidated obligations (bonds and discount notes) issued through the Office of Finance, and capital stock. Consolidated obligations have GSE status although they are not obligations of the United States and the United States does not guarantee them.

During the first nine months of 2015, we relied more on shorter term discount notes to fund our assets as longer term bonds matured. The shift to discount note funding was driven by increased demand from our members for short term advances as well as taking advantage of funding opportunities in discount notes (versus bonds). For the comparable period in 2014, shorter term discount notes declined significantly as we issued more attractively-priced, longer-termed consolidated obligation bonds.

The following shows our net cash flow issuances (redemptions) by type of consolidated obligation:

Nine months ended September 30,	2015	2014
Discount notes	\$ 6,225	\$ (583)
Bonds	(8,274)	3,003
Total consolidated obligations	<u>\$ (2,049)</u>	<u>\$ 2,420</u>

**Capital Resources**

*Capital Rules*

For capital rules in effect through the third quarter of 2015, see **Capital Rules** on page 53 in our 2014 Form 10-K.

During the third quarter, we announced the approval of our Second Amended and Restated Capital Plan of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, which was implemented by our Board in August and effective as of October 1, 2015 (Capital Plan).

Under our Capital Plan, our stock consists of two sub-classes of stock, Class B1 activity stock and Class B2 membership stock (together, Class B stock), both with a par value of \$100 and redeemable on five years' written notice, subject to certain conditions. Each member is required to own capital stock in an amount equal to the greater of a membership stock requirement or an activity stock requirement. Class B1 activity stock is available for purchase only to support a member's activity stock requirement. Class B2 membership stock is available to be purchased to support a member's membership stock requirement and any activity stock requirement.

Our Capital Plan allows our Board of Directors to set a threshold of between \$10,000 and \$75 million on the amount of Class B2 membership stock that would otherwise be held for membership if a member has advances outstanding that have an activity stock requirement in excess of the threshold amount. In that case, the amount of Class B2 membership stock that exceeds such threshold and is necessary to support advance activity is automatically converted into Class B1 activity stock. Effective October 1, 2015, this threshold was significantly reduced from \$5 million to \$10,000, which means that we will convert to Class B1 activity capital stock any capital stock supporting advances that exceeds the lesser of the member's membership requirement or \$10,000. As a result of this change, more than 99% of our borrowing members held more Class B1 activity stock on October 1, 2015, than they did on September 30, 2015.

The Board of Directors may periodically adjust members' activity stock requirement for certain new advances within a range of 2% and 6% of a member's outstanding advances. Our Board implemented this provision through RCAP as further discussed below. Each member's activity stock requirement remains at 5% for non-RCAP advances.



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In addition, our Capital Plan now allows for an activity stock requirement for MPF Loans acquired for our portfolio within a range of 0% and 6%, which our Board has set at 0%. Should the Board decide to introduce this capital requirement, we intend to notify members sufficiently in advance of the change and apply that change only to future acquisitions.

Our Capital Plan membership stock requirement is the greater of either \$10,000 or 0.85% of a member's mortgage assets, subject to adjustment by the Board within a range of 0.2% to 2% of a member's mortgage assets. A member's investment in membership stock is subject to a cap equal to the lesser of (1) a dollar cap set by the Board within a range of \$10,000 and \$75 million, and (2) 9.9% of our total capital stock outstanding as of the prior December 31. Effective October 1, 2015, the Board reduced the dollar cap on membership stock from \$75 million to \$25 million, which is less than 9.9% of the Bank's total capital stock at December 31, 2014, and thus the operative cap during the remainder of 2015 unless the Board sets a new cap.

Membership stock requirements will continue to be recalculated annually, whereas the activity stock requirement and any automatic conversion of Class B2 membership stock to Class B1 activity stock related to the threshold will apply on a daily basis.

We may only redeem or repurchase capital stock from a member if, following the redemption or repurchase, the member continues to meet its minimum investment requirement and we remain in compliance with our regulatory capital requirements discussed below.

Members that withdraw from membership must wait at least five years after their membership was terminated and all of their capital stock was redeemed or repurchased before being readmitted to membership in any FHLB.

Under the terms of our Capital Plan, our Board of Directors is authorized to amend the Capital Plan, and the FHFA must approve all such amendments before they become effective.

*Reduced Capitalization Advance Program*

Since June 2015, we have offered RCAP on a monthly basis. RCAP allows members to borrow one or more advances with an activity stock requirement of only 2% for the life of the advance instead of the 5% requirement under our capital plan's general provisions, if the new advances represent an incremental increase in a member's overall level of advances and have maturity dates of at least one year.

