

Guaranteed REMIC Pass-Through Certificates

The Certificates

We, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Fannie Mae, will issue and guarantee the certificates. Each series of certificates will have its own identification number and will represent the ownership of a trust. The assets of the trust will include certain underlying securities typically issued and guaranteed by us or by Ginnie Mae. These underlying securities represent the ownership of pools of residential mortgage loans secured by single-family properties. Each series of certificates will consist of two or more classes having various characteristics.

Fannie Mae Guaranty

We will guarantee that required payments of interest and principal on the certificates are distributed to investors on time. Neither the certificates nor interest on the certificates are guaranteed by the United States, and they do not constitute a debt or obligation of the United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities other than Fannie Mae.

REMIC Status

For federal income tax purposes, we will elect to treat each trust as at least one "real estate mortgage investment conduit," commonly referred to as a REMIC. At least one class of certificates in each series will be the "residual interest" in a REMIC; the others will be the "regular interests."

Consider carefully the risk factors beginning on page 10. Unless you understand and are able to tolerate these risks, you should not invest in the certificates.

The certificates are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933 and are "exempted securities" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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^{*} Beginning with the section of this prospectus entitled "Description of the Certificates," we often use certain capitalized terms that are defined in this prospectus. The Index of Defined Terms tells you the numbers of the pages where we define these capitalized terms.

INFORMATION ABOUT PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENTS

We will prepare a prospectus supplement for each series of certificates. The disclosure documents for any particular series of certificates are this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement together with any information incorporated in these documents by reference as discussed below under the heading "Additional Information about Fannie Mae." Because the prospectus supplement will contain specific information about a particular series of certificates, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement to the extent it is different from the information in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement for each series generally will include the following information:

- the aggregate principal amount and interest rate (or method of calculating the interest rate) of each class of certificates;
- whether any class of certificates is an accrual class;
- a description of the underlying securities, including their interest rates, if any, and, if applicable, the range of their weighted average coupons and/or the range of the weighted average maturities of the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities;
- the method for calculating how much principal will be paid on each class of certificates;
- whether a class represents a "regular interest" or a "residual interest" in a REMIC;
- the monthly distribution date for the certificates;
- the final distribution date for each class of certificates;
- a table for each class of certificates showing what percentage of the original principal balance would be outstanding on various dates based on various assumed prepayment rates for the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities; and
- if any certificates will not be maintained on the book-entry system of the U.S. Federal Reserve Banks, a description of the book-entry system on which those certificates will be maintained.

In connection with the initial distribution of a particular series of certificates, you should obtain a copy of this prospectus (if it has not yet been delivered to you) and the related prospectus supplement from the securities dealer offering that series. We also make copies of these documents available for informational purposes. Write us at Fannie Mae, 3900 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Area 2H-3S, Washington, D.C. 20016 or call the Fannie Mae Helpline at 1-800-237-8627 or (202) 752-6547. You also can access our World Wide Web site at http://www.fanniemae.com. The prospectus supplement is generally available three to five business days before settlement of the related series of certificates.

FANNIE MAE

Fannie Mae is a federally chartered and stockholder-owned corporation organized and existing under the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1716 et seq. (the "Fannie Mae Charter Act"). We were established in 1938 as a United States government agency to provide supplemental liquidity to the mortgage market and were transformed into a stockholder-owned and privately managed corporation by legislation enacted in 1968. Today, we are the largest investor in residential mortgage loans in the United States.

We provide funds to the mortgage market by purchasing mortgage loans from lenders. In this way, we replenish their funds so they can make additional loans. We acquire funds to purchase these loans by issuing debt securities to capital market investors, many of whom ordinarily would not invest in mortgages. Thus, we are able to expand the total amount of funds available for housing.

We also issue mortgage-backed certificates, receiving guaranty fees for our guaranty of timely payment of principal and interest on the certificates. We issue certificates primarily in exchange for pools of mortgage loans from lenders. By issuing certificates, we can further our statutory mandate to increase the liquidity of residential mortgage loans.

In addition, we offer various services to lenders and others for a fee. These services include issuing certain types of mortgage-backed certificates and providing technology services for originating and underwriting mortgage loans.

Our principal office is located at 3900 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 (telephone: (202) 752-7000).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT FANNIE MAE

In addition to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, you also should read:

- our current Information Statement dated March 31, 1998;
- the Supplements to the Information Statement dated May 15, 1998 and August 13, 1998 and any more current Information Statement.

These documents contain important financial and other information about Fannie Mae which we are incorporating by reference in this prospectus. This means that we are disclosing important information to you by referring to these documents, so you should read them together with this prospectus.

We publish our Information Statement annually and update it from time to time generally to reflect quarterly and annual financial results. When we use the term "Information Statement" in this prospectus, we mean our most recent Information Statement as of the issue date for a particular series of certificates, together with any Supplements to that Information Statement. You should always rely on the most current information.

You can read our Information Statement and other information about us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange. We are not subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, so we do not file reports or other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

You can request free copies of our Information Statement, all the other documents incorporated by reference and additional information about us, without charge, by writing us at Office of Investor Relations, Fannie Mae, 3900 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016, or by calling us at 1-800-701-4791. You also can obtain certain of these documents from our World Wide Web site at http://www.fanniemae.com.

We may discontinue providing any of the information referenced in this section at any time without notice.

SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. As a summary, it must speak in general terms without giving details or discussing any exceptions. Before buying certificates of any series, you should have the complete picture. For that, you must read this prospectus in its entirety, the related prospectus supplement and the prospectuses for the underlying securities.

Title of Security...... Guaranteed REMIC Pass-Through Certificates

Issuer and Guarantor Fannie Mae, a federally chartered and stockholder-owned

corporation. Neither the certificates nor interest on the certificates are guaranteed by the United States, and they do not constitute a debt or obligation of the United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities other than Fannie Mae. We alone are responsible for making

payments on our guaranty.

Description of Certificates . . We will issue and guarantee the certificates of each series.

Each certificate will represent an ownership interest in a trust

consisting of certain underlying securities.

As trustee, we will maintain each trust under a trust agreement. We have executed the trust agreement, and will execute any applicable issue supplement for a particular series, both in

our corporate capacity and as trustee.

Denominations In general, we will issue the certificates only in whole dollar

amounts in minimum denominations of \$1,000.

Book-Entry Form We will issue the certificates (except for "residual" certifi-

cates) in book-entry form on the book-entry system of the U.S. Federal Reserve Banks, unless we specify a different system in the related prospectus supplement. The book-entry

certificates will not be convertible into physical certificates.

Underlying Securities In general, each underlying security will represent a fractional

undivided interest in a pool of first lien residential mortgage loans. The underlying securities will be securities that we have previously issued and guaranteed or other securities, including Government National Mortgage Association (or Ginnie Mae)

certificates, that the prospectus supplement will specify.

Interest Payments Each interest-bearing class of certificates will accrue interest

at the annual rate set forth in the related prospectus supplement. In general, we will pay interest on all interest-bearing classes on the monthly distribution date specified in the related prospectus supplement. This payment will equal the amount of interest that has accrued during the related interest accrual period.

Principal Payments.....

In general, we will distribute principal on each series of certificates on each monthly distribution date in a total amount equal to the sum of the following:

(i) if we issued and guaranteed the underlying securities, the amount of principal that we have paid on the underlying securities since the previous monthly distribution date;

if Ginnie Mae issued and guaranteed the underlying securities, the amount of principal expected to be paid by Ginnie Mae for the month in which the monthly distribution date occurs plus any principal paid during the prior month that we have not yet passed through to certificate-holders; and

(ii) interest on any accrual classes that accrued during the previous interest accrual period but is not then distributable as interest.

The prospectus supplement for each series will specify how we determine the total principal payment for each monthly distribution date and how the total principal payment is allocated among the classes of certificates of that series. In general, we will make principal payments on all the certificates of any single class on a *pro rata* basis.

Final Distribution Date ...

We will specify in the prospectus supplement the date by which we have to pay the principal balance in full of each class of certificates of that series. Because we cannot predict the prepayment experience of the underlying securities or the mortgage loans backing them, we may make the actual final payment on any class of certificates much earlier than the final distribution date specified in the prospectus supplement.

Residual Certificates

On each monthly distribution date, we will pay to the holders of each "residual" certificate of a particular series the amount of principal and interest, if any, specified in the related prospectus supplement. In addition, we will pay these holders the proceeds of any remaining assets of the related REMIC after the principal balances of all the other classes of certificates have been reduced to zero.

Each residual certificate will be subject to transfer restrictions.

Fannie Mae Guaranty....

On each monthly distribution date, we will pay certificateholders the amount of principal and interest described in the related prospectus supplement. In addition, we will pay the holders of each class of certificates the outstanding principal balance of their certificates, if any, no later than the final distribution date for that class, even if we have less than the required amount in the related trust account. If we were unable to fulfill our guaranty obligations, certificateholders would receive only whatever distributions are made on the underlying securities of that series. Except in the case of Ginnie Mae certificates, those distributions would be limited to borrower payments and other recoveries on the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities. In that event, delinquencies and defaults on the mortgage loans would directly affect the amounts that certificateholders would receive each month.

Trust Account

We will maintain a trust account for each series into which we will deposit all distributions on the underlying securities. We will withdraw amounts from the trust account to make principal and interest payments on the related series of certificates on each monthly distribution date.

Class Factor

Unless we specify otherwise in the related prospectus supplement, on or shortly after the 11th calendar day of each month, we will publish the "class factor" for each class of certificates. If you multiply the applicable class factor by the original principal balance of a class, you will obtain the outstanding principal balance of that class (after giving effect to the current month's principal payment).

Termination

In general, each series trust will terminate once we have made all required principal and interest payments to the related certificateholders.

For federal income tax purposes, we will elect to treat the assets of each series trust as at least one REMIC. The certificates will be treated as "regular or residual interests in a REMIC" for domestic building and loan associations, as "real estate assets" for real estate investment trusts and, except for any residual certificates, as "qualified mortgages" for other REMICs.

Special tax considerations apply to residual certificates. Investors should not purchase residual certificates before consulting their tax advisors.

Legal Investment

Considerations

Under the Secondary Mortgage Market Enhancement Act of 1984, the certificates will be considered to be "securities issued or guaranteed by . . . the Federal National Mortgage Association." Nevertheless, you should consult your own legal advisors to determine whether and to what extent the certificates of a series constitute legal investments for you.

Marginability; Repurchase

Agreements

The certificates are "exempted securities" for purposes of the margin rules of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the New York Stock Exchange. The margin rules treat transactions in the certificates, including repurchase agreements, in the same manner as transactions in Fannie Mae MBS certificates. However, they do not specify the collateral value of the certificates of any class.

RISK FACTORS

We have listed below some of the risks associated with an investment in the certificates. Because each investor has different investment needs and a different risk tolerance, you should consult your own financial and legal advisors to determine whether the certificates are a suitable investment for you.

Suitability

The certificates are **not** a suitable investment for every investor.

- Before investing, you should have sufficient knowledge and experience to evaluate the merits and risks of the certificates and the information contained in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference.
- You should understand the terms of the certificates thoroughly.
- You should understand the terms of the underlying securities thoroughly.
- You should be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial advisor) the economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect your investment.
- You should have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all risks associated with the certificates.
- You should investigate any legal investment restrictions that may apply to you.

Yield Considerations

Your effective yield on the certificates will depend upon:

- the price you paid for the certificates;
- the level of any interest rate index applicable to the certificates (as specified in the related prospectus supplement);
- how quickly or slowly borrowers prepay the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities;
- if and when the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities are liquidated due to borrower defaults, casualties or condemnations affecting the properties securing those loans;
- if and when the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities are repurchased; and
- the actual characteristics of the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities.

Generally, if you purchase a certificate at a discount and the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities are prepaid at a rate slower than you expected, your yield on that certificate will be less than you expected. Similarly, if you purchase a certificate at a premium and the mortgage loans are prepaid at a rate faster than you expected, your yield on that certificate also will be less than you expected.

Even if the average rate at which principal is paid on the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities is consistent with your expectations, variations in the rate over time can significantly affect your yield. Generally, the earlier the payment of principal, the greater the impact on the yield to maturity. As a result, if the rate of principal prepayment during any period is faster or slower than you expected, a corresponding reduction or increase in the prepayment rate during a later period may not fully offset the impact of the earlier rate on your yield.

The timing of changes in the level of any applicable interest rate index also may have a significant effect on your yield, even if the average level is consistent with your expectations. Generally, the earlier the change in the level of the index, the greater the impact on the yield to maturity. As a result, if the level of the index is higher or lower than you expected, a corresponding reduction or increase in the index during a later period may not fully offset the impact of the earlier level on your yield.

You must make your own decision as to the principal prepayment assumptions you will use in deciding whether to purchase the certificates.

