

(AGM) Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Class C

Govt Support Firms

Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Class C: EJR affirms at A
Non-NRSRO Rating

Current Senior Rating	A
Projected Senior Rating	A
Short-Term Rating	A1
Three-Year Default Probability	1.5%
Three-Year Recovery Rate	95.0%
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This rating is valid for 1-year from the above publication date.



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Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Class C (AGM) is in the govt support firms sector and its operating income was \$178.8M for the quarter ending September 2023 vs. \$116.5M for the prior year. Net income for the September 2023 quarter was \$58.1M vs. the prior year's \$41.4M income.

Founded in 1987 and headquartered in Washington, DC, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation is a stockholder-owned, federally chartered corporation. It engages in the provision of a secondary market for agricultural real estate and rural housing mortgage loans, rural utility loans, and loans guaranteed by the United States Department of Agriculture. For the FQE Sep '23, AGM's net income soared 40.3% to \$58.1M attributable to a 29.0% advance in net interest income to \$87.6M as interest income growth more than offset the expansion in interest expense. In addition, non-interest income surged to \$9.5M (+126.7%) led by higher guarantee and commitment fee. Partially offsetting the increase in net income was a \$4.5M increase in income taxes to \$15.1M and a 23.7% expansion in operating expenses to \$24.0M primarily due to higher compensation and employee benefits and general and administrative expenses. Regarding leverage, total debt rose from \$23.5B to \$25.1B for the FQE '23 while total shareholder's equity rose from \$1.2B to \$1.4B. As a result, leverage (i.e., total debt/capital (including debt)) was 94.8%. Net Debt was \$24.3B for the most recent FQE and the resulting net leverage ratio was 94.6%. Market Cap is \$2.0B as of 01/04/2024 (a ratio of 12.5:1). Affirming.

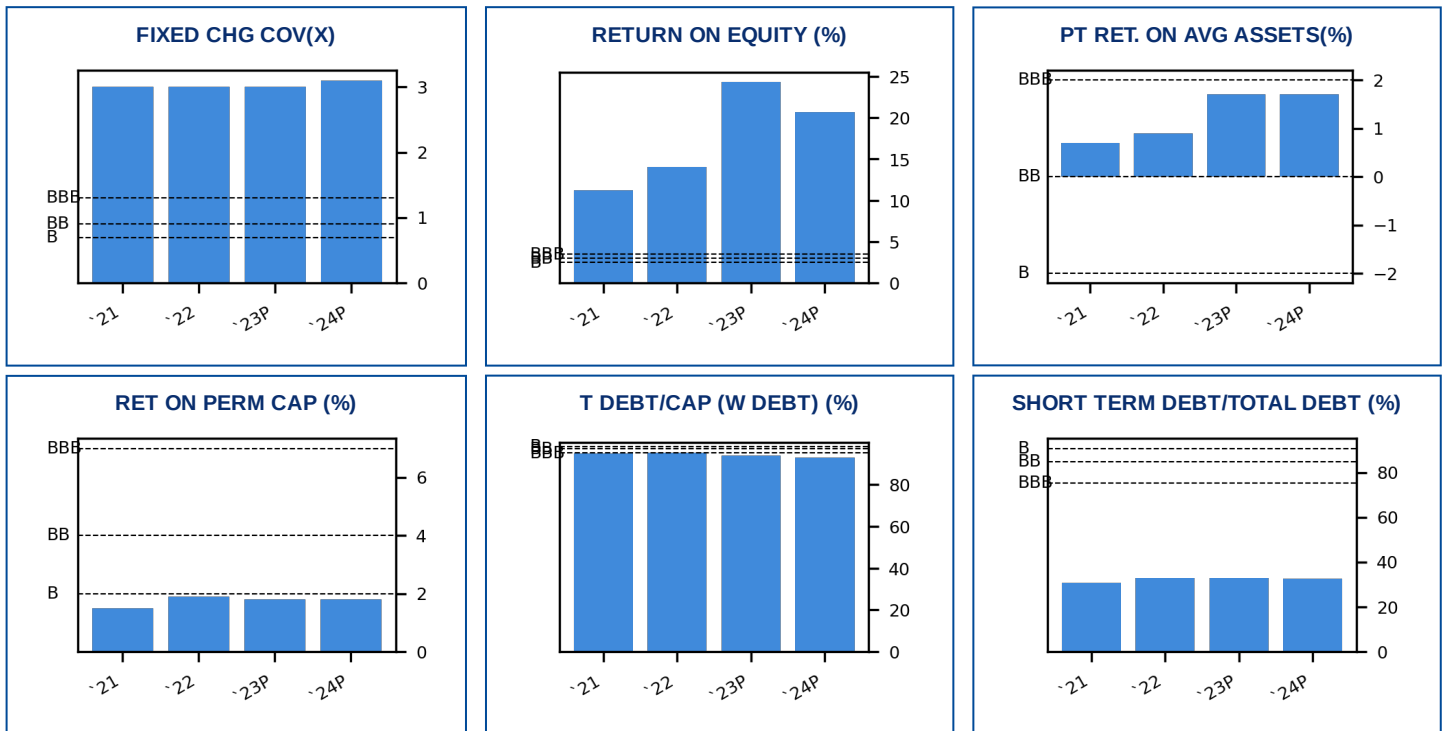
CREDIT POSITION	Annual Ratios				Ratios For 4 Rolling Quarters				
	Dec 21	Dec 22	PDec 23	PDec 24	Sep 22	Dec 22	Mar 23	Jun 23	Sep 23
Fixed Chg Cov(x)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.7
Return on Equity (%)	11.2	14.0	24.3	20.7	13.9	14.0	13.8	13.3	14.1
PT Ret. on Avg Assets(%)	0.7	0.9	1.7	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Ret on Perm Cap (%)	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.3
T Debt/Cap (w Debt) (%)	94.9	95.1	93.9	92.8	95.0	95.1	95.1	94.8	94.8
Short Term Debt/Total Debt (%)	30.8	32.8	32.8	32.7	31.5	32.8	33.9	34.0	31.7
Implied Senior Rating	A	A	A+	A+	A	A	A	A	A

