

## Farm Credit Administration

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of the preceding fiscal year and the end of the most recent fiscal quarter, and for the comparable period for the preceding fiscal year.

(4) For banks, interim statements of cash flows for the period between the end of the preceding fiscal year and the end of the most recent fiscal quarter, and for the comparable period for the preceding fiscal year. For associations, interim statements of cash flows are optional.

(e) *Review by independent public accountant.* The interim financial information need not be audited or reviewed by an independent public accountant prior to filing. If, however, a review of the data is made in accordance with the established professional standards and procedures for such a review, the institution may state that the independent accountant has performed such a review. If such a statement is made, the report of the independent accountant on such review shall accompany the interim financial information.

(f) If any amount that would otherwise be required to be shown by this subpart with respect to any item is not material, it need not be separately shown. The combination of insignificant items is permitted.

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### Subpart D—Notice to Shareholders

SOURCE: 62 FR 15093, Mar. 31, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

#### § 620.15 Notice.

(a) Each Farm Credit bank and direct lender association shall prepare and provide the Farm Credit Administration and shareholders a notice, within 30 days following the month end that the institution initially determines that it is not in compliance with the minimum permanent capital standard prescribed under § 615.5205 of this chapter.

(b) An institution that has given notice to shareholders pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section or subsequent notice pursuant to this paragraph shall

also prepare and provide the Farm Credit Administration and shareholders a notice within 45 days following the end of any subsequent quarter at which the institution's permanent capital ratio decreases by one-half of 1 percent or more from the level reported in the most recent notice provided to shareholders.

(c) Each institution required to prepare a notice under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section shall provide the notice to shareholders or publish it in any publication with circulation wide enough to be reasonably assured that all of the institution's shareholders have access to the information in a timely manner.

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#### § 620.17 Contents of the notice.

(a) The information required to be in a notice must be conspicuous, easily understandable, and not misleading.

(b) A notice, at a minimum, shall include:

(1) A statement that:

(i) Briefly describes the regulatory minimum permanent capital standard established by the Farm Credit Administration and the notice requirement of § 620.15(a);

(ii) Indicates the institution's current level of permanent capital; and

(iii) Notifies shareholders that the institution's permanent capital is below the Farm Credit Administration regulatory minimum standard.

(2) A statement of the effect that noncompliance has had on the institution and its shareholders, including whether the institution is currently prohibited by statute or regulation from retiring stock or distributing earnings or whether the Farm Credit Administration has issued a capital directive or other enforcement action to the institution.

(3) A complete description of any event(s) that may have significantly contributed to the institution's noncompliance with the minimum permanent capital standard.

(4) A statement that the institution is required by regulation to provide another notice to shareholders within 45

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days following the end of any subsequent quarter at which the institution's permanent capital ratio decreases by one half of one percent or more from the level reported in the notice.

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### Subpart E—Association Annual Meeting Information Statement

SOURCE: 51 FR 8656, Mar. 13, 1986, unless otherwise noted. Redesignated at 56 FR 29421, June 27, 1991, and further redesignated at 62 FR 15093, Mar. 31, 1997.

#### § 620.20 Preparing and providing the information statement.

(a) Each association of the Farm Credit System shall prepare and provide to its shareholders at least 10 days prior to any meeting at which directors are to be elected an information statement ("statement").

(b) The statement shall incorporate by reference the annual report to shareholders required by subpart B of this part and contain the information specified in § 620.21 and such other material information as is necessary to make the required statement, in light of the circumstances under which it is made, not misleading.

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#### § 620.21 Contents of the information statement and other information to be furnished in connection with the annual meeting.

The statement shall address the following items:

(a) *Date, time, and place of the meeting(s).*

(b) *Voting shareholders.* For each class of stock entitled to vote at the meeting, state the number of shareholders entitled to vote, and, when shareholders are asked to vote on preferred stock, the number of shares entitled to vote. State the record date as of which the shareholders entitled to vote will be determined and the voting requirements for each matter to be voted upon.

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(c) *Directors.* (1) State the names and ages of persons currently serving as directors of the institution, their terms of office, and the periods during which such persons have served. No information need be given with respect to any director whose term of office as a director will not continue after the meeting to which the statement relates.

(2) State the name of any incumbent director who attended fewer than 75 percent of the total of board meetings and any board committee meeting of committees on which he or she served during the last fiscal year.

(3) If any director resigned or declined to stand for reelection since the last annual meeting because of a policy disagreement with the board, and if the director has provide a notice requesting disclosure of the nature of the disagreement, state the date of the director's resignation and summarize the director's description of the disagreement. If the institution holds a different view of the disagreement, the institution's view may be summarized.

(4) If any transactions between the institution and its senior officers and directors of the type required to be disclosed in the annual report to shareholders under § 620.5(j), or any of the events required to be disclosed in the annual report to shareholders under § 620.5 (k) have occurred since the end of the last fiscal year and were not disclosed in the annual report to shareholders, the disclosures required by § 620.5 (j) and (k) shall be made with respect to such transactions or events in the annual information statement. If any material change in the matters disclosed in the annual report to shareholders pursuant to § 620.5 (j) and (k) has occurred since the annual report to shareholders was prepared, disclosure shall be made of such change in the annual information statement.

(d) *Nominees.* (1) If directors are nominated or elected by region, describe the regions and state the number of voting shareholders entitled to vote in each region. Any nominee from the floor must be an eligible candidate for the director position for which the person has been nominated.

(2) If fewer than two nominees for each position are named, describe the