Prepayment Considerations

The rate of principal payments on the certificates of a series will depend on the rate of principal payments on the underlying securities. In turn, this rate will depend on the rate of principal payments on the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities. Principal payments on the mortgage loans may occur as a result of scheduled amortization, voluntary borrower prepayments or prepayments as a result of borrower default, casualties or condemnations affecting the properties securing the loans.

Many mortgage loans provide that the lender can require repayment in full if the borrower sells the property that secures the loan. In this way, home sales by borrowers can affect the rate of prepayment. In addition, borrowers often refinance their loans by obtaining new loans secured by the same properties. Loan refinancing also affects the prepayment rate.

In general, prepayment rates may be influenced by:

- the level of current interest rates relative to the rates borne by the loans in a particular pool,
- homeowner mobility,
- the existence of any prepayment penalties or prepayment restrictions,
- borrower sophistication regarding the benefits of refinancing,

- solicitation by competing lenders, and
- general economic conditions.

Because so many factors will affect the prepayment rate of a pool of mortgage loans, we cannot estimate the prepayment experience of the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities of any series.

Repurchases Due to Breach of Representations and Warranties

The financial institutions that sell us the mortgage loans backing underlying securities issued and guaranteed by Fannie Mae make certain representations and warranties covering the loans. If there is a material breach of these representations and warranties, we may choose to repurchase the affected loans. If we do, we will purchase the mortgage loans at a price equal to their principal balance plus accrued interest at the pass-through rate in the case of fixed-rate mortgage loans or at the accrual rate in the case of adjustable-rate mortgage loans. Our repurchase of mortgage loans from the related pools will have the same effect on the certificateholders as borrower prepayments.

Repurchases Due to Delinquency

We may repurchase from any pool of mortgage loans backing underlying securities issued and guaranteed by Fannie Mae those loans that are delinquent by at least four consecutive monthly payments (or at least eight consecutive biweekly payments). If we do, we will purchase the mortgage loans at a price equal to their principal balance plus accrued interest at the pass-through rate in the case of fixed-rate mortgage loans or at the accrual rate in the case of adjustable-rate mortgage loans. Our repurchase of mortgage loans from the related pools will have the same effect on the certificateholders as borrower prepayments.

Reinvestment Risk

Generally, a borrower may prepay a mortgage loan at any time. As a result, we cannot predict the amount of principal payments on the underlying securities or on the certificates. The certificates may not be an appropriate investment for you if you require a specific amount of principal on a regular basis or on a specific date. Because interest rates fluctuate, you may not be able to reinvest the principal payments on the certificates at a rate of return that is as high as your rate of return on the certificates. You may have to reinvest those funds at a much lower rate of return. You should consider this risk in light of other investments that may be available to you.

Market and Liquidity Considerations

We cannot be sure that a market for resale of the certificates will develop. Further, if a market develops, it may not continue or be sufficiently liquid to allow you to sell your certificates. Even if you are able to sell your certificates, the sale price may not be comparable to similar investments that have a developed market. Moreover, you may not be able to sell

small or large amounts of certificates at prices comparable to those available to other investors.

These risks will be greatest in the case of certificates that are especially sensitive to interest rate or market risks, that are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or that have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. Such certificates are more likely to have a limited market for resale, little or no liquidity and more price volatility than other similar mortgage-backed securities. Limited liquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of these types of certificates.

A number of other factors may affect the resale of certificates, including the following:

- the method, frequency and complexity of calculating principal or interest;
- the average age of the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities;
- the outstanding principal amount of the certificates;
- the amount of certificates offered for resale from time to time;
- any legal restrictions or tax treatment limiting demand for the certificates;
- the availability of comparable securities; and
- the level, direction and volatility of interest rates generally.

The interest rate of an inverse floating rate class of certificates will change in the opposite direction of changes in the specified interest rate index. The prices of such certificates typically are more volatile than those of other similar floating rate mort-gage-backed securities based on the same index with otherwise comparable terms. Increased volatility occurs because an increase in the index not only decreases the interest rate (and consequently the value) of the certificate, but also reflects an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further diminishes the value of such certificate.

The market prices of principal only and interest only classes of certificates fluctuate more in response to changes in interest rates than do the prices of interest-bearing mortgage-backed securities having principal amounts and comparable maturities. Other securities issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount (such as certificates issued with significantly below-market or above-market interest rates) also have higher volatility. Generally, the longer the remaining term to maturity of these types of certificates, the greater their price volatility as compared to interest-bearing mortgage-backed securities having principal amounts and comparable maturities.

You should not purchase certificates unless you understand and are able to tolerate the risk that certain certificates may not be resold easily, that the value of certificates will fluctuate over time, and that these fluctuations may be significant and could result in losses to you. This risk is greatest if your circumstances do not permit you to hold the certificates until maturity.

Exchange Rate Risks

We will make all payments of principal and interest on the certificates in U.S. dollars. If you conduct your financial activities in another currency, an investment in any U.S. dollar-denominated security such as the certificates has significant additional risks. These include the possibility of significant changes in the rate of exchange and the possibility that exchange controls may be imposed. In recent years, the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and certain currencies have been highly volatile. This may continue in the future. If the value of your currency appreciates relative to the value of the U.S. dollar, the yield on the certificates, the value of payments on the certificates and the market value of the certificates all would decline in terms of your currency. A depreciation in the value of your currency relative to the value of the U.S. dollar would have the opposite effect.

Fannie Mae Guaranty Considerations

If we were unable to perform our guaranty obligations, certificateholders would receive distributions only on the related underlying securities. If that happened, distributions generally would be limited to borrower payments and other recoveries on the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities. As a result, delinquencies and defaults on the mortgage loans could directly affect the amounts that certificateholders would receive each month.

DESCRIPTION OF CERTIFICATES

Under the authority contained in Section 304(d) of the Fannie Mae Charter Act, we will issue and guarantee our Guaranteed REMIC Pass-Through Certificates (the "Certificates") of each series and will maintain the related series trust under a trust agreement and any issue supplement for that series (together, the "Trust Agreement"). We will execute the Trust Agreement both in our corporate capacity and as trustee.

Each series of Certificates will consist of two or more classes, which will represent the beneficial ownership interest in the series trust created by the Trust Agreement. This prospectus contains a general description of the rights of the classes of Certificates of each series. The prospectus supplement for each series will provide a more detailed description and disclose the particular terms that apply to that series. Each series trust will consist of (i) underlying securities which represent (directly or indirectly) all or part of the beneficial ownership in pools of single-family residential mortgage loans generally in first-lien position and (ii) the trust account, including all cash and investments in the trust account (the "Trust Account").

We summarize below certain features that are common to the Certificates of each series, unless the related prospectus supplement provides otherwise.

Denominations and Form

We will issue the Certificates of each series that represent "regular interests" in a REMIC ("Regular Certificates") in book-entry form on the book-entry system of the U.S. Federal Reserve Banks unless we specify otherwise in the related prospectus supplement.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York will act as our fiscal agent for book-entry Certificates. We have a fiscal agency agreement in effect with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Under this agreement, the regulations that govern our use of the book-entry system and the pledging and transfer of interests apply to the book-entry Certificates. These regulations may be modified, amended, supplemented, superseded, eliminated or otherwise altered without the consent of any Certificateholder. The Federal Reserve Banks' operating circulars and letters also apply. Book-entry Certificates will have a minimum denomination of \$1,000 with additional increments of one dollar. Each class will be assigned a CUSIP number and will trade separately under that CUSIP number. The book-entry Certificates are freely transferable on the records of any Federal Reserve Bank but are not convertible to physical certificates.

Certificates maintained on the book-entry system of a Federal Reserve Bank can be separately traded and owned. Acting on our behalf, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will make payments on the book-entry Certificates on each monthly distribution date (a "Distribution Date") by crediting accounts on its records (or on the records of other Federal Reserve Banks). Only entities that are eligible to maintain book-entry accounts with a Federal Reserve Bank may hold Certificates "of record," although these entities will not necessarily be the beneficial owners of the Certificates. We refer to holders of record as "Holders" or "Certificateholders."

Ordinarily, beneficial owners will "hold" Certificates through one or more financial intermediaries, such as banks, brokerage firms and securities clearing organizations. A Certificateholder that is not the beneficial owner of a Certificate will establish and maintain accounts for its customers. In the same way, all the other financial intermediaries in the chain to the beneficial owner of that Certificate will be responsible for establishing and maintaining accounts for their customers.

The rights of the beneficial owner of a Certificate with respect to Fannie Mae and the Federal Reserve Banks may be exercised only through a Certificateholder. Neither we nor the Federal Reserve Banks will have any direct obligation to the beneficial owner of a Certificate who is not also a Certificateholder according to the book-entry records maintained by the Federal Reserve Banks. In recording transfers of a Certificate, the Federal Reserve Banks will act only upon the instructions of a Certificateholder.

We will issue the Certificates of each series that represent the "residual interest" in a REMIC (the "Residual Certificates") in fully registered, certificated form. When we use the

¹ Found at 24 C.F.R. Part 81, Subpart E.

term "Holder" or "Certificateholder" in connection with a Residual Certificate, we mean the registered owner of the Certificate. You may transfer and exchange Residual Certificates at the corporate trust office of our transfer agent. We will furnish more specific instructions in the prospectus supplement for the related series. If you transfer or exchange a Residual Certificate and the government imposes a tax or other charge, we may require that you reimburse us. We will make payments on the Residual Certificates of each series in the way described in the related prospectus supplement.

Class Definitions and Abbreviations

Classes of Certificates fall into different categories. The following chart identifies and generally defines most of the categories. The first column of the chart shows our abbreviation for each category. The cover page of each prospectus supplement will identify the categories of classes in that series by using one or more of these abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Category of Class	Definition			
		PRINCIPAL TYPES			
AD	Accretion Directed	Receives principal payments from the accrued and unpaid interest on one or more Accrual or Partial Accrual classes. It also may receive principal payments from principal paid on the underlying securities or other assets of the related series trust.			
AFC	Available Funds	Receives as principal, in addition to other amounts, the interest paid on the underlying assets of the series trust to the extent that the interest exceeds certain required interest distributions on this class as set forth in the prospectus supplement.			
CPT	Component	Consists of two or more segments or "components." The components of a Component class may have different principal payment characteristics but together constitute a single class. Each component of a Component class may be identified as falling into one or more of the categories in this chart.			
NPR	No Payment Residual	A Residual class designed to receive no payments of principal.			
NSJ	Non-Sticky Jump	Has principal payment priorities that change temporarily upon the occurrence of one or more "trigger events." A Non-Sticky Jump class "jumps" to its new priority on each Distribution Date when the trigger condition is met. It reverts to its original priority (<i>i.e.</i> , does not "stick" to the new priority) on each Distribution Date when the trigger condition is not met.			
NTL	Notional	Has no principal balance and bears interest on its notional principal balance. The notional principal balance is used to determine interest distributions on an Interest Only class that is not entitled to principal.			

Abbreviation	Category of Class	<u>Definition</u>
PAC	PAC (or Planned)	Is designed to receive principal payments (or has a notional principal balance that is designed to decline) using a predetermined principal balance schedule (a "Planned Balance"). We derive this schedule by assuming two constant prepayment rates for the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities. These two rates are the endpoints for the "structuring range" of the PAC classes.
PT	Pass-Through	Is designed to receive principal payments in direct relation to actual or scheduled payments on the underlying securities, but is not a Strip class.
SC	Structured Collateral	Is designed to receive principal payments based on the actual distributions on underlying securities representing "regular interests" in a REMIC trust.
SCH	Scheduled	Is designed to receive principal payments (or has a notional principal balance that is designed to decline) using a predetermined principal balance schedule (a "Scheduled Balance") but is not designated as a PAC or TAC class. In many cases, we derive the schedule by assuming two <i>constant</i> prepayment rates for the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities. These two rates are the endpoints for the "structuring range" of the Scheduled class.
SEG	Segment	Is combined, in whole or in part, with one or more classes (or portions of classes) to form a "Segment Group" or an "Aggregate Group" for purposes of allocating certain principal distribution amounts.
SEQ	Sequential Pay	Receives principal payments in a prescribed sequence but without a predetermined schedule. In most cases, it receives payments of principal continuously from the first Distribution Date until the class is retired. A single class that receives principal payments before or after all other classes in the same series of Certificates may be identified as a Sequential Pay class.
SJ	Sticky Jump	Has principal payment priorities that change permanently upon the occurrence of one or more "trigger events." A Sticky Jump class "jumps" to its new priority on the first Distribution Date when the trigger condition is met and retains (<i>i.e.</i> , "sticks" to) that priority until the class is retired.
STP	Strip	Receives a constant proportion, or "strip," of the principal payments on the underlying securities or other assets of the series trust.
SUP	Support (or Companion)	Receives principal payments (or has a notional principal balance that declines) on any Distribution Date only if scheduled payments have been made on specified PAC, TAC and/or Scheduled classes (except that it may also receive principal payments from the accrued and unpaid interest on specified Accrual or Partial Accrual classes).