*Minimum Capital Requirements*

For details on our minimum capital requirements, see **Note 11 - Capital** to the financial statements. As of the date of this filing, we have managed our capital base and assets to remain in compliance with our minimum capital requirements.

*Capital Amounts*

The following table reconciles our capital reported in our statements of condition to the amount of capital stock reported for regulatory purposes. MRCS is included in the calculation of the regulatory capital and leverage ratios but is recorded in Other liabilities in our statements of condition.

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014	Change
Capital stock	\$ 1,892	\$ 1,902	\$ (10)
Total retained earnings	2,640	2,406	234
<b>Total permanent capital</b>	<b>4,532</b>	4,308	<b>224</b>
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	41	217	(176)
<b>Total GAAP capital</b>	<b>\$ 4,573</b>	<b>\$ 4,525</b>	<b>\$ 48</b>
Capital Stock	\$ 1,892	\$ 1,902	\$ (10)
MRCS	9	9	—
Total retained earnings	2,640	2,406	234
<b>Regulatory capital</b>	<b>\$ 4,541</b>	<b>\$ 4,317</b>	<b>\$ 224</b>



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Although we have had no OTTI in 2015, credit deterioration may negatively impact our remaining private-label MBS portfolio. We believe that future impairments of this portfolio are possible if unemployment rates, default, delinquency, or loss rates on mortgages were to increase, or there is a further decline in residential real estate value. We cannot predict if or when such impairments will occur, or the impact such impairments may have on our retained earnings and capital position. See page 28 of the **Risk Factors** section of our 2014 Form 10-K.

We may not pay dividends if we fail to satisfy our minimum capital and liquidity requirements under the FHLB Act and FHFA regulations.

For the second time this year, our Board of Directors increased the dividend declared per share on Class B1 activity stock by 25 basis points. On October 27, 2015, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend at an annualized rate of 2.50% per share of Class B1 activity stock and 0.50% per share of Class B2 membership stock, based on our preliminary financial results for the third quarter of 2015. This dividend, including dividends on mandatorily redeemable capital stock, totals \$7 million and will be paid on November 12, 2015. With this action, the Board continues and enhances the practice of rewarding members that use the Bank's advances and support the financial health of the entire cooperative. Although we continue to work to maintain our financial strength to support a reasonable dividend, any future dividend determination by our Board will be at our Board's sole discretion and will depend on future operating results, our Retained Earnings and Dividend Policy and any other factors the Board determines to be relevant. For further information about our Retained Earnings and Dividend Policy, see **Retained Earnings and Dividend Policy** on page 57 in our 2014 Form 10-K.

We continue to allocate 20% of our net income each quarter to a restricted retained earnings account in accordance with the Joint Capital Enhancement Agreement that we entered into with the other FHLBs, as further discussed in **Joint Capital Enhancement Agreement** on page F-45 in our 2014 Form 10-K.



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## Critical Accounting Policies

The table below identifies our critical accounting policies and estimates and the page number where a detailed description of each can be found in our 2014 Form 10-K.

<i>Overnight Indexed Swaps (OIS)</i>	Page 60
<i>Estimating Fair Value</i>	Page 60
<i>Joint and Several Liability</i>	Page 61

Significant changes in our critical accounting policies from our 2014 Form 10-K are outlined below. Also see **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** and **Note 3 - Recently Issued but Not Yet Adopted Accounting Standards** to the financial statements for the impact of changes in accounting policies and recently issued accounting standards on our financial results.

### *Overnight Indexed Swaps (OIS)*

We started using the OIS curve to determine the fair value of our derivative contracts in the first quarter of 2015. The initial effect of using the OIS curve did not have a material effect on our operating activities or financial statements.



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**Risk Management - Credit Risk**

*Unsecured Short-Term Investments Credit Exposure*

We face credit risk on our unsecured short-term investment portfolio that we maintain to provide funds to meet the credit needs of our members and to maintain liquidity. See **Liquidity** on page 51 for a discussion of our liquidity management. Our policy permits unsecured credit investments that can have maturities up to nine months and can consist of commercial paper, certificates of deposit, and Federal Funds sold.

We actively monitor our credit exposure and the credit quality of each counterparty (which can include our members), including an assessment of each counterparty's financial performance, capital adequacy, sovereign support and the current market perceptions of the counterparty. General macro-economic, political and market conditions may also be considered when deciding on unsecured exposure. As a result of this monitoring activity, we may limit or suspend existing unsecured credit limits.