PEER RATIOS	Other NRSRO Sen.	Fixed Charge Cov(x)	ROE(%)	Ret on Avg Assets	Ret on Perm Cap(%)	T Debt/ Cap(%)	ST Debt/ Total Debt(%)	Ratio-Implied Rating
Federal National Mortgage Association	AAA	2.2	21.4	0.4	2.5	98.6	0.2	A-
Freddie Mac	AAA	2.2	25.2	0.4	2.5	98.8	1.5	A-
Starwood Property Trust, Inc.	BB	2.3	11.9	1.2	4.1	74.1	16.0	A-
Ocwen Financial Corporation	B-	3.2	5.6	0.2	3.6	96.1	9.8	BBB-

Notes:

Annual and quarterly implied sen. ratings are smoothed using EJR's prior rating if any. Peers' implied ratings are also smoothed. Rating Change Anticipator (1 is best, 100 worst): 44.9, Last EJR Sen: A Unless updated, the rating is valid for (1) year from the report date.

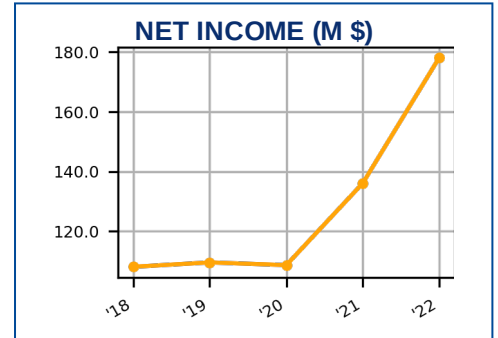
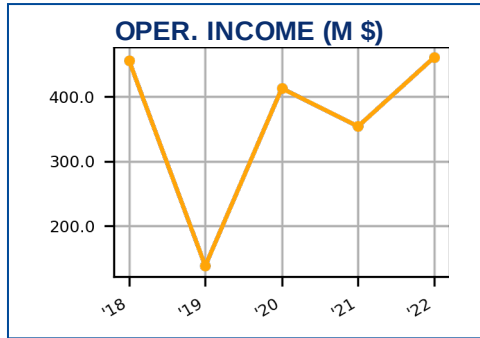
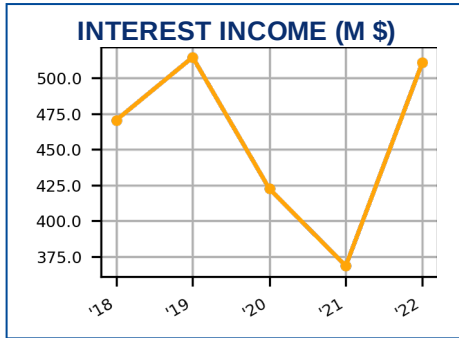
INDUSTRY RATIOS	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC
Fixed Chg Cov(x)	2.3	1.8	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.5
Return on Equity (%)	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0
PT Ret. on Avg Assets(%)	6.0	4.0	2.0	0.0	-2.0	-4.0
Ret on Perm Cap (%)	20.0	10.0	7.0	4.0	2.0	-2.0
T Debt/Cap (w Debt) (%)	85.0	90.0	95.0	97.0	98.2	100.0
Short Term Debt/Total Debt (%)	47.5	62.2	75.3	84.9	90.7	94.2



ANNUAL INCOME STATEMENTS (MILLIONS \$)

Below are Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Class C's annual income statements with the projected years based on our assumptions.

	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	PDec 23	PDec 24
Interest Income	471	515	423	369	511	518	526
Interest Expense	319	413	275	181	235	235	235
Net Interest Income	151	102	148	187	276	284	291
Provisions for Loan Losses	0	4	8	(2)	1	2	2
Trading Account Profit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commissions and Fees Earned	14	14	13	13	13	13	14
Other Operating Income	20	76	59	46	1	1	1
Non-Interest Expense	(271)	50	(201)	(106)	(171)	(175)	(178)
Operating Income	455	139	412	354	460	471	482
Net Non Operating Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Expenses	28	29	29	36	48	85	87
Income Before XO Items	108	110	109	136	178	386	395
Extraordinary Item Net of Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consolidated Net Income	108	110	109	136	178	386	395
Total Cash Preferred Dividends & Other Gain/Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	108	110	109	136	178	386	395
Common Dividends/Distribution	25	30	51	61	68	72	75
Net Revenues	504	605	495	427	524	533	541
Comprehensive Income per Share	6.5	5.9	3.6	4.6	7.6	0.0	0.0
Basic EPS Before Abnormal Items	8.8	8.7	8.3	10.3	13.9	35.4	36.2
Basic EPS Before XO Items	8.8	8.7	8.3	10.3	13.9	35.4	36.2
Basic EPS	8.9	8.8	8.3	10.4	14.0	35.4	36.2
EBITDA	0	555	420	351	461	472	483



REVENUE & PROFITABILITY

The Company's interest income rose at an average rate of 1.71% over the last five years while Operating Margin rose to 2.93% for the fiscal year ending December 2022, above the 2.47% average over the prior four years. Return on Assets rose to 0.65%, above the 0.52% average for the prior years.

	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	PDec 23	PDec 24
Interest Income (Millions USD)	471	515	423	369	511	518	526
Growth Rate (%)	17.5	9.4	-17.9	-12.8	38.6	1.5	1.5
Net Interest Income/Total Interest Income (%)	32.1	19.8	35.0	50.8	54.1	54.7	55.3
Loan Loss Coverage (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pretax Return on Avg Assets (%)	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.7	1.7
Oper Return / Earning Assets (%)	3.6	1.0	2.8	2.4	2.9	2.9	3.0
Non-Interest Inc / Revs (%)	6.7	14.9	14.6	13.6	2.6	2.6	2.7
Efficiency Ratio (%)	-146.5	25.9	-91.3	-43.2	-59.1	-58.7	-58.3
Return on Assets (%)	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.4	1.4

LEVERAGE & ASSET LIQUIDITY

The Quick Asset Ratio has become weaker recently, slipping to 3.9:1 for the FYE December 2022.