Abbreviation	Category of Class	<u>Definition</u>
TAC	TAC (or Targeted)	Is designed to receive principal payments (or has a notional principal balance that is designed to decline) using a predetermined principal balance schedule (a "Targeted Balance"). In most cases, we derive this schedule by assuming a single <i>constant</i> prepayment rate for the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities.
XAC	Index Allocation	Has a principal payment allocation that is based on the value of an index.
		INTEREST TYPES
AFC	Available Funds	Receives as interest certain interest and/or principal payments on the underlying assets of the related series trust. These payments may be insufficient on any Distribution Date to cover fully the accrued and unpaid interest on the Certificates of this class at its specified interest rate for the related Interest Accrual Period. In this case, the unpaid interest amount may be carried over to subsequent Distribution Dates (and any unpaid interest amount may itself accrue interest) until, as specified in the related prospectus supplement, payments are sufficient to cover all unpaid interest amounts. It is possible that these insufficiencies will remain unpaid and, if so, they will not be covered by our guaranty.
ARB	Ascending Rate	Has an interest rate that increases one or more times on dates determined before we issue the class.
CPT	Component	Consists of two or more segments or "components." The components of a Component class may have different interest payment characteristics but together constitute a single class. Each component of a Component class may be identified as falling into one or more categories in this chart.
DRB	Descending Rate	Has an interest rate that decreases one or more times on dates determined before we issue the class.
EXE	Excess	Receives any principal and interest paid on the underlying securities or other assets of a REMIC trust in excess of the amount of the principal and interest required to be paid on all classes of Certificates in the series. Excess classes sometimes have specified principal balances but no specified interest rate.
FIX	Fixed Rate	Has an interest rate that is fixed throughout the life of the class.
FLT	Floating Rate	Has an interest rate that resets periodically based upon a designated index and that varies directly with changes in the index.

Abbreviation	Category of Class	Definition
IDC	Index Differential	Bears a floating interest rate computed in part on the basis of the difference (or other specified relationship) between two designated indices (e.g., LIBOR and the Ten-Year Treasury Index).
INV	Inverse Floating Rate	Has an interest rate that resets periodically based upon a designated index and that varies inversely with changes in the index.
IO	Interest Only	Receives some or all of the interest payments made on the underlying securities or other assets of the series trust but little or no principal. Interest Only classes have either a notional or a nominal principal balance. A notional principal balance is the amount used as a reference to calculate the amount of interest due on an Interest Only class. A nominal principal balance represents actual principal that will be paid on the class. It is referred to as nominal since it is extremely small compared to other classes.
NPR	No Payment Residual	A Residual class designed to receive no payments of interest.
PO	Principal Only	Does not bear interest and is entitled to receive only payments of principal.
PZ	Partial Accrual	Accretes a portion of its accrued interest. This accreted amount will be added to the principal balance of the class on each applicable Distribution Date, while the remainder of the accrued interest is distributed currently as interest. Accretion may continue until a specified event has occurred or until the Partial Accrual class is retired.
WAC	Weighted Average Coupon	Has an interest rate that represents an effective weighted average interest rate that may change from period to period. A Weighted Average Coupon class may consist of components, some of which have different interest rates.
Z	Accrual	Accretes the amount of accrued interest otherwise distributable on this class. This accreted amount will be added as principal to the principal balance of the class on each applicable Distribution Date. Accretion may continue until some specified event has occurred or until the Accrual class is retired.
		OTHER TYPES
LIQ	Liquid Asset	Intended to qualify as "liquid assets" for purposes of the liquidity requirements applicable to certain depository institutions, it has a Final Distribution Date not later than five years from the settlement date specified in the related prospectus supplement.
RDM	Redeemable	Certificates that are redeemable directly or indirectly by us as specified in the related prospectus supplement.

Abbreviation	Category of Class	Definition			
RTL	Retail	Designated for sale to retail investors. Retail classes frequently are sold in small "units" or other increments and issued in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company. Retail classes may be entitled to receive distributions of principal in accordance with special priorities and allocation procedures.			

Interest Payments on the Certificates

If the Certificates of a particular class are interest-bearing, they will accrue interest for the periods (each, an "Interest Accrual Period") and at the annual rate specified or described in the related prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement also will indicate the date on which the Certificates of each interest-bearing class begin to accrue interest. Interest will be calculated on the basis of an assumed 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Interest will continue to accrue until we have fully paid the outstanding principal amount of the Certificates of the class. Except in the case of an Accrual class, interest that accrues during an Interest Accrual Period will be paid to Certificateholders on the related Distribution Date specified in the prospectus supplement.

As for Certificates of an Accrual class, the prospectus supplement will describe how and when the interest that accrues during an Interest Accrual Period will be paid. Any accrued interest that is not to be paid on a Distribution Date will be added to the principal balance of each Certificate of that class and, having been converted to principal, will itself begin to accrue interest.

Indexes for Floating Rate Classes and Inverse Floating Rate Classes

General

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the "Index Determination Date" for a Floating Rate or Inverse Floating Rate class means the second business day before the first day of each Interest Accrual Period (other than the initial Interest Accrual Period) for that class. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the term "business day" means any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or any other day on which either the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston authorizes banking institutions in the Second or First Federal Reserve Banking District, respectively, to be closed. For purposes of calculating LIBOR, however, the term "business day" means a day on which banks are open for dealing in foreign currency and exchange in London, Boston and New York City.

LIBOR

If a class of Certificates accrues interest based on the London interbank offered rate ("LIBOR"), we will be responsible for calculating LIBOR on each Index Determination Date using either the LIBO Method or the BBA Method. The prospectus supplement for

each series that has a LIBOR-based class of Certificates will specify the calculation method for that series.

LIBO Method. This method uses the quotations for one-month U.S. dollar deposits offered by the principal London office of each of the Reference Banks as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on each Index Determination Date. We may rely on these quotations as they appear on the Reuters Screen LIBO Page (as defined in the International Swap Dealers Association, Inc. Code of Standard Wording, Assumptions and Provisions for Swaps, 1986 Edition). Alternatively, we may obtain them directly from the Reference Banks.

Under the LIBO Method, LIBOR is calculated on each Index Determination Date as follows:

- If at least two Reference Banks are making quotations, LIBOR for the next Interest Accrual Period shall be the arithmetic mean of those quotations (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest ½ of 1%).
- Otherwise, LIBOR for the next Interest Accrual Period shall be the LIBOR that was determined on the previous Index Determination Date or the Reserve Interest Rate, whichever is higher. The "Reserve Interest Rate" means the annual rate that we determine as the arithmetic mean (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest ½32 of 1%) of the one-month U.S. dollar lending rates that New York City banks (which we select) are then quoting to the principal London offices of at least two of the Reference Banks. If we cannot establish this arithmetic mean, then the Reserve Interest Rate is the lowest one-month U.S. dollar lending rate that New York City banks (which we select) are then quoting to leading European banks.

The prospectus supplement may provide that, if we cannot determine the Reserve Interest Rate for the initial Index Determination Date, as described above, LIBOR will be the rate specified in the prospectus supplement.

The term "Reference Bank" means a leading bank (that we do not control either by ourselves or with a third party) which engages in Eurodollar deposit transactions in the international Eurocurrency market.

BBA Method. Under the BBA Method, LIBOR is calculated on each Index Determination Date based on the Interest Settlement Rate of the British Bankers' Association ("BBA") for one-month U.S. dollar deposits. The "Interest Settlement Rate" is found on Telerate page 3750 as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on that date. Currently, it is based on rates quoted by 16 BBA-designated banks as being, in their view, the offered rate at which these deposits are being quoted to prime banks in the London interbank market. The Interest Settlement Rate is calculated by eliminating the four highest rates and the four lowest rates, averaging the eight remaining rates, carrying the percentage result to six decimal places and rounding to five decimal places.

If we are unable to use the BBA Method on any Index Determination Date, we will use the LIBO Method.

Our calculation of each LIBOR-based interest rate on each Index Determination Date will be final and binding, absent manifest error.

COFI Index

The Eleventh District Costs of Funds or "COFI Index" is published by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco.³ The COFI Index represents the monthly weighted average costs of funds for savings institutions in Arizona, California and Nevada that are members of the Eleventh Federal Home Loan Bank District. The COFI Index for a given month reflects the interest costs paid by these member institutions on all types of funds that they held (such as savings deposits, time deposits, advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, repurchase agreements and all other borrowings). The COFI Index is calculated by dividing the costs of funds by the average of the total funds outstanding at the end of that month and the prior month. That result is then annualized and adjusted to reflect the actual number of days in that month. Sometimes, before these calculations are made, the component figures have to be adjusted to neutralize the effect of events such as a member institution leaving the Eleventh District or acquiring an institution outside the Eleventh District. The COFI Index is also weighted to reflect the relative amounts of each type of funds that the member institutions held at the end of that month.

Because these funds mature at various times and their costs can react in different ways to changing conditions, the COFI Index does not necessarily reflect current market rates on new liabilities with similar maturities. Indeed, sometimes the COFI Index does not even move in the same direction as current market rates, because as longer term deposits and borrowings mature and are renewed at current rates, the COFI Index is still affected by the differential between the old and new rates on these deposits and borrowings.

³ The COFI Index is published in the monthly Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco Bulletin. You can obtain a copy by writing to the Office of Public Information, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, P.O. Box 7948, 600 California Street, San Francisco, California 94120 or by calling (415) 616-1000. You can also obtain the COFI Index by calling (415) 616-2600.

The following table lists historical values for the COFI Index since January 1994.

Month	1998	1997	<u>1996</u>	$\underline{1995}$	1994
January	4.987%	4.821%	5.033%	4.747%	3.710%
February	4.968	4.759	4.975	4.925	3.687
March	4.917	4.780	4.874	5.007	3.629
April	4.903	4.822	4.841	5.064	3.672
May	4.881	4.864	4.823	5.141	3.726
June	4.881	4.853	4.809	5.179	3.804
July	4.911	4.887	4.819	5.144	3.860
August	4.899	4.904	4.839	5.133	3.945
September	*	4.941	4.834	5.111	4.039
October	*	4.957	4.839	5.116	4.187
November	*	4.949	4.835	5.119	4.367
December	*	4.963	4.842	5.059	4.589

^{*}Not yet available

If a class of Certificates accrues interest based on the COFI Index (a "COFI Class") and the COFI Index value for a given month is announced on or before the tenth day of the second following month, we will determine the interest rate for the Interest Accrual Period commencing in that second following month based on that COFI Index value. If the COFI Index value is not announced until later, the interest rate for that Interest Accrual Period will be based on the COFI Index value for the third preceding month.

If, on the tenth day of the month in which any Interest Accrual Period begins, the most recently announced COFI Index value relates to a month prior to the third preceding month, from then on we will determine the interest rate of each COFI Class based on the National Cost of Funds Index value for the third preceding month (or the fourth preceding month if the National Cost of Funds Index was not published by the tenth day of that Interest Accrual Period). The "National Cost of Funds Index" means the National Monthly Median Cost of Funds Ratio to SAIF-Insured Institutions published by the Office of Thrift Supervision.⁵ If, however, on the tenth day of the month in which any Interest Accrual Period begins, the most recently published National Cost of Funds Index value relates to a month prior to the fourth preceding month, from then on we will determine the interest rate for each COFI Class based on LIBOR (calculated under the BBA Method). Any change from the COFI Index will result in a change in the index level and could increase the volatility of the index level. This would be the case especially if LIBOR is the alternative index.

Our calculation of the rate of interest of each COFI Class on each Index Determination Date will be final and binding, absent manifest error.

⁴ The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco has stated in its Information Bulletin that the COFI Index for a given month "will be announced on or near the last working day" of the following month. However, it has also stated that it "cannot guarantee the announcement" of the COFI Index on an exact date.

⁵ You can obtain general information about the National Cost of Funds Index by writing the Office of Thrift Supervision at 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552 or by calling (202) 906-6000. You can obtain the current National Cost of Funds Index value by calling (202) 906-6988.

Treasury Index

If a class of Certificates accrues interest based on a Treasury Index, we will be responsible for determining the Treasury Index for Treasury securities of the maturity and for the dates specified in the related prospectus supplement. Generally, the "Treasury Index" for any period means the yield for the specified date (or the average of the yield for each business day in the specified period) on U.S. Treasury securities adjusted to the "constant maturity" specified in the prospectus supplement (or, if the prospectus supplement does not specify a "constant maturity," U.S. Treasury securities trading in the secondary market having the maturity specified in the prospectus supplement). In either case, this yield, expressed as a percentage, is published by the Federal Reserve Board on Monday or Tuesday of each week in its Statistical Release No. H.15(519). If we have not yet received the Statistical Release for a week, we will use the Statistical Release from the prior week. We understand that the Federal Reserve Board's current method of official publication of Statistical Release No. H.15(519) is by hard copy release, although the Federal Reserve Board does provide unofficial rates on its World Wide Web site and possibly by other means.