We do not invest in unsecured financial instruments issued by non-U.S. entities (other than those issued by U.S. branches and agency offices of foreign commercial banks) as we are prohibited from doing so by FHFA regulations. Our unsecured credit exposures to U.S. branches or agency offices of foreign commercial banks include the risk that, as a result of political or economic conditions in a country, the counterparty may be unable to meet their contractual repayment obligations. Our unsecured credit exposures to domestic counterparties and U.S. subsidiaries of foreign commercial banks include the risk that these counterparties have extended credit to foreign counterparties.

The following table presents the credit ratings of our unsecured investment credit exposures by the domicile of the counterparty or the domicile of the counterparty's parent for U.S. branches and agency offices of foreign commercial banks. This table does not reflect the foreign sovereign government's credit rating. The unsecured investment credit exposure presented in the table may not reflect the average or maximum exposure during the period as the table reflects only the balances at period end.

<b>As of September 30, 2015</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Unrated</b>	<b>Total</b>
Domestic U.S. - Interest-Bearing Deposits	\$ —	\$ 560	\$ —	\$ 560
Domestic U.S. - Fed Funds Sold	—	—	20	20
<b>U.S. branches and agency offices of foreign commercial banks:</b>				
Netherlands - Fed Funds Sold	—	400	—	400
Finland - Fed Funds Sold	300	—	—	300
<b>Total unsecured credit exposure</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ 960</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>	<b>\$ 1,280</b>

In the above table no investments were longer than of overnight duration.

*Investment Securities*

We hold a variety of investment securities we believe are low risk and mostly government backed or insured such as GSE debt, and FFELP ABS. There was no material change in the credit ratings of these AA or better rated securities since December 31, 2014, and except for private-label MBS as noted below, we have never taken an impairment charge on these securities. For further details see page 66 in our 2014 Form 10-K.

Our private label MBS are predominantly variable rate securities rated below investment grade BBB. There was no material change in overall credit quality since December 31, 2014, nor have we acquired any new private label MBS. We last had an other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) loss in 2012. For further details see page F-26 and F-27 in our 2014 Form 10-K.





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The following table presents the components of amortized cost of our private label MBS (whether or not impaired), and where applicable, the life-to-date OTTI credit impairment taken over time on some of these securities. For further details, see **Note 5 - Investment Securities - Other-Than-Temporary Impairment Analysis** to the financial statements.

As of September 30, 2015	Unpaid Principal Balance	Life-To-Date OTTI Credit Impairment <sup>a</sup>	Other Adjustments <sup>b</sup>	Amortized Cost
Private label MBS	\$ 1,642	\$ (742)	\$ 317	\$ 1,217

<sup>a</sup> Life-to-date OTTI credit impairment excludes certain adjustments, such as increases in cash flows expected to be collected that have been recognized into net income.

<sup>b</sup> Other Adjustments primarily consists of principal shortfalls and life-to-date accretion of interest related to the discounted present value of previously recognized credit-related impairment losses.

*Member Credit Outstanding*

The following table presents the number of borrowers and secured credit outstanding to our borrowers by rating. Our internal rating reflects our assessment of the default risk associated with a member rather than the risk of loss on the credit outstanding. We manage our credit risk through collateral controls and, based on our risk rating, increase over-collateralization requirements as a member deteriorates. As a result, we have never suffered a credit loss from a member default. Credit outstanding consists primarily of outstanding advances and letters of credit. MPF credit enhancement obligations, member derivative exposures, and other obligations make up the rest. Collateral loan value describes the borrowing capacity assigned to the types of collateral we accept for advances. Collateral loan value does not imply fair value. Of the total credit outstanding, \$34.8 billion were advances (par value) and \$6.4 billion were letters of credit at September 30, 2015, compared to \$32.3 billion and \$3.6 billion at December 31, 2014.

Rating	September 30, 2015					December 31, 2014				
	Number of Borrowers	% of Total	Credit Outstanding	% of Total	Collateral Loan Value	Number of Borrowers	% of Total	Credit Outstanding	% of Total	Collateral Loan Value
1-3	483	95%	\$ 41,002	100%	\$ 113,752	481	92%	\$ 35,651	98%	\$ 76,797
4	7	1%	90	—%	151	15	3%	183	1%	331
5	21	4%	194	—%	326	25	5%	240	1%	388
Total	511	100%	\$ 41,286	100%	\$ 114,229	521	100%	\$ 36,074	100%	\$ 77,516

The significant increases in collateral loan values are due to the updated loan margins we made available to members effective June 25, 2015, large collateral pledges from two of our biggest borrowers and also a change in the qualified collateral report process that made pledging easier to conduct. The majority of borrowers assigned a 4 rating in the above table were required to submit specific collateral listings and the majority of borrowers assigned a 5 rating were required to deliver collateral to us or a third-party custodian on our behalf.

