Fair Lending, Fair Housing and Equitable Housing Finance Plans Proposed Rule Meeting

Meeting: Telephone call with Fannie Mae on June 7, 2023 to discuss the proposed Fair Lending, Fair Housing and Equitable Housing Finance Plans Proposed Rule.

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Subject: Meeting between Fannie Mae and FHFA to discuss the proposed rule.

Summary:

- The following topics were discussed:
 - Certification requirement
 - Perception that certification creates a hierarchy that places compliance with fair lending, fair housing, and UDAP over compliance with other laws
 - Possibility of future regulations always requiring certification
 - Potential discussion in coordination with FTC on UDAP
 - Equitable Housing Finance Plans and Prudential Management and Operations Standards
 - Question about why this should be commingled with other things that are prudential, instead of relying on existing regulatory authority
 - Based on what other bank regulators have done on prudential standards, enforcement authority does not fit the EFHP obligation

- o Data collection and reporting
 - Suggested changes to language to make clear that it is substantially the same as the May 2022 policy
 - Recommendations include suggested language
- Noted that no effective date had been provided
 - o Discussion of effective date and whether existing plan would be covered.