Yields on U.S. Treasury securities at "constant maturity" are derived from the U.S. Treasury's daily yield curve. This curve relates to the yield on a security to its time of maturity and is based on the closing market bid yields on actively traded Treasury securities in the over-the-counter market. These market yields are calculated from composites of quotations reported by five leading U.S. Government securities dealers to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This method provides a yield for a given maturity even if no security with that exact maturity is outstanding. In the event that the Treasury Index is no longer published, we will designate a new index based upon comparable data and methodology.

Our calculation of each Treasury Index-based interest rate on each Interest Determination Date will be final and binding, absent manifest error.

Prime Rate

If a class of Certificates accrues interest based on the Prime Rate, we will be responsible for ascertaining the Prime Rate on each Index Determination Date. Unless the prospectus supplement for a series specifies otherwise, "Prime Rate" means the Prime Rate as published in the "Money Rates" section of *The Wall Street Journal* on the related Index Determination Date. If *The Wall Street Journal* is not then published, we will choose another newspaper of general circulation. If a prime rate range is given, we will use the average of the range. If no Prime Rate is then being published, we will designate a new index based upon comparable data and methodology.

⁶ You can obtain it by writing the Publications Department at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 21st and C Streets, Washington, D.C. 20551 or by calling (202) 452-3244.

Our calculation of each Prime Rate-based interest rate on each Interest Determination Date will be final and binding, absent manifest error.

Principal Payments on the Certificates

On each Distribution Date for a given series of Certificates, we will pay Certificate-holders the amount of principal specified in the related prospectus supplement. We will pay the Certificateholders the outstanding principal balance of each class in full no later than the Final Distribution Date for that class.

Unless the prospectus supplement for the related series provides otherwise, we will pay Certificateholders on each Distribution Date an amount of principal equal to the sum of the following:

- (i) (a) if we issued and guaranteed the underlying securities, the principal amount that we have paid on the underlying securities since the previous Distribution Date (or, in the case of the first Distribution Date, since the first day of the month in which we issued those Certificates); and
 - (b) if Ginnie Mae issued and guaranteed the underlying securities, the principal amount that Ginnie Mae expected to be paid on the underlying securities for the month in which that Distribution Date occurs (as calculated under the prospectus supplement for the series) plus any principal paid by Ginnie Mae during the month prior to the month in which that Distribution Date occurs that we have not yet passed through to the Certificate-holders; and
- (ii) if the series contains Accrual classes, interest on any Accrual classes that accrued during the previous Interest Accrual Period but is not distributable as interest on that Distribution Date.

The prospectus supplement for each series will specify how we determine the aggregate principal distribution for each Distribution Date and how that aggregate principal distribution is allocated among the classes of Certificates of that series. We will make principal payments on each class of Certificates of a series on a *pro rata* basis among all the Certificates of that class, unless the related prospectus supplement provides otherwise.

The Fannie Mae Guaranty

Our guaranty requires that we pay Certificateholders in a timely manner the amounts of principal and interest described in the related prospectus supplement. We also must pay the full outstanding principal amount of the Certificates of each class no later than the Final Distribution Date for that class. Our guaranty is effective whether or not sufficient funds are available in the Trust Account for the series. If we were unable to perform our guaranty obligations, Certificateholders of a series would receive only the amounts paid on the underlying securities of that series. If that happened, those amounts generally would be

limited to borrower payments and other recoveries on the mortgage loans backing those underlying securities. As a result, delinquencies and defaults on the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities could directly affect the amounts that Certificateholders would receive each month.

Neither the Certificates nor interest on the Certificates are guaranteed by the United States, and they do not constitute a debt or obligation of the United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities other than Fannie Mae. We alone are responsible for making payments on our guaranty.

Distributions on Underlying Securities, Deposits in the Trust Account

The prospectus supplement for each series will specify the day(s) of each month on which we will make deposits into one or more accounts (collectively, the "Trust Account") for that series. Our deposit obligation will begin in the month of the initial Distribution Date of the series. The amount we deposit will equal the sum of the principal and interest payments on the underlying securities in the series trust.

Any amounts deposited into the Trust Account on a Distribution Date are generally available for payment to Certificateholders on the same day. Certain amounts that are still in the Trust Account after we have paid the required principal and interest to the Certificateholders will be used to pay administrative expenses of the related series trust. Certain remaining amounts will be paid to Holders of Residual Certificates. If the underlying securities of a series are Ginnie Mae Certificates, the prospectus supplement may provide that certain amounts on deposit in the Trust Account on a Distribution Date will not be paid to Certificateholders until the following Distribution Date. We will use any reinvestment earnings on these various deposits to pay expenses of the series trust. They will not be included in payments to Certificateholders.

The Trust Agreement permits us, as trustee, to maintain the Trust Account in one of two ways:

- as a trust account with an eligible depository institution (which account may contain other funds that we hold in a trust capacity), or
- as part of our general assets (with appropriate credit entries to the related REMIC trust).

We are required to hold all such appropriately credited funds in our general accounts (and all funds in each Trust Account that we have invested) for the related Certificateholders. Nevertheless, if a liquidation, reorganization or similar proceeding involving our assets were to occur, it is not clear what law would be applicable. As a result, we cannot render a legal opinion about the Certificateholders' rights to those funds in the event of a proceeding of this type.

Reports to Certificateholders

Unless we specify otherwise in the related prospectus supplement, we will publish the "class factor" for each class of Certificates on or shortly after the 11th calendar day of each month. If you multiply the class factor for a class of Certificates by the original principal balance (or notional balance) of that class of Certificates, you will obtain the current principal balance (or notional balance) of that class of Certificates, after giving effect to the current month's principal payment and after adding the current month's accrued interest to any Accrual class.

After the end of each calendar year, we will furnish to each person who was a Certificateholder at any time during that year any information required by the Internal Revenue Service.

We, or a special agent that we engage, will make all the necessary numerical calculations.

The Underlying Securities

In general, each underlying security will represent a direct or indirect beneficial ownership interest in a pool of mortgage loans. These pools may contain Conventional Mortgage Loans or Government Mortgage Loans. "Conventional Mortgage Loans" are not government insured or guaranteed. "Government Mortgage Loans" are insured by the Federal Housing Administration ("FHA") or guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA"), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") or the Rural Housing Service ("RHS"). In addition, up to 10% of the principal balance of the Fannie Mae-issued underlying securities backing a series may include any one of the following:

- relocation mortgage loans,
- cooperative share mortgage loans, or
- substantial buydown mortgage loans.

Moreover, up to 15% of the principal balance of the Fannie Mae-issued underlying securities backing a series may include more than one of the types of mortgage loans listed in the previous sentence.

For a description of the general characteristics of underlying securities that are Ginnie Mae Certificates, see "Ginnie Mae and the Ginnie Mae Programs." Other disclosure documents that we may refer to in a prospectus supplement will describe the general characteristics of other types of underlying securities.

In addition, the prospectus supplement for a series of Certificates generally will include the following information:

- interest rates of the underlying securities,
- weighted average coupon ("WAC") of the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities,
- weighted average calculated loan age ("CAGE") of the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities or weighted average loan age ("WALA") of the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities that are Ginnie Mae Certificates, and
- weighted average terms to maturity ("WAM") of the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities or weighted average remaining term to maturity ("WARM") of the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities that are Ginnie Mae Certificates.

Weighted Average Life and Final Distribution Date

The "weighted average life" of a class of Certificates refers to the average length of time, weighted by principal, that will elapse from the time we issue the Certificates until we pay you the full amount of outstanding principal. We determine the weighted average life of a class of Certificates by:

- first, calculating the amount of principal to be paid to the Holders of that class on each Distribution Date, based on the prepayment assumption specified in the related prospectus supplement;
- second, multiplying each of those amounts by the number of years from the Settlement Date for that series (as specified in the prospectus supplement) to the related Distribution Date;
- third, totaling the results; and
- fourth, dividing that total by the aggregate amount of principal payments that were calculated in the first step.

The weighted average life of a class of certificates will be affected by the rate at which principal payments are made on the underlying mortgage loans. Principal payments include scheduled principal payments, voluntary principal prepayments, liquidations due to default, casualty and condemnation, guaranty payments by us or by Ginnie Mae, and repurchases that we make. Each of these types of principal payments on the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities will be applied to payments of principal of the Certificates of the related series.

The "Final Distribution Date" for the Certificates of a particular class is the date by which we must pay the Holders the full outstanding principal balance of the Certificates. We

determine the Final Distribution Dates for the classes of a given series based on the payments that we will receive on the underlying securities. We do not take our guaranty into account for this purpose.

In each prospectus supplement, we will provide a table showing the weighted average life of each class of Certificates of that series. The table also will show for each class of Certificates the percentage of the original principal balance that would be outstanding on specified Distribution Dates. In each case, this table will be based on certain assumptions, including prepayment assumptions, that we will specify in the prospectus supplement.

It is likely that we will pay the full outstanding principal balance of any class of Certificates earlier, and perhaps much earlier, than its Final Distribution Date. There are two reasons for this. First, the rate at which we pay principal on the Certificates will be affected by the rate at which borrowers pay principal on the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities. Second, some of the mortgage loans will have stated maturities that occur prior to the dates contained in the assumptions and have interest rates that are lower than the rates contained in the assumptions. We cannot predict whether the outstanding principal balance of any class of Certificates will be paid in full before its Final Distribution Date.

Unless a prospectus supplement provides otherwise, we will not terminate any series trust early by repurchasing the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities that are Fannie Mae Guaranteed Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates ("MBS") unless (i) only one mortgage loan remains or (ii) the aggregate principal balance of the remaining mortgage loans is less than 1% of the original principal balance of the MBS pool. In addition, if we or any other party has the right to purchase the underlying securities and effectively terminate the related series trust, the prospectus supplement for the series will describe the terms and conditions of that right.

Prepayment Models

It is common to measure how mortgage loans prepay relative to a standard prepayment model. The prospectus supplement for each series will indicate which model it uses.

"PSA" is a prepayment model that was developed by The Bond Market Association. It represents an assumed rate at which a pool of new mortgage loans will prepay. When we refer to "100% PSA," we mean an annual prepayment rate of 0.2% of the then unpaid principal balance of the pool in the first month after the origination of those mortgage loans and an additional 0.2% each month until the 30th month. (For example, the assumed annual prepayment rate would be 0.4% in month 2, 0.6% in month 3, and so on, and would level out at 6% at month 30 for the remaining term.) Beginning in month 30 and for all later months, "100% PSA" means a constant annual prepayment rate of 6%.

Multiples of PSA are calculated in the same way. Thus, "150% PSA" means an annual prepayment rate of 0.3% in month $1,\,0.6\%$ in month $2,\,0.9\%$ in month 3 and 9% in month 30

and afterwards. Similarly, "200% PSA" means an annual prepayment rate of 0.4% in month 1, 0.8% in month 2, 1.2% in month 3 and 12% in month 30 and afterwards.

Another model that is commonly used is the constant prepayment rate model ("CPR"). It represents the annual rate of prepayments relative to the then outstanding principal balance of a pool of new mortgage loans. Thus, "0% CPR" means no prepayments, "15% CPR" means an annual prepayment rate of 15%, and so forth.

These models do not predict the prepayment experience of the mortgage loans backing any underlying securities or describe the historic performance of any particular pool of mortgage loans.

Special Characteristics of Residual Certificates

No Residual Certificate may be transferred to a "disqualified organization" or to anyone acting on behalf of a disqualified organization. The term "transfer" can include any transfer of record ownership or of beneficial ownership, whether as a result of a sale, gift, pledge, default or otherwise. The term "disqualified organization" includes the United States, any State or other political subdivision, any foreign government, any international organization, or any agency or instrumentality of any of them (other than certain taxable instrumentalities), any cooperative organization furnishing electric energy or providing telephone service to persons in rural areas, or any organization (other than a farmers' cooperative) that is exempt from federal income tax, unless such organization is subject to a tax on unrelated business income. Each person or entity to which a Residual Certificate is transferred will be required to execute an affidavit, acceptable to us, stating that:

- the transferee is not a disqualified organization;
- it is not acquiring the Residual Certificate for the account of a disqualified organization;
- it consents to any amendment of the Trust Agreement that we deem necessary (upon the advice of our counsel) to ensure that the Residual Certificate will not be owned directly or indirectly by a disqualified organization;
- it is not acquiring the Residual Certificate to avoid or impede the assessment or collection of tax;
- it understands that it may incur tax liabilities in excess of any cash that it will receive on the Residual Certificate;
- it intends to pay taxes on the Residual Certificate as they become due; and
- it will not transfer the Residual Certificate unless it has received from the new transferee an affidavit containing these same seven representations and it does not have actual knowledge that this other affidavit is false.

See "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences—Taxation of Beneficial Owners of Residual Certificates—Sales and Other Distributions of Residual Certificates—Residual Certificates Transferred to or Held by Disqualified Organizations." The transferee also must deliver a properly executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 with its taxpayer identification number. In addition, if a pass-through entity (including a nominee) holds a Residual Certificate, it may be subject to additional taxes if a disqualified organization is a record holder in the entity.