As a result of the collateral and other credit risk mitigation efforts, we believe our credit outstanding is sufficiently well collateralized and we have not recorded an allowance for credit losses on our advances or other credit products in the periods presented.

*MPF Loans*

Our allowance declined in 2015 compared to 2014 primarily as a result of change in regulation by AB 2012-02, for further details see **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** to the financial statements. For details on our allowance for credit losses, please see **Note 8 - Allowance for Credit Losses** to the financial statements.

Mortgage Repurchase Risk

We are exposed to mortgage repurchase risk in connection with our sale of MPF Loans to Fannie Mae under the MPF Xtra product, to third party investors under the MPF Direct product, and to Ginnie Mae for MPF Loans securitized in Ginnie Mae MBS. If a loan eligibility requirement or other warranty is breached, these third parties could require us to repurchase the ineligible MPF Loan or provide an indemnity. We may require the PFI from which we purchased the ineligible MPF Loan to repurchase that loan from us or indemnify us for related losses. Under the MPF Direct product, if a PFI is insolvent, our repurchase liability is limited to a PFI's failure to deliver the required loan documentation and excludes repurchases for breaches of loan level



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representations and warranties. In addition, if we purchased the ineligible MPF Loan from a PFI of another MPF Bank, the MPF Bank will indemnify us for any losses we may incur.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we have repurchased \$4 million and \$17 million of unpaid principal balances related to MPF Xtra loans sold to Fannie Mae. These repurchases represent repurchase requests that have been resolved during the reporting period. Due to recoveries from PFIs, we incurred no material losses on these loans. As of September 30, 2015, we have \$43 million of unpaid principal with respect to mortgage loans that represent unresolved claims with Fannie Mae, in which a repurchase demand may occur compared to \$62 million at December 31, 2014; see **Note 14 - Commitments and Contingencies** to the financial statements. We did not estimate any mortgage repurchase liability with respect to MPF Direct loans due to the pre-purchase due diligence performed by the investor of all MPF Loans purchased under the MPF Direct product. We did not estimate any mortgage repurchase liability with respect to MPF Government MBS loans due to the minimal volume of MPF Loans securitized in Ginnie Mae MBS as of September 30, 2015.

For further details, see **Mortgage Repurchase Risk** on page 74 in our 2014 Form 10-K.

*Derivative counterparties*

We transact most of our derivatives with large banks and major broker-dealers. Derivative transactions may be either over-the-counter with a counterparty (bilateral derivatives) or over-the-counter cleared through an FCM with a derivatives clearing organization (clearinghouse).

We are subject to credit risk due to the risk of nonperformance by counterparties to our derivative agreements. The amount of credit risk on derivatives depends on the extent to which netting procedures, collateral requirements and other credit enhancements are used and are effective in mitigating the risk. We manage credit risk through credit analysis, collateral management and other credit enhancements. We are also required to follow the requirements set forth by applicable regulation.

**Bilateral Derivatives.** We are subject to credit risk due to nonperformance by counterparties to derivative agreements. We require collateral on bilateral derivative agreements. The amount of net unsecured credit exposure that is permissible with respect to a counterparty depends on the credit rating of that counterparty. The counterparty must deliver collateral to us if the total market value of our exposure to that counterparty rises above a specific trigger point. As a result of these risk mitigation initiatives, we do not anticipate any credit losses on our bilateral derivative agreements with counterparties as of September 30, 2015.

**Cleared Derivatives.** We are subject to credit risk due to nonperformance by the clearinghouse. The requirement that we post initial and variation margin through the FCM, on behalf of the clearinghouse, exposes us to institutional credit risk in the event that the FCM or the clearinghouse fails to meet their obligations. Clearing derivatives through a clearinghouse mitigates counterparty credit risk exposure because individual counterparties are replaced by the central clearinghouse counterparty and collateral is posted daily for changes in the value of cleared derivatives. We do not anticipate any credit losses on our cleared derivatives as of September 30, 2015.

The contractual or notional amount of derivative agreements reflects our involvement in the various classes of financial instruments. Our maximum credit risk with respect to derivative agreements is the estimated cost of replacing interest-rate swaps, forward agreements and purchased caps and floors if the counterparty defaults, minus the value of any related collateral. In determining maximum credit risk, we consider, with respect to each counterparty, accrued interest receivables and payables as well as the legal right to net assets and liabilities.



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The following table presents only our derivative positions with net credit exposure. Rating used was the lowest rating among the three largest NRSROs. Non-cash collateral pledged consists of initial margin we posted through our FCMs, on behalf of the clearinghouses for cleared derivatives. Non-cash collateral pledged is included in our derivative positions with credit exposure.

	Net Derivatives Fair Value Before Collateral	Cash Collateral Pledged	Non-cash Collateral Pledged	Net Credit Exposure to Counterparties
<b>As of September 30, 2015</b>				
<b>Asset positions with credit exposure -</b>				
Bilateral derivatives -				
A rated	\$ 4	\$ (4)	\$ —	\$ —
<b>Liability positions with credit exposure -</b>				
Cleared derivatives	(185)	184	58	57
<b>Net with non-member counterparties</b>	<b>(181)</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>
Member institutions	1	—	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (180)</b>	<b>\$ 180</b>	<b>\$ 58</b>	<b>\$ 58</b>
<b>As of December 31, 2014</b>				
<b>Asset positions with credit exposure -</b>				
Bilateral derivatives -				
A rated	\$ 7	\$ (6)	\$ —	\$ 1
<b>Liability positions with credit exposure -</b>				
Bilateral derivatives -				
A rated	(16)	16	—	—
Cleared derivatives	(166)	168	71	73
<b>Net with non-member counterparties</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74</b>
Member institutions	3	—	—	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (172)</b>	<b>\$ 178</b>	<b>\$ 71</b>	<b>\$ 77</b>



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## **Legislative and Regulatory Developments**

Significant regulatory actions and developments for the period covered by this report are summarized below.

### **Joint Final Rule on Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities**

In October 2015, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Farm Credit Administration, and the FHFA (each an Agency and, collectively, the Agencies) jointly adopted final rules to establish minimum margin and capital requirements for registered swap dealers, major swap participants, security-based swap dealers, and major security-based swap participants (Swap Entities) that are subject to the jurisdiction of one of the Agencies (such entities, Covered Swap Entities, and the joint final rules, the Final Margin Rules).

When they take effect, the Final Margin Rules will subject non-cleared swaps and non-cleared security-based swaps between Covered Swap Entities and financial end users that have material swaps exposure (i.e., an average daily aggregate notional of \$8 billion or more in non-cleared swaps calculated in accordance with the Final Margin Rules), to a mandatory two-way minimum initial margin requirement. The minimum amount of the initial margin required to be posted or collected would be either the amount calculated by the Covered Swap Entity using a standardized schedule set forth as an appendix to the Final Margin Rules, which provides the gross initial margin (as a percentage of total notional exposure) for certain asset classes, or an internal margin model of the Covered Swap Entity conforming to the requirements of the Final Margin Rules that is approved by the Agency having jurisdiction over the particular Covered Swap Entity.

The Final Margin Rules specify the types of collateral that may be posted or collected as initial margin for non-cleared swaps and non-cleared security-based swaps with financial end-users (generally cash, certain government and GSE securities, certain liquid debt, certain equity securities, certain eligible publicly traded debt, and gold), and set forth haircuts for certain collateral asset classes. Initial margin must be segregated with an independent, third-party custodian and, generally, may not be rehypothecated, except that, cash funds may be placed with a custodian bank in return for a general deposit obligation under certain specified circumstances.

The Final Margin Rules will require minimum variation margin to be exchanged daily for non-cleared swaps and non-cleared security-based swaps between Covered Swap Entities and all financial end-users (without regard to the swaps exposure of the particular financial end-user). The minimum variation margin amount is the daily mark-to-market change in the value of the swap to the Covered Swap Entity, taking into account variation margin previously posted or collected. For non-cleared swaps and security-based swaps between Covered Swap Entities and financial end-users, variation margin may be posted or collected in cash or non-cash collateral that is considered eligible for initial margin purposes. Variation margin is not subject to segregation with an independent, third-party custodian, and may, if permitted by contract, be rehypothecated.

The variation margin requirement under the Final Margin Rules will become effective for the Bank on March 1, 2017, and the initial margin requirement under the Final Margin Rules is expected to become effective for the Bank on September 1, 2020.

The Bank is not a Covered Swap Entity under the Final Margin Rules. But, the Bank is a financial end-user under the Final Margin Rules, and would likely have material swaps exposure when the initial margin requirements under the Final Margin Rules become effective.