No Residual Certificate may be transferred to any person that is not a U.S. Person without our written consent. The term "U.S. Person" means

- a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation, partnership or other entity created under the laws of the United States or any of its political subdivisions;
- an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of the source of its income; or
- a trust if a court within the United States can exercise primary supervision over its administration, and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

Under regulations issued by the Treasury Department, if a "noneconomic residual interest" is transferred to a U.S. Person, the transfer will be disregarded for all federal tax purposes unless no significant purpose of the transfer is to impede the assessment or collection of tax. A Residual Certificate generally would be treated as constituting a noneconomic residual interest. The only exception would be if, at the time of the transfer, two conditions are met. First, the present value of the expected future payments on the Residual Certificate is no less than the product of the present value of the "anticipated excess inclusions" on that Certificate and the highest corporate rate of tax for the year in which the transfer occurs. Second, the transferor reasonably expects that the transferee will receive payments from the applicable REMIC trust in an amount sufficient to satisfy the liability for income tax on any "excess inclusions" at or after the time when the liability accrues. The term "anticipated excess inclusions" means excess inclusions that are anticipated to be allocated to each calendar quarter (or portion of a quarter) following the transfer of the Residual Certificate, determined as of the date the Residual Certificate is transferred and based on events that have occurred as of that date and on the prepayment assumptions. See "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences—Taxation of Beneficial Owners of Regular Certificates—Original Issue Discount" and "-Taxation of Beneficial Owners of Residual Certificates—Excess Inclusions."

Under the Treasury regulations, the phrase "a significant purpose of the transfer to impede the assessment or collection of tax" means that the transferor of the Residual Certificate had "improper knowledge" at the time of the transfer. In other words, the transferor knew, or should have known, that the transferee would be unwilling or unable to

pay taxes due on its share of the taxable income of the REMIC trust. A transferor is presumed not to have improper knowledge if two conditions are met. First, the transferor conducts, at the time of the transfer, a reasonable investigation of the financial condition of the transferee and, based on the results, finds that the transferee has historically paid its debts as they come due and finds no significant evidence to indicate that the transferee will not continue to pay its debts as they come due in the future. Second, the transferee makes certain representations to the transferor in the affidavit relating to disqualified organizations discussed above. If you plan to transfer a Residual Certificate, you should consult your tax advisor for further information.

THE TRUST AGREEMENT

We summarize below certain provisions of the Trust Agreement that are not discussed elsewhere in this prospectus. However, you must understand that these summaries are not complete. If there is ever a conflict between the information in this prospectus and the actual terms of the Trust Agreement, the terms of the Trust Agreement will prevail.

Transfer of Underlying Securities to a Series Trust

The Trust Agreement for each series trust will contain a mortgage security schedule that will identify the underlying securities that are being transferred to that series trust. As trustee, we will hold (directly or indirectly) the underlying securities for the Holders of the Certificates of that series.

Certain Fannie Mae Matters

We may not resign from our duties under the Trust Agreement unless a change in law requires it. Even then, our resignation would not become effective until a successor has assumed our duties under the Trust Agreement. In no event, however, would any successor take over our guaranty obligations. Even if our other duties under the Trust Agreement should terminate, we would still be obligated under our guaranty.

We are not liable under the Trust Agreement to the series trust or to Certificate-holders for our errors in judgment or for anything we do, or do not do, in good faith. This also applies to our directors, officers, employees and agents. Nevertheless, neither we nor they will be protected from liability that results from willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence or as a result of a willful disregard of duties.

The Trust Agreement also provides that we are free to refuse involvement in any legal action that we think will expose us to expense or liability unless the action is related to our duties under the Trust Agreement. On the other hand, we may decide to participate in legal actions if we think our participation would be in the interests of the Certificateholders. In this case, we will pay our legal expenses and costs.

If we merge or consolidate with another corporation, the successor corporation will be our successor under the Trust Agreement.

Voting Under any Underlying Trust Indenture

If the underlying securities of a series are guaranteed by Fannie Mae, the holders of a certain minimum percentage ownership in those securities will have the right to terminate certain of our duties under the related indenture (the "Underlying Trust Indenture"), if there is an event of default under the Underlying Trust Indenture. Under the Trust Agreement, if there is an event of default under the Underlying Trust Indenture, the Certificateholders may vote their respective ownership shares in the underlying securities.

If the underlying securities of a series are guaranteed by Fannie Mae, the holders of a certain minimum percentage ownership in those securities may give their consent to an amendment or waiver of the Underlying Trust Indenture. The Trust Agreement, however, does not permit us, as trustee, to vote the underlying securities in favor of an amendment or waiver unless we have been directed to do so by holders of Certificates whose principal balances (or notional principal balances) together equal at least 66% of the aggregate balances of all the Certificates of that series.

Events of Default

Any of the following will be considered an "Event of Default" under the Trust Agreement:

- if we fail to pay Certificateholders of a class any required amount and our failure continues uncorrected for 15 days after Certificateholders owning at least 5% of that class have given us written notice;
- if we fail in a material way to fulfill any of our obligations under the Trust Agreement and our failure continues uncorrected for 60 days after Certificate-holders owning at least 25% of any class have given us written notice; or
- if we become insolvent or unable to pay our debts or if other events of insolvency occur.

Rights upon Event of Default

If one of the Events of Default under the Trust Agreement for a particular series has occurred and continues uncorrected, Certificateholders who own at least 25% of any class have the right to terminate, in writing, all of our obligations under that Trust Agreement. These obligations include our duties as trustee as well as in our corporate capacity. However, the Fannie Mae guaranty will continue in effect. The same proportion of Certificateholders also may appoint, in writing, a successor to assume all of our terminated obligations. This successor will take legal title to the underlying securities and other assets of the related trust.

Amendment

We may amend the Trust Agreement for any trust, without notifying the Certificateholders or obtaining their consent, for any of the following purposes:

- to add to our duties;
- to evidence that another party has become our successor and has assumed our duties under the Trust Agreement as trustee or in our corporate capacity or both;
- to eliminate any of our rights in our corporate capacity under the Trust Agreement;
- to cure any ambiguity or correct or add to any provision in the Trust Agreement, so long as no Certificateholder is adversely affected; and
- to modify the Trust Agreement to maintain the legal status of each REMIC as a REMIC.

If Certificateholders who own at least 66% of each class give their consent, we may amend the Trust Agreement to eliminate, change or add to its terms or to waive our compliance with any of those terms. Nevertheless, we may not terminate or change our guaranty obligations or reduce the percentage of Certificateholders who must consent to the types of amendments listed in the previous sentence. In addition, unless each affected Certificateholder consents, no amendment may reduce or delay the funds that we must pay on any Certificate. Similarly, unless all affected Holders of the Residual Certificates give their consent, no amendment may adversely affect their rights.

Termination

Each series trust will terminate when we have paid the Certificateholders all required interest and principal amounts. If we or any other party has the right to purchase the underlying securities (and thus effectively terminate the series trust), the prospectus supplement will describe the terms and conditions of that right. Although the prospectus supplement for a given series may provide otherwise, we generally have agreed not to terminate any series trust early by repurchasing mortgage loans that underlie any MBS in that trust. An exception may be made, however, if only one mortgage loan remains in that MBS pool or the aggregate principal balance of the remaining mortgage loans is less than 1% of the aggregate original principal balance of the MBS pool.

GINNIE MAE AND THE GINNIE MAE PROGRAMS

Ginnie Mae

The Government National Mortgage Association (or Ginnie Mae) is a wholly-owned corporate instrumentality of the United States within HUD. Section 306(g) of Title III of

the National Housing Act of 1934, as amended (the "Housing Act"), authorizes Ginnie Mae to guarantee the timely payment of principal and interest on certificates that are backed by a pool of mortgage loans insured or guaranteed by the FHA, VA or RHS.

Section 306(g) of the Housing Act provides that "the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged to the payment of all amounts which may be required to be paid under any guaranty under this subsection." To meet these guaranty obligations, Ginnie Mae may borrow from the United States Treasury without limitation.

Ginnie Mae Programs

Each "Ginnie Mae Certificate" underlying a series of Certificates will be a "fully modified pass-through" mortgage-backed security issued and serviced by a mortgage banking company or other financial concern approved by Ginnie Mae as a seller-servicer. The mortgage loans backing each Ginnie Mae Certificate will be insured or guaranteed by the FHA, VA or RHS. Ginnie Mae Certificates are issued under the Ginnie Mae I program ("Ginnie Mae I Certificates") and the Ginnie Mae II program ("Ginnie Mae II Certificates"). Holders of Ginnie Mae I Certificates and Ginnie Mae II Certificates have essentially similar rights, although there are certain differences between the two programs.

Ginnie Mae I Program

Monthly payments will be made to the registered holder of the Ginnie Mae Certificate by the 15th of each month. An individual Ginnie Mae issuer assembles a pool of mortgage loans against which it issues and markets Ginnie Mae I Certificates. All mortgage loans underlying a particular Ginnie Mae I Certificate must be of the same type (for example, level payment, single-family mortgage loans) and have the same annual interest rate. The annual pass-through rate on each Ginnie Mae I Certificate will be 0.5% less than the annual interest rate on the mortgage loans included in the pool of mortgage loans backing that Ginnie Mae I Certificate.

Ginnie Mae II Program

Monthly payments will be made to the registered holder of the Ginnie Mae II Certificate through a paying agent (currently The Chase Manhattan Bank) by the 20th of each month. Mortgage pools may be formed through the aggregation of loan packages of more than one Ginnie Mae issuer. Under this option, packages submitted by various Ginnie Mae issuers for a particular issue date and pass-through rate are aggregated into a single pool which backs a single issue of Ginnie Mae II Certificates. Each Ginnie Mae II Certificate issued under a multiple issuer pool is backed by a proportionate interest in the entire pool rather than solely by the loan package contributed by any one Ginnie Mae issuer. In addition, single issuer pools also may be formed under the Ginnie Mae II program.

Each Ginnie Mae II Certificate pool generally consists entirely of fixed rate mortgages or entirely of adjustable rate mortgages. Fixed rate mortgages underlying a particular Ginnie

Mae II Certificate must be of the same type, but may have annual interest rates that vary by up to 1%. The annual pass-through rate on each Ginnie Mae II Certificate will be between 0.5% and 1.5% less than the highest annual interest rate on any mortgage loan included in the pool of mortgage loans backing that Ginnie Mae II Certificate.

Generally, adjustable rate mortgage loans underlying any particular Ginnie Mae II Certificate will have interest rates that adjust annually based on the weekly average of the U.S. Treasury one-year constant maturity index. Ginnie Mae pooling specifications require that all adjustable rate mortgage loans in a given pool have identical first adjustment dates, index reference dates and means of adjustment. All of the mortgage loans must have interest rates that are at least 0.5% but not more than 1.5% above the interest rate of the related Ginnie Mae II Certificate. In addition, the mortgage margin for any given mortgage loan must be at least 0.5% but not more than 1.5% greater than the margin for the related Ginnie Mae II Certificate. The mortgage loans and Ginnie Mae II Certificates will be subject to an annual interest rate adjustment cap of 1% and a lifetime interest rate cap of 5% above or below the initial interest rate. On each annual adjustment date, the payment amount of an adjustable rate mortgage loan will be reset so that the remaining principal balance of that mortgage loan would fully amortize in equal monthly payments over its remaining term to maturity, assuming its interest rate were to remain constant at the new rate. The new payment amount will be effective beginning in the month following the annual adjustment date.

CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The Certificates and payments on the Certificates are not generally exempt from taxation. Therefore, you should consider the tax consequences of holding a Certificate before you acquire one. The following discussion describes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences to beneficial owners of Certificates. The discussion is general and does not purport to deal with all aspects of federal taxation that may be relevant to particular investors. This discussion may not apply to your particular circumstances for one of the following, or other, reasons:

- This discussion is based on federal tax laws in effect as of the date of this prospectus. Changes to any of these laws after the date of this prospectus may affect the tax consequences discussed below.
- This discussion addresses only Certificates acquired at original issuance and held as "capital assets" (generally, property held for investment).
- This discussion does not address tax consequences to beneficial owners subject to special rules, such as dealers in securities, certain traders in securities, banks, tax-exempt organizations, life insurance companies, persons that hold Certificates as part of a hedging transaction or as a position in a straddle or

conversion transaction, or persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar.

- This discussion may be supplemented by a discussion in the applicable prospectus supplement.
- This discussion does not address taxes imposed by any state, local or foreign taxing jurisdiction.

For these reasons, you should consult your own tax advisors regarding the federal income tax consequences of holding and disposing of Certificates as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or foreign taxing jurisdiction.