Because we are currently posting and collecting variation margin on non-cleared swaps, it is not anticipated that the variation margin requirement under the Final Margin Rules will have a material impact on our costs. However, when the initial margin requirements under the Final Margin Rules become effective, we anticipate that our cost of engaging in non-cleared swaps may increase.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and the SEC are expected to adopt their own versions of the Final Margin Rules that will be comparable to the Final Margin Rules. The CFTC's and SEC's rules will only apply to a limited number of registered swap dealers, security-based swap dealers, major swap participants, and major security-based swap participants that are not subject to the jurisdiction of one of the Agencies.



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#### **FHFA Core Mission Achievement Advisory Bulletin 2015-05**

On July 14, 2015, the FHFA issued an advisory bulletin that provides guidance relating to a core mission asset ratio by which the FHFA will assess each FHLB's core mission achievement. The FHFA plans to assess core mission achievement by using a ratio of primary mission assets, which includes advances and mortgage loans acquired from members (also referred to as acquired member assets), to consolidated obligations. The core mission asset ratio will be calculated at year-end 2015, and annually thereafter as part of the FHFA's examination process, using annual average par values.

The advisory bulletin provides the FHFA's expectations for each FHLB's strategic plan based on its ratio, which are:

- when the ratio is at least 70% or higher, the strategic plan should include an assessment of the FHLB's prospects for maintaining this level;
- when the ratio is between 55% but less than 70%, the strategic plan should explain the FHLB's plan to increase its mission focus; and
- when the ratio is below 55%, the strategic plan should include an explanation of the circumstances that caused the ratio to be at that level and detailed plans to increase the ratio. The advisory bulletin provides that if an FHLB maintains a ratio below 55% over the course of several consecutive reviews, then the FHLB's board of directors should consider possible strategic alternatives.

Our core mission activities primarily include the issuance of advances. In addition, we acquire member assets through the MPF Program. We expect our core mission achievement ratio at year-end will be between 55% and 70%.



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**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

**Measurement of Market Risk Exposure**

To measure our exposure, we discount the cash flows generated from modeling the terms and conditions of all interest rate-sensitive securities using current interest rates to determine their fair values or spreads to the swap curve for securities where third party prices are used. This includes considering explicit and embedded options using a lattice model or Monte Carlo simulation. We estimate yield curve, option, and basis risk exposures by calculating the fair value change in relation to various parallel changes in interest rates, implied volatility, prepayment speeds, spreads to the swap curve and mortgage rates.

The table below summarizes our sensitivity to various interest rate risk exposures in terms of changes in market value.

	Yield Curve Risk		Option Risk		Basis Risk					
			Implied Volatility	Prepayment Speeds	Spread to Swap Curve	Mortgage Spread				
<b>As of September 30, 2015</b>										
Advances	\$	(3)	\$	—	\$	(9)	\$	—		
MPF Loans		(1)		(2)		(3)		(2)	1	
Mortgage Backed Securities		(5)		(1)		(1)		(6)	—	
Other interest earning assets		(1)		—		—		(3)	—	
Interest-bearing liabilities		6		5		—		6	—	
Derivatives		4		(3)		—		—	—	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(4)</b>		<b>n/m</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>As of December 31, 2014</b>										
Advances	\$	(3)	\$	—	\$	—	\$	(11)	\$	—
MPF Loans		(1)		(3)		(3)		(2)		1
Mortgage Backed Securities		(6)		(1)		(1)		(7)		—
Other interest earning assets		(1)		—		—		(4)		—
Interest-bearing liabilities		10		12		—		9		—
Derivatives		2		(9)		—		—		—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(4)</b>		<b>n/m</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1</b>

n/m Spread movements to the swap curve within each category are independent of the other categories and therefore a total is not meaningful.

*Yield curve risk* – Change in market value for a one basis point parallel increase in the swap curve.

*Option risk (implied volatility)* – Change in market value for a one percent parallel increase in the swaption volatility.

*Option risk (prepayment speeds)* – Change in market value for a one percent increase in prepayment speeds.

*Basis risk (spread to swap curve)* – Change in market value for a one basis point parallel increase in the spread to the swap curve.

*Basis risk (mortgage spread)* – Change in market value for a one basis point increase in mortgage rates.

As of September 30, 2015, our sensitivity to changes in implied volatility was \$(1) million. At December 31, 2014, our sensitivity to changes in implied volatility was \$(1) million. These sensitivities are limited in that they do not incorporate other risks, including but not limited to, non-parallel changes in yield curves, prepayment speeds, and basis risk related to differences between the swap and the other curves. Option positions embedded in our mortgage assets and callable debt impact our yield curve risk profile, such that swap curve changes significantly greater than one basis point cannot be linearly interpolated from the table above.