The topics in this discussion are addressed in the order of the following captions:

- REMIC Election and Special Tax Attributes
- Taxation of Beneficial Owners of Regular Certificates
- Taxation of Beneficial Owners of Residual Certificates
- Taxes on a REMIC
- Reporting and Other Administrative Matters
- Backup Withholding
- Foreign Investors

REMIC Election and Special Tax Attributes

We will elect to treat the assets comprising each series trust as at least one REMIC (each, a "REMIC Trust") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Qualification as a REMIC requires ongoing compliance with certain conditions. With respect to each series of Certificates, our special tax counsel, Arnold & Porter, will deliver its opinion that (unless otherwise limited in the applicable prospectus supplement), assuming compliance with the Trust Agreement, each REMIC Trust will be treated as a REMIC for federal income tax purposes. The Certificates of each class for a REMIC Trust will be designated as "regular interests" in the REMIC constituted by that REMIC Trust, except that a separate class will be designated as the "residual interest" in the REMIC constituted by that REMIC Trust. The prospectus supplement for each series of Certificates will state whether Certificates of each class will constitute Regular Certificates or Residual Certificates.

Regular and Residual Certificates will be "regular or residual interests in a REMIC" within the meaning of section 7701(a)(19)(C)(xi) of the Code and "real estate assets" within the meaning of section 856(c)(5)(B) of the Code. If at any time during a calendar year less than 95 percent of the assets of a REMIC consist of "qualified mortgages," then the portion of the Regular and Residual Certificates that are qualifying assets under those

sections during the calendar year may be limited to the portion of the assets of the REMIC that are "qualified mortgages." Similarly, income on the Regular and Residual Certificates will be treated as "interest on obligations secured by mortgages on real property" within the meaning of section 856(c)(3)(B) of the Code, subject to the same limitation as set forth in the preceding sentence. For purposes of applying this limitation, a REMIC should be treated as owning the assets represented by the underlying securities. In general, an underlying security will be a "qualified mortgage" if the mortgage loans underlying that security are "principally secured by an interest in real property" within the meaning of section 860G(a)(3) of the Code. The assets of a REMIC will include, in addition to underlying securities representing mortgage loans, payments on underlying securities held pending distribution on the Regular and Residual Certificates and any reinvestment income thereon.

Regular and Residual Certificates held by a financial institution (as referred to in section 582(c)(2) of the Code) will be treated as evidences of indebtedness for purposes of section 582(c)(1) of the Code. Regular Certificates will also be "qualified mortgages" within the meaning of section 860G(a)(3) of the Code with respect to other REMICs and "permitted assets" within the meaning of section 860L(c)(1) of the Code with respect to financial asset securitization investment trusts.

Taxation of Beneficial Owners of Regular Certificates

For federal income tax purposes, the Regular Certificates will be treated as debt instruments issued by a REMIC on the date the Certificates are first sold to the public (the "Settlement Date") and not as ownership interests in a REMIC or its assets. Interest, original issue discount and market discount with respect to a Regular Certificate will represent ordinary income to the beneficial owner of the Certificate (a "Regular Owner"). A Regular Owner must report interest on a Regular Certificate using an accrual method of accounting, regardless of whether it otherwise reports income using a cash method of accounting. Rules regarding original issue discount and market discount are discussed below.

Treatment of Original Issue Discount

Certain Regular Certificates may be issued with "original issue discount" ("OID") within the meaning of section 1273(a) of the Code. A Regular Owner must include in gross income the sum of the "daily portions" of OID on its Regular Certificate for each day during its taxable year on which it held the Certificate, generally in advance of receipt of the cash attributable to that income. We will supply to Holders, brokers and middlemen information with respect to the original issue discount accruing on the Regular Certificates. We will supply this information at the time and in the manner required by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS").

Definition of Original Issue Discount

In general, a Regular Certificate will be considered to be issued with OID equal to the excess, if any, of its "stated redemption price at maturity" over its "issue price." The issue price of a Regular Certificate is the initial offering price to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) at which a substantial amount of the Regular Certificates was sold. The issue price also includes any accrued interest attributable to the period before the Settlement Date. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Regular Certificate generally is its stated principal amount, plus an amount equal to the excess (if any) of the interest payable on the first Distribution Date over the interest that accrues for the period from the Settlement Date to the first Distribution Date. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Regular Certificate of a Notional class or an Accrual class, however, is equal to the sum of all distributions to be made under that Regular Certificate.

Notwithstanding the general definition, OID on a Regular Certificate will be treated as zero if the discount is less than 0.25 percent of the stated redemption price at maturity of the Certificate multiplied by its weighted average life. The weighted average life of a Regular Certificate is apparently computed for this purpose as the sum, for all distributions included in the stated redemption price at maturity of the Certificate, of the amounts determined by multiplying (i) the number of complete years (rounding down for partial years) from the Settlement Date until the date on which each such distribution is expected to be made under the assumption that the mortgage loans backing the related underlying securities prepay at the rate specified in the applicable prospectus supplement (the "Prepayment Assumption") by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of such distribution and the denominator of which is the Regular Certificate's stated redemption price at maturity. If OID is treated as zero under this rule, the actual amount of OID must be allocated to the principal distributions on the Regular Certificate and, when each principal distribution is received, gain equal to the discount allocated to that distribution will be recognized.

Daily Portions of Original Issue Discount

For Regular Certificates considered to be issued with OID, the daily portions of OID will be determined as follows. A calculation will first be made of the portion of OID that accrued during each "accrual period." OID accruing during any accrual period will then be allocated ratably to each day during the period to determine the daily portion of OID.

Final regulations issued by the Treasury Department relating to the tax treatment of debt instruments with OID (the "OID Regulations") provide that for purposes of measuring the accrual of OID on a debt instrument, a holder of the debt instrument may use an accrual period of any length, up to one year, as long as each distribution of principal or interest occurs on either the final day or the first day of an accrual period. Unless otherwise disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will report OID based on accrual periods of one month, beginning on a Distribution Date and ending on the day before the next Distribution Date.

The portion of OID treated as accruing for any accrual period will equal the excess, if any, of

- (i) the sum of (A) the present values of all the distributions remaining to be made on the Regular Certificate, if any, as of the end of the accrual period and (B) the distribution made on the Certificate during the accrual period of amounts included in the stated redemption price at maturity, over
- (ii) the adjusted issue price of the Certificate at the beginning of the accrual period.

The present value of the remaining distributions will be calculated based on the following:

- the yield to maturity of the Regular Certificate, calculated as of the Settlement Date, giving effect to the Prepayment Assumption,
- events (including actual prepayments) that have occurred prior to the end of the accrual period,
- the Prepayment Assumption, and
- in the case of a Regular Certificate calling for a variable rate of interest, an assumption that the value of the index upon which the variable rate is based remains the same as its value on the Settlement Date over the entire life of the Certificate.

The adjusted issue price of a Regular Certificate at any time will equal the issue price of the Certificate, increased by the aggregate amount of previously accrued OID with respect to the Certificate, and reduced by the amount of any distributions made on the Certificate as of that time of amounts included in the stated redemption price at maturity.

The Code requires that the Prepayment Assumption be determined in the manner prescribed in Treasury regulations. To date, no such regulations have been promulgated. The legislative history of this Code provision indicates that the regulations will provide that the assumed prepayment rate must be the rate used by the parties in pricing the particular transaction. We anticipate that the Prepayment Assumption for each series of Regular Certificates will be consistent with this standard. We make no representation, however, that the mortgage loans backing the underlying securities for a given series will prepay at the rate reflected in the Prepayment Assumption for that series or at any other rate. You must make your own decision as to the appropriate prepayment assumption to be used in deciding whether or not to purchase any of the Certificates.

Subsequent Holders' Treatment of Original Issue Discount

If a Regular Certificate is issued with OID and a subsequent holder purchases the Certificate at a cost of less than its remaining stated redemption price at maturity, that holder also will be required to include in income the daily portion of OID with respect to the Certificate for each day it holds the Certificate. If the cost of the Certificate to the subsequent

holder exceeds the adjusted issue price of the Certificate, however, the holder can reduce the daily accruals by an amount equal to the product of (i) the daily portion and (ii) a constant fraction. The numerator of the constant fraction is the excess of the purchase price over the adjusted issue price of the Certificate, and the denominator is the sum of the daily portions of OID on the Certificate for all days on or after the day of purchase.

Interest and Original Issue Discount on Floating Rate and Inverse Floating Rate Classes

The OID Regulations define and provide special rules applicable to variable rate debt instruments ("VRDIs"). Most Floating Rate and Inverse Floating Rate classes will be VRDIs under the OID Regulations. To be a VRDI, a Regular Certificate generally must satisfy three requirements. First, the issue price (including accrued interest) must not exceed the total noncontingent principal payments by more than (i) 1.5 percent of the product of the total noncontingent principal payments and the weighted average life, or (ii) 15 percent of the total noncontingent principal payments, whichever is smaller. Second, the Regular Certificate must bear interest at a "qualified floating rate" or an "objective rate," or certain combinations of such rates and possibly a fixed rate. Third, under the terms of the Regular Certificate, the qualified floating rate or objective rate must be based on a current value of the applicable interest index. An interest index (such as LIBOR, COFI, Treasury or the Prime Rate) and an interest index plus or minus a fixed rate generally are qualified floating rates. A floating or inverse floating rate equal to a positive or negative multiple of an interest index plus or minus a fixed rate is an objective rate and may be a qualified floating rate.

Under the OID Regulations, a debt instrument that provides for a variable rate of interest but that does not meet all three requirements is a contingent payment debt instrument. The regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments, however, do not apply to Regular Certificates. Therefore, in the absence of further guidance and unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will compute accruals of interest and OID on all Floating Rate and Inverse Floating Rate classes by applying the principles of the OID Regulations applicable to VRDIs.

Regular Certificates Purchased at a Premium

If a Regular Owner purchases a Certificate for an amount (net of accrued interest) greater than its remaining stated redemption price at maturity, the Owner will have premium with respect to the Certificate (a "Premium Certificate") in the amount of the excess. Such a purchaser need not include in income any remaining OID and may elect, under section 171(c)(2) of the Code, to treat the premium as "amortizable bond premium."

If a Regular Owner makes this election, the amount of any interest payment that must be included in the Regular Owner's income for each period ending on a Distribution Date will be reduced by the portion of the premium allocable to the period based on the Premium Certificate's yield to maturity. In addition, the legislative history of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 states that premium should be amortized under principles analogous to those governing the accrual of market discount (as discussed below under "—Regular Certificates Purchased with Market Discount"). The election will also apply to all bonds (as well as all REMIC regular interests) the interest on which is not excludible from gross income ("fully taxable bonds") held by the Regular Owner at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies and to all fully taxable bonds thereafter acquired by it. A Regular Owner may revoke the election only with the consent of the IRS.

If the election is not made, (i) a Regular Owner must include the full amount of each interest payment in income as it accrues, and (ii) the premium must be allocated to the principal distributions on the Premium Certificate and, when each principal distribution is received, a loss equal to the premium allocated to the distribution will be recognized. Any tax benefit from the premium not previously recognized will be taken into account in computing gain or loss upon the sale or disposition of the Premium Certificate.

Some Regular Certificates may provide for only nominal distributions of principal in comparison to distributions of interest. It is possible that the IRS or the Treasury Department may issue guidance excluding such Certificates from the rules generally applicable to debt instruments issued at a premium. In particular, it is possible that such a REMIC interest will be treated as having OID equal to the excess of the total payments to be received thereon over its issue price. Unless and until the Treasury Department or the IRS publishes specific guidance relating to the tax treatment of such Certificates, we intend to furnish tax information to Holders of such Certificates in accordance with the rules described in the preceding paragraph.

Regular Certificates Purchased with Market Discount

A Regular Owner that purchases a Regular Certificate at a price that is less than the remaining stated redemption price at maturity of the Certificate (or in the case of a Regular Certificate issued with OID, less than the adjusted issue price of the Certificate) has market discount with respect to the Certificate in the amount of the difference. In general, three consequences arise if a Regular Owner acquires a Regular Certificate with market discount. First, the Regular Owner must treat any principal payment with respect to a Regular Certificate acquired with market discount as ordinary income to the extent of the market discount that accrued while the Regular Owner held the Certificate. Second, the Regular Owner must treat gain on the disposition or retirement of such a Certificate as ordinary income under the circumstances discussed below under "—Sales and Other Dispositions of Regular Certificates." Third, a Regular Owner that incurs or continues indebtedness to acquire a Regular Certificate at a market discount may be required to defer the deduction of all or a portion of the interest on the indebtedness until the corresponding amount of market discount is included in income. Alternatively, a Regular Owner may elect to include market discount in income on a current basis as it accrues, in which case the three consequences discussed above will not apply. If a Regular Owner makes this election, the Regular Owner

must also apply the election to all debt instruments the Regular Owner acquires on or after the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies. A Regular Owner may revoke the election only with the consent of the IRS.

The legislative history to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 states that market discount on a Regular Certificate may be treated as accruing in proportion to remaining accruals of OID, if any, or, if none, in proportion to remaining distributions of interest on a Regular Certificate. A beneficial owner may instead elect to determine the accrual of market discount under a constant yield method. We will make available to Holders information necessary to compute the accrual of market discount, in the manner and form as required by the IRS.