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Duration of equity is another measure to express interest rate sensitivity. We report the results of our duration of equity calculations to the FHFA each quarter. We measure duration of equity in a base case using the actual yield curve as of a specified date and then shock it with an instantaneous shift of the entire curve. The following table presents the duration of equity reported by us to the FHFA in accordance with the FHFA's guidance, which prescribes that down and up interest-rate shocks equal 200 basis points. The results are shown in years of duration equity.

September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
Down 200 bps	Base	Up 200 bps	Down 200 bps	Base	Up 200 bps
3.2	1.3	0.8	3.2	-0.3	0.2

Duration gap is another measure of interest rate sensitivity. Duration gap is calculated by dividing the dollar duration of equity by the fair value of assets. A positive duration gap indicates an exposure to rising interest rates. As of September 30, 2015, our duration gap was 1.0 months, compared to -0.2 months as of December 31, 2014.

As of September 30, 2015, on a U.S. GAAP basis, our fair value surplus (relative to book value) was \$351 million, and our market value of equity to book value of equity ratio was 108%. At December 31, 2014, our fair value surplus was \$618 million and our market value of equity to book value of equity ratio was 114%. The reduction in market value to book value was partly driven by the increase in our capital and the gradual pay down of assets at a fair value premium to book value that are replaced by assets at par. This is a trend that is expected to continue. Our market to book value of total capital for regulatory risk-based capital purposes differs from this GAAP calculation, as discussed in **Note 11 - Capital**.

Our Asset/Liability Management Committee provides oversight of risk management practices and policies. This includes routine reporting to senior management and the Board of Directors, as well as maintaining the Market Risk Policy, which defines our interest rate risk limits. The table below reflects the change in market risk limits under the Market Risk Policy.

Scenario as of	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Change in Market Value of Equity	Loss Limit	Change in Market Value of Equity	Loss Limit
-200 bp	\$ 119.6	\$ (185.0)	\$ 118.6	\$ (185.0)
-100 bp	95.5	(77.5)	28.5	(77.5)
-50 bp	48.9	(30.0)	(0.6)	(30.0)
-25 bp	22.6	(15.0)	(2.4)	(15.0)
+25 bp	(12.7)	(30.0)	4.1	(30.0)
+50 bp	(23.0)	(60.0)	9.2	(60.0)
+100 bp	(42.7)	(155.0)	12.9	(155.0)
+200 bp	(78.3)	(370.0)	7.0	(370.0)



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(Dollars in millions except per share amounts unless otherwise indicated)

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

##### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report (the Evaluation Date). Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded as of the Evaluation Date that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective such that information relating to us that is required to be disclosed in reports filed with the SEC (i) is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

##### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

For the current year quarter presented in this Form 10-Q, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

##### **Consolidated Obligations**

Our disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures for accumulating and communicating information relating to our joint and several liability for the consolidated obligations of other FHLBs. For further information, see **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures** on page 85 of our 2014 Form 10-K.





## **PART II - OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

On October 15, 2010, the Bank instituted litigation relating to 64 private label MBS bonds purchased by the Bank in an aggregate original principal amount of \$4.29 billion. The litigation was brought in state court in the states of Washington, California and Illinois. The Washington action has been resolved and was dismissed with prejudice on December 5, 2013. The California action has been resolved and was dismissed with prejudice on January 27, 2014. The Illinois action, which currently relates to nine private label MBS bonds with an aggregate original principal amount of \$494 million, is proceeding in discovery.

In the Illinois action, the Bank asserts claims for untrue or misleading statements in the sale of securities, signing or circulating securities documents that contained material misrepresentations, and negligent misrepresentation. The Bank seeks the remedies of rescission, recovery of damages, and recovery of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit. As of October 31, 2015, defendants in the Illinois litigation include the following entities and affiliates thereof: Goldman Sachs & Co. and Morgan Stanley & Co., Incorporated.

The Bank may also be subject to various other legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business. After consultation with legal counsel, management is not aware of any other proceedings that might have a material effect on the Bank's financial condition or results of operations.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

In addition to the information presented in this report, readers should carefully consider the factors set forth in the **Risk Factors** section on page 19 in our 2014 Form 10-K, which could materially affect our business, financial condition, or future results. These risks are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also severely affect us.