Notwithstanding the above rules, market discount on a Regular Certificate will be considered to be zero if the discount is less than 0.25 percent of the remaining stated redemption price at maturity of the Certificate multiplied by its weighted average remaining life. Weighted average remaining life presumably would be calculated in a manner similar to weighted average life, taking into account payments (including prepayments) prior to the date of acquisition of the Regular Certificate by the subsequent purchaser. If market discount on a Regular Certificate is treated as zero under this rule, the actual amount of market discount must be allocated to the remaining principal distributions on the Regular Certificate and, when each principal distribution is received, gain equal to the discount allocated to that distribution will be recognized.

Special Election

For any Regular Certificate acquired on or after April 4, 1994, the OID Regulations permit a Regular Owner to elect to include in gross income all "interest" that accrues on the Regular Certificate by using a constant yield method. For purposes of the election, the term "interest" includes stated interest, acquisition discount, OID, *de minimis* OID, market discount, *de minimis* market discount and unstated interest, as adjusted by any amortizable bond premium or acquisition premium. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding the time and manner of making and the scope of the election and the implementation of the constant yield method.

Sales and Other Dispositions of Regular Certificates

Upon the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a Regular Certificate, the beneficial owner generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the disposition and the beneficial owner's adjusted basis in the Certificate. In addition, the Code requires the recognition of gain upon the "constructive sale of an appreciated financial position." In general, a constructive sale of an appreciated financial position occurs if a taxpayer enters into certain transactions or series of transactions with respect to a financial instrument that have the effect of substantially eliminating the taxpayer's risk of loss and opportunity for gain with respect to the financial instrument. These provisions only apply to Certificates of a Notional class.

The adjusted basis of a Regular Certificate generally will equal the cost of the Certificate to the beneficial owner, increased by any OID or market discount included in the beneficial owner's gross income with respect to the Certificate and reduced by distributions previously received by the beneficial owner of amounts included in the Certificate's stated redemption price at maturity and by any premium that has reduced the beneficial owner's interest income with respect to the Certificate.

The gain or loss, if any, will be capital gain or loss, provided the Certificate is held as a "capital asset" (generally, property held for investment) within the meaning of section 1221 of the Code and none of the following apply. First, gain that might otherwise be capital gain will be treated as ordinary income to the extent that the gain does not exceed the excess, if any, of (i) the amount that would have been includible in the income of the Regular Owner had income accrued at a rate equal to 110 percent of the "applicable Federal rate" (generally, an average of current yields on Treasury securities) as of the date of purchase over (ii) the amount actually includible in the Regular Owner's income. Second, gain recognized by a Regular Owner who purchased a Regular Certificate at a market discount will be taxable as ordinary income in an amount not exceeding the portion of the market discount that accrued during the period the Certificate was held by the Regular Owner, reduced by any market discount includible in income under the rules described above under "—Regular Certificates Purchased with Market Discount." Third, any gain or loss resulting from a sale or exchange described in section 582(c) of the Code (which generally applies to banks) will be taxable as ordinary income or loss.

Termination

In general, no special tax consequences will apply to a Regular Owner upon the termination of a series trust by virtue of the final payment or liquidation of the last mortgage loan that backs the last underlying security remaining in the series trust.

Taxation of Beneficial Owners of Residual Certificates

Daily Portions

Except as indicated below, a beneficial owner of a Residual Certificate with respect to a REMIC (a "Residual Owner") generally will be required to report its daily portion of the taxable income or net loss of the REMIC for each day during a calendar quarter that the Residual Owner owns the Residual Certificate. For this purpose, the daily portion is determined by allocating to each day in the calendar quarter its ratable portion of the taxable income or net loss of the REMIC for the quarter and then allocating that amount among the Residual Owners in accordance with their percentage interests on that day. Daily portions of income or loss allocated to a Residual Owner will be treated as ordinary income or loss. A Residual Owner must continue to report its daily portion of the taxable income or net loss of the REMIC until no Certificates of any class are outstanding, even though the Residual

Owner may have received full payment of any stated interest and principal on its Residual Certificate.

Taxable Income or Net Loss of a REMIC

The taxable income or net loss of a REMIC will be the income from the "qualified mortgages" it holds and any reinvestment earnings less deductions allowed to the REMIC. In general, an underlying security will be a "qualified mortgage" if the mortgage loans backing that security are "principally secured by an interest in real property" within the meaning of section 860G(a)(3) of the Code or if that security is a regular interest in another REMIC.

The taxable income or net loss for a given calendar quarter will be determined in the same manner as for an individual having the calendar year as the taxable year and using the accrual method of accounting, with the following modifications and limitations:

- A deduction will be allowed for accruals of interest (including any OID, but without regard to the investment interest limitation in section 163(d) of the Code) on the Regular Certificates (but not the Residual Certificates).
- Market discount equal to any excess of the total Stated Principal Balances of the qualified mortgages over the REMIC's basis in these mortgages generally will be included in income by the REMIC as it accrues under a constant yield method, taking into account the Prepayment Assumption.
- If a REMIC is treated as having acquired qualified mortgages at a premium, the premium also will be amortized using a constant yield method.
- No item of income, gain, loss or deduction allocable to a prohibited transaction (see "—*Taxes on a REMIC*—Prohibited Transactions" below) will be taken into account.
- A REMIC generally may not deduct any item that would not be allowed in calculating the taxable income of a partnership by virtue of section 703(a)(2) of the Code.
- The limitation on miscellaneous itemized deductions imposed on individuals by section 67 of the Code will not be applied at the REMIC level to any administrative fees, such as servicing and guaranty fees. (See, however, "—Pass-Through of Servicing and Guaranty Fees to Individuals" below.)
- No deduction is allowed for any expenses incurred in connection with the formation of a REMIC and the issuance of the Regular and Residual Certificates.
- Any gain or loss to a REMIC from the disposition of any asset, including a qualified mortgage or "permitted investment" as defined in section 860G(a)(5) of the Code), will be treated as ordinary gain or loss.

A REMIC's basis in qualified mortgages is the aggregate of the issue prices of all the Regular and Residual Certificates in the REMIC on the Settlement Date. If, however, the amount sold to the public of any class of Regular or Residual Certificates is not substantial, then the fair market value of all the Regular or Residual Certificates in that class as of the date of the prospectus supplement should be substituted for the issue price. If the deductions allowed to the REMIC exceed its gross income for a calendar quarter, the excess will be a net loss for the REMIC for that calendar quarter.

For purposes of determining the taxable income or net loss of a REMIC, OID will be calculated by taking into account the following. First, if all the regular interests of a REMIC are issued to another REMIC, the regular interests will be treated as a single debt instrument because they were issued to a single holder in a single transaction. Second, if a REMIC holds a regular interest as a qualified mortgage (an "Underlying Certificate"), the REMIC will elect to include in gross income all interest that accrues on the Underlying Certificate by using a constant yield method. See "—Taxation of Beneficial Owners of Regular Certificates—Special Election" above. Third, if a REMIC holds an Underlying Certificate, the accruals of OID on the Underlying Certificate will be determined using the same Prepayment Assumption used to calculate the accruals of OID on the related regular interests in the REMIC as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. The IRS, however, could take the position that the proper Prepayment Assumption to be used is the Prepayment Assumption originally established for the Underlying Certificate.

A Residual Owner may be required to recognize taxable income without being entitled to receive a corresponding amount of cash. This could occur, for example, if the mortgage loans are considered to be purchased by the REMIC at a discount, some or all of the Regular Certificates are issued at a discount, and the discount included as a result of a prepayment on a mortgage loan that is used to pay principal on the Regular Certificates exceeds the REMIC's deduction for unaccrued original issue discount relating to the Regular Certificates. Taxable income may also be greater in earlier years because interest expense deductions, expressed as a percentage of the outstanding principal amount of the Regular Certificates, may increase over time as the earlier classes of Regular Certificates are paid, whereas interest income of the REMIC from each mortgage loan, expressed as a percentage of the outstanding principal amount of that mortgage loan, may remain constant over time.

Basis Rules and Distributions

A Residual Owner has an initial basis in its Residual Certificate equal to the amount paid for the Residual Certificate. The basis is increased by amounts included in the income of the Residual Owner and decreased by distributions and by any net loss taken into account with respect to the Residual Certificate. A distribution on a Residual Certificate to a Residual Owner is not included in gross income to the extent it does not exceed the Residual Owner's basis in the Residual Certificate (adjusted as described above) and, to the extent it exceeds the adjusted basis of the Residual Certificate, is treated as gain from the sale of the Residual Certificate.

A Residual Owner is not allowed to take into account any net loss for a calendar quarter to the extent the net loss exceeds the Residual Owner's adjusted basis in its Residual Certificate as of the close of that calendar quarter (determined without regard to that net loss). Any loss disallowed by reason of this limitation may be carried forward indefinitely to future calendar quarters and, subject to the same limitation, may be used only to offset income from the Residual Certificate.

Treatment of Excess Inclusions

Any excess inclusions with respect to a Residual Certificate are subject to certain special tax rules. With respect to a Residual Owner, the excess inclusion for any calendar quarter is defined as the excess (if any) of the daily portions of taxable income over the sum of the "daily accruals" for each day during the quarter that the Residual Certificate was held by the Residual Owner. (The determination of daily accruals is discussed below.) The Treasury Department has the authority to issue regulations that would treat all taxable income of a REMIC as excess inclusions if the Residual Certificate does not have "significant value." The Treasury Department has not yet exercised this authority, but may do so in the future.

Any excess inclusions cannot be offset by losses from other activities. For Residual Owners that are subject to tax only on unrelated business taxable income (as defined in section 511 of the Code), an excess inclusion of the Residual Owner is treated as unrelated business taxable income. With respect to variable contracts (within the meaning of section 817 of the Code), a life insurance company cannot adjust its reserve to the extent of any excess inclusion, except as provided in regulations. If a Residual Owner is a member of an affiliated group filing a consolidated income tax return, the taxable income of the affiliated group cannot be less than the sum of the excess inclusions attributable to all residual interests in REMICs held by members of the affiliated group. For purposes of the alternative minimum tax, taxable income does not include excess inclusions, the alternative minimum taxable income cannot be less than excess inclusions, and excess inclusions are disregarded in computing the alternative tax net operating loss deduction. For a discussion of the effect of excess inclusions on certain foreign investors that own Residual Certificates, see "—Foreign Investors—Residual Certificates" below.

In the case of any Residual Certificates that are held by a real estate investment trust, the aggregate excess inclusions with respect to the Residual Certificates reduced (but not below zero) by the real estate investment trust taxable income (within the meaning of section 857(b)(2) of the Code, excluding any net capital gain) would, under regulations yet to be prescribed, be allocated among the shareholders of the trust in proportion to the dividends received by the shareholders from the trust, and any amount so allocated would be treated as an excess inclusion with respect to a Residual Certificate as if held directly by the shareholder. Similar rules would apply in the case of regulated investment companies, common trust funds and certain cooperatives that hold a Residual Certificate.

Determination of Daily Accruals

The daily accruals are determined by allocating to each day during a calendar quarter its ratable portion of the product of the "adjusted issue price" of the Residual Certificate at the beginning of the calendar quarter and 120 percent of the "Federal long-term rate" in effect on the Settlement Date, based on quarterly compounding and properly adjusted for the length of the quarter. The Federal long-term rate is a blend of current yields on Treasury securities having a maturity of more than nine years computed and published monthly by the IRS. For each series of Certificates, if the Federal long-term rate based on quarterly compounding that will be in effect on the Settlement Date is available as of the date of the related prospectus supplement, 120 percent of that rate will be set forth in the prospectus supplement.

The adjusted issue price of a Residual Certificate as of the beginning of any calendar quarter is equal to the issue price of the Residual Certificate, increased by the amount of daily accruals for all prior quarters and decreased by any distributions made with respect to the Residual Certificate before the beginning of the quarter. The issue price of a Residual Certificate generally is the initial offering price to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) at which a substantial amount of the Residual Certificates was sold.

Pass-Through of Servicing and Guaranty Fees to Individuals

A Residual Owner who is an individual will be required to include in income a share of the administrative fees of the REMIC, including the servicing and guaranty fees imposed at the level of the underlying securities. See, for example, "Description of Certificates— Servicing Through Lenders" and "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences" in our MBS prospectus. A deduction for such fees generally will be allowed to such a Residual Owner only to the extent that such fees, along with certain of the Residual Owner's other miscellaneous itemized deductions, exceed 2 percent of the Residual Owner's adjusted gross income. In addition, such a Residual Owner may not be able to deduct any portion of such fees in computing the Residual Owner's alternative minimum tax liability. A Residual Owner's share of such fees generally will be determined by (i) allocating the amount of such expenses for each calendar quarter on a pro rata basis to each day in the calendar quarter, and (ii) allocating the daily amount among the Residual Owners in proportion to their respective holdings on that day. Similar rules apply in the case of (i) estates and trusts, and (ii) individuals owning an interest in a Residual Certificate through an investment in a "pass-through entity." Pass-through entities include partnerships, S corporations, grantor trusts and non-publicly offered regulated investment companies, but do not include estates, trusts other than grantor trusts, cooperatives, real estate investment trusts and publicly offered regulated investment companies.

Sales and Other Dispositions of Residual Certificates

Upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of a Residual Certificate, the Residual Owner generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the disposition and the Residual Owner's adjusted basis in the Certificate. The adjusted basis of a Residual Certificate is determined as described above under "—Basis Rules and Distributions." Except as provided in section 582(c) of the Code, the gain or loss, if any, will be capital gain or loss, provided the Certificate is held as a capital asset.

If a Residual Owner sells or otherwise disposes of its Residual Certificate at a loss, the loss will not be recognized if, within six months before or after the sale or other disposition of the Residual Certificate, the Residual Owner purchases another residual interest in any REMIC or any interest in a taxable mortgage pool (as defined in section 7701(i) of the Code) comparable to a residual interest in a REMIC. The disallowed loss would be allowed upon the sale or other disposition of the other residual interest (or comparable interest) if the rule referred to in the preceding sentence does not apply to that sale or other disposition. While this rule may be modified by Treasury regulations, no such regulations have yet been published.

Residual Certificates Transferred to or Held by Disqualified Organizations

Section 860E(e) of the Code imposes a substantial tax, payable by the transferor (or, if a transfer is through a broker, nominee, or other middleman as the transferee's agent, payable by that agent) upon any transfer of a Residual Certificate to a "disqualified organization." A transfer includes any transfer of record or beneficial ownership, whether pursuant to a purchase, a default under a secured lending agreement or otherwise. The term "disqualified organization" is defined above under "Description of the Certificates—Special Characteristics of Residual Certificates." A transferor of a Residual Certificate (or an agent of a transferee of a Residual Certificate, as the case may be) will be relieved of this tax liability if (i) the transferee furnishes to the transferor (or the transferee's agent) an affidavit that the transferee is not a disqualified organization, and (ii) the transferor (or the transferee's agent) does not have actual knowledge that the affidavit is false at the time of the transfer.

In addition, a tax may be imposed upon a pass-through entity (including a regulated investment company, real estate investment trust, common trust fund, partnership, trust, estate and nominee and certain cooperatives) that owns a Residual Certificate if the pass-through entity has a disqualified organization as a record holder. For this purpose, all interests in an electing large partnership are treated as held by disqualified organizations. No such tax will be imposed on a pass-through entity for a period with respect to an interest therein owned by a disqualified organization if (i) the record holder of the interest furnishes to the pass-through entity an affidavit that it is not a disqualified organization, (ii) during that period, the pass-through entity has no actual knowledge that the affidavit is false and (iii) the entity is not an electing large partnership.

Other Transfers of Residual Certificates

A transfer of a Residual Certificate that has tax avoidance potential is disregarded for federal income tax purposes if the transferee is not a U.S. Person (a "Non-U.S. Person"), unless the transferee's income from the Certificate is otherwise subject to U.S. income tax. A Residual Certificate has tax avoidance potential unless, at the time of the transfer, the transferor reasonably expects that, for each excess inclusion, the REMIC will pay to the transferee an amount that will equal at least 30 percent of the excess inclusion, and that each amount will be paid at or after the time at which the excess inclusion accrues and not later than the close of the calendar year following the calendar year of accrual. Certain transfers by a Non-U.S. Person to a U.S. Person or another Non-U.S. Person are also disregarded if the transfer has the effect of allowing the transferor to avoid tax on accrued excess inclusions. See "Description of the Certificates—Special Characteristics of Residual Certificates" for a discussion of additional provisions applicable to transfers of Residual Certificates.

Amounts Paid to a Transferee of a Residual Certificate

The federal income tax consequences of any consideration paid to a transferee on the transfer of a Residual Certificate are unclear. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of receiving such consideration.

Termination

Although the matter is not entirely free from doubt, it appears that a Residual Owner will be entitled to a loss if:

- the REMIC terminates by virtue of the final payment or liquidation of the last mortgage loan that backs the last underlying security remaining in the REMIC and
- the Residual Owner's adjusted basis in its Residual Certificate at the time the termination occurs exceeds the amount of cash distributed to the Residual Owner in liquidation of its interest.

The amount of the loss will equal the amount by which the Residual Owner's adjusted basis exceeds the amount of cash distributed to the Residual Owner in liquidation of its interest.

Taxes on a REMIC

A REMIC will not be subject to federal income tax except with respect to income from prohibited transactions and in certain other instances described below. It is not anticipated that a series trust will engage in any transactions that will give rise to a tax on a related REMIC. In any event, pursuant to our guaranty obligations, we will make distributions on the Regular Certificates and Residual Certificates without offset or deduction for any tax imposed on the related REMIC.

Prohibited Transactions

The Code imposes a tax on a REMIC equal to 100 percent of the net income derived from "prohibited transactions." In general, the term "prohibited transaction" means the disposition of a qualified mortgage other than pursuant to certain specified exceptions, the receipt of investment income from a source other than a qualified mortgage or certain other permitted investments, the receipt of compensation for services, or the disposition of a "cash flow investment" as defined in Section 8606(a)(6) of the Code.

Contributions to a REMIC After the Startup Day

The Code imposes a tax on a REMIC equal to 100 percent of the value of any property contributed to the REMIC after the "startup day" (generally the same as the Settlement Date). Exceptions are provided for cash contributions to a REMIC if made (i) during the three-month period beginning on the startup day, (ii) to a qualified reserve fund by a holder of a residual interest, (iii) in the nature of a guarantee, or (iv) to facilitate a qualified liquidation or clean-up call.

Net Income from Foreclosure Property

The Code imposes a tax on a REMIC equal to the highest corporate rate on "net income from foreclosure property." The terms "foreclosure property" (which includes property acquired by deed in lieu of foreclosure) and "net income from foreclosure property" are defined by reference to the rules applicable to real estate investment trusts. Generally, foreclosure property would be treated as such until the close of the third taxable year following the taxable year in which the acquisition occurs, with possible extensions. Net income from foreclosure property generally means gain from the sale of foreclosure property that is inventory property and gross income from foreclosure property other than qualifying rents and other qualifying income for a real estate investment trust, net of deductions directly connected with the production of such income.

Reporting and Other Administrative Matters

For purposes of the administrative provisions of the Code, each REMIC will be treated as a partnership and the Residual Owners will be treated as partners. We will prepare, sign and file federal income tax returns for each REMIC, which returns are subject to audit by the IRS. We do not intend to register any REMIC as a tax shelter pursuant to section 6111 of the Code. We will also act as the tax matters partner for each REMIC, either as a beneficial owner of a Residual Certificate or as a fiduciary for the Residual Owner. Each Residual Owner, by the acceptance of its Residual Certificate, agrees that we will act as its fiduciary in the performance of any duties required of it in the event that it is the tax matters partner.

Within a reasonable time after the end of each calendar year, we will furnish to each Holder that received a distribution during that year a statement setting forth the portions of any distributions that constitute interest distributions, OID and any other information as is required by Treasury regulations and, with respect to Holders of Residual Certificates, information necessary to compute the daily portions of the taxable income (or net loss) of the REMIC for each day during that year.

If there is more than one Residual Owner for a taxable year, each Residual Owner is required to treat items on its return consistently with the treatment on the return of the REMIC, unless the Residual Owner either files a statement identifying the inconsistency or establishes that the inconsistency resulted from incorrect information received from the REMIC. The IRS may assert a deficiency resulting from a failure to comply with the consistency requirement without instituting an administrative proceeding at the REMIC level.

Backup Withholding

Distributions of interest and principal, as well as distributions of proceeds from the sale of Regular and Residual Certificates, may be subject to the "backup withholding tax" under section 3406 of the Code at a rate of 31 percent if recipients of the distributions fail to furnish to the payor certain information, including their taxpayer identification numbers, or otherwise fail to establish an exemption from this tax. Any amounts deducted and withheld from a distribution to a recipient would be allowed as a credit against the recipient's federal income tax. Certain penalties may be imposed by the IRS on a recipient of distributions required to supply information who does not do so in the proper manner.

Foreign Investors

Regular Certificates

Distributions made on a Regular Certificate to, or on behalf of, a Regular Owner that is a Non-U.S. Person generally will be exempt from U.S. federal income and withholding taxes, provided (a) the Regular Owner is not subject to U.S. tax as a result of a connection to the United States other than ownership of the Certificate, (b) the Regular Owner signs a statement under penalties of perjury that certifies that the Regular Owner is a Non-U.S. Person, and provides the name and address of the Regular Owner, and (c) the last U.S. Person in the chain of payment to the Regular Owner receives the statement from the Regular Owner or a financial institution holding on its behalf and does not have actual knowledge that the statement is false. You should be aware that the IRS might take the position that this exemption does not apply to a Regular Owner that also owns 10 percent or more of the Residual Certificates or of the voting stock of Fannie Mae, or to a Regular Owner that is a "controlled foreign corporation" described in section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

Residual Certificates

Amounts distributed to a Residual Owner that is a Non-U.S. Person generally will be treated as interest for purposes of applying the 30 percent (or lower treaty rate) withholding tax on income that is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. Amounts not constituting excess inclusions that are distributed on a Residual Certificate to a Non-U.S. Person generally will be exempt from U.S. federal income and withholding taxes, subject to the same conditions applicable to distributions on Regular Certificates, as described above, but only to the extent that the obligations directly underlying the REMIC that issued the Residual Certificate (e.g., mortgage loans or regular interests in another REMIC) were issued after July 18, 1984. In no case will any portion of REMIC income that constitutes an excess inclusion be entitled to any exemption from the withholding tax or a reduced treaty rate for withholding. See "—Taxation of Beneficial Owners of Residual Certificates—Treatment of Excess Inclusions" above.

LEGAL INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

If you are an institution whose investment activities are subject to legal investment laws and regulations or to review by certain regulatory authorities, you may be subject to restrictions on investment in certain classes of the Certificates of a series. If you are a financial institution that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of Thrift Supervision, the National Credit Union Administration, the Department of the Treasury or other federal or state agencies with similar authority, you should review the rules, guidelines and regulations that apply to you prior to purchasing or pledging the Certificates of a series. In addition, if you are a financial institution, you should consult your regulators concerning the risk-based capital treatment of any Certificate. Investors should consult their own legal advisors in determining whether and to what extent the Certificates of a series constitute legal investments or are subject to restrictions on investment and whether and to what extent the Certificates of a series can be used as collateral for various types of borrowings.

LEGAL OPINION

If you purchase Certificates of a series, we will send you, upon request, an opinion of our General Counsel (or one of our Deputy General Counsels) as to the validity of the Certificates and the related Trust Agreement.

ERISA CONSIDERATIONS

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), and the Code impose certain requirements on employee benefit plans subject to ERISA (such as employer-sponsored retirement plans) and upon other types of benefit plans and arrange-

ments subject to section 4975 of the Code (such as individual retirement accounts). ERISA and the Code also impose these requirements on certain entities in which the benefit plans or arrangements that are subject to ERISA and the Code invest. We refer to these plans, arrangements and entities as "Plans." Any person who is a fiduciary of a Plan also is subject to the requirements imposed by ERISA and the Code. Before a Plan invests in any Certificate, the Plan fiduciary must consider whether the governing instruments for the Plan would permit the investment, whether the Certificates would be a prudent and appropriate investment for the Plan under its investment policy and whether such an investment might result in a prohibited transaction under ERISA or the Code for which no exemption is available.

On November 13, 1986, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a final regulation covering the acquisition by a Plan of a "guaranteed governmental mortgage pool certificate," defined to include certificates which are "backed by, or evidencing an interest in specified mortgages or participation interests therein" and are guaranteed by Fannie Mae as to the payment of interest and principal. Under the regulation, investment by a Plan in a "guaranteed governmental mortgage pool certificate" does not cause the assets of the Plan to include the mortgages underlying the certificate or cause the sponsor, trustee and other servicers of the mortgage pool to be subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA or section 4975 of the Code in providing services with respect to the mortgages in the pool. Our counsel, Brown & Wood LLP, has advised us that the Certificates qualify under the definition of "guaranteed governmental mortgage pool certificates" and, as a result, the purchase and holding of Certificates by Plans will not cause the underlying mortgage loans or the assets of Fannie Mae to be subject to the fiduciary requirements of ERISA or to the prohibited transaction requirements of ERISA and the Code.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Pursuant to a Fannie Mae commitment, we will deliver the Certificates of a series to one or more securities dealers (each, a "Dealer") in exchange for the assets specified in the related prospectus supplement, unless the prospectus supplement provides otherwise. Each Dealer will offer the Certificates as specified in the prospectus supplement. Each Dealer may, in turn, offer the Certificates to or through other dealers. These Dealers engage in transactions with us and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business. We, the Dealers or other parties may receive compensation, trading gain or other benefits in connection with these transactions. We typically receive a fee from the Dealer or Dealers for each offering. We reserve the right to acquire Certificates for our own account at the time they are issued or subsequently in the secondary market and may retain or dispose of any Certificates that we acquire.

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