**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.**

Not applicable.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.**

None.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information.**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits.**

- 4.1 Second Amended and Restated Capital Plan of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, effective October 1, 2015<sup>1</sup>
- 31.1 Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by the Principal Executive Officer
- 31.2 Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by the Principal Financial Officer
- 32.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by the Principal Executive Officer
- 32.2 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by the Principal Financial Officer
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

<sup>1</sup> Filed with our 8-K Current Report on August 31, 2015

**Glossary of Terms**

**Advances:** Secured loans to members.

**ABS:** Asset-backed-securities.

**AFS:** Available-for-sale securities.

**AOCI:** Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income.

**Capital Plan:** The Second Amended and Restated Capital Plan of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, effective as of October 1, 2015.

**CDFI:** Community development financial institution.

**Consolidated Obligations (CO):** FHLB debt instruments (bonds and discount notes) which are the joint and several liability of all FHLBs; issued by the Office of Finance.

**Consolidated obligation bonds:** Consolidated obligations that make periodic interest payments with a term generally over one year, although we have issued for terms of less than one year.

**Discount notes:** Consolidated obligations with a term of one year or less, which sell at less than their face amount and are redeemed at par value when they mature.

**Dodd-Frank Act:** Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, enacted July 21, 2010.

**Excess capital stock:** Capital stock held by members in excess of their minimum investment requirement.

**Fannie Mae:** Federal National Mortgage Association.

**FASB:** Financial Accounting Standards Board.

**FCM:** Futures Commission Merchant.

**FDIC:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**FFELP:** Federal Family Education Loan Program.

**FHA:** Federal Housing Administration.

**FFHA:** Federal Housing Finance Agency - The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 enacted on July 30, 2008 created the Federal Housing Finance Agency which became the regulator of the FHLBs.

**FHLB Act:** The Federal Home Loan Bank Act of 1932, as amended.

**FHLBs:** The 11 Federal Home Loan Banks or subset thereof.

**FHLB System:** The 11 FHLBs and the Office of Finance.

**FHLBC:** The Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago

**Freddie Mac:** Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

**GAAP:** Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

**Ginnie Mae:** Government National Mortgage Association.

**Ginnie Mae MBS:** Mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Ginnie Mae.



**Government Loans:** Mortgage loans insured or guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) or Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service (RHS).

**GSE:** Government sponsored enterprise.

**Housing Act:** Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, enacted July 30, 2008.

**HUD:** Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**HTM:** Held-to-maturity securities.

**LIBOR:** London Interbank Offered Rate.

**Master Commitment (MC):** Pool of MPF Loans purchased or funded by an MPF Bank.

**MBS:** Mortgage-backed securities.

**Moody's:** Moody's Investors Service.

**MPF<sup>®</sup>:** Mortgage Partnership Finance.

**MPF Banks:** FHLBs that participate in the MPF program.

**MPF Direct product:** The MPF Program product under which we acquire jumbo MPF Loans from PFIs and concurrently resell them to a third party investor.

**MPF Government MBS product:** The MPF Program product under which we aggregate Government Loans acquired from PFIs in order to issue securities guaranteed by the Ginnie Mae that are backed by such Government Loans.

**MPF Loans:** Conforming conventional and government fixed-rate mortgage loans secured by one-to-four family residential properties with maturities from five to 30 years or participations in such mortgage loans that are acquired under the MPF Program.

**MPF Program:** A secondary mortgage market structure that provides liquidity to FHLB members that are PFIs through the purchase or funding by an FHLB of MPF Loans.

**MPF Xtra<sup>®</sup> product:** The MPF Program product under which we acquire MPF Loans from PFIs and concurrently resell them to Fannie Mae.

**MRCS:** mandatorily redeemable capital stock.

**NRSRO:** Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization.

**Office of Finance:** A joint office of the FHLBs established to facilitate issuing and servicing of consolidated obligations.

**OIS:** Fed Funds Effective Swap Rate (or Overnight Index Swap Rate).

**OTTI:** Other-than-temporary impairment.

**PFI:** Participating Financial Institution. A PFI is a member (or eligible housing associate) of an MPF Bank that has applied to and been accepted to do business with its MPF Bank under the MPF Program.

**PMI:** Primary Mortgage Insurance.

**RCAP:** Reduced Capitalization Advance Program.

**Regulatory capital:** Regulatory capital stock plus retained earnings.

**Regulatory capital stock:** The sum of the paid-in value of capital stock and mandatorily redeemable capital stock.



**REO:** Real estate owned.

**RHS:** Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service.

**System:** The Federal Home Loan Bank System consisting of the 11 Federal Home Loan Banks and the Office of Finance.

**VA:** Department of Veteran's Affairs.



**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CHICAGO**

/s/ Matthew R. Feldman

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By: Matthew R. Feldman

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 6, 2015

/s/ Roger D. Lundstrom

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By: Roger D. Lundstrom

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: November 6, 2015