	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	PDec 23	PDec 24
Quick Asset Ratio (%)	3.2	3.7	5.0	4.3	3.9	4.3	4.7
Quick Assets / ST Dep & Debt (%)	7.8	7.9	11.3	15.4	13.5	15.0	16.7
LT Debt/Capital (%)	91.9	91.9	91.8	92.8	92.8	91.2	89.6
T Debt/Cap (w Debt) (%)	95.6	96.0	95.7	94.9	95.1	93.9	92.8

ASSUMPTIONS FOR FINANCIALS

VALUATION DRIVER: Interest Income Growth

Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Class C (AGM) has grown its interest income at 38.6% per annum in the last fiscal year. We expect the Company's revenues will grow approximately 1.5% per annum over the next couple of years and 1.5% per annum for the next couple of years thereafter.

VALUATION DRIVER: Net Interest Margin

The Company's net interest margin has been more than its peers and we assumed a 1.8% net interest margin over the next two years.

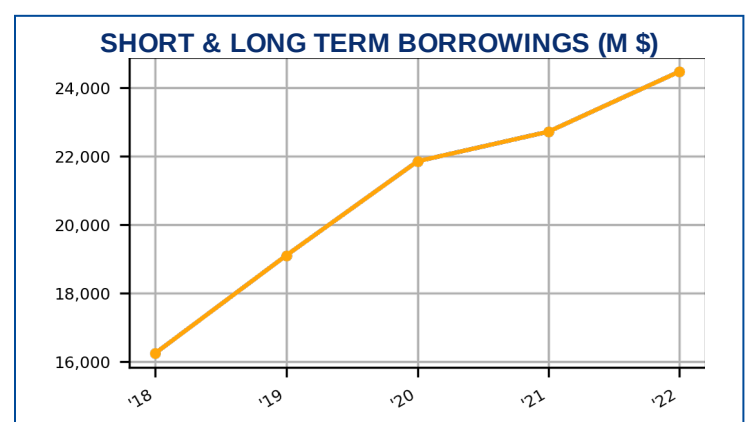
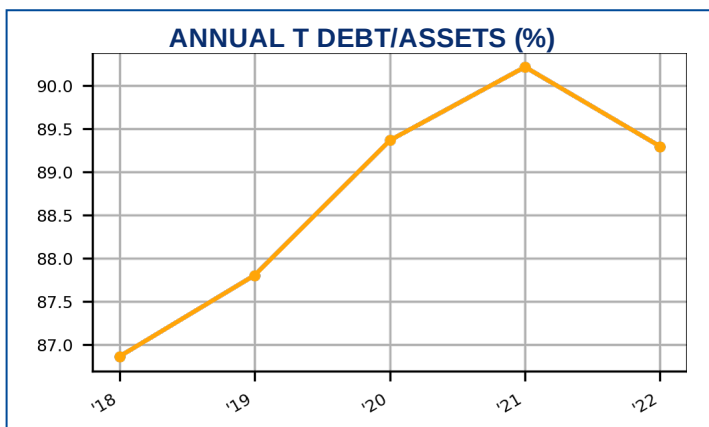
			ASSUMPTIONS		
	Peer Median	Company Average	Year 1	Year 2	Years 3, 4, 5
Interest Income Growth (%)	20.7	38.6	1.5	1.5	1.5
Interest Expense (Rate %)	2.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Net Interest Margin (% of earning assets)	0.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Provisions for Loan Losses (% of earning assets)	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trading Account Profit Growth (%)	205.6	(55.7)	5.0	5.0	5.0
Commissions and Fees Earned Growth (%)	(9.0)	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Other Operating Income Growth (%)	(112.1)	(98.5)	5.0	5.0	5.0
Non Interest Expense Growth (%)	39.5	61.6	2.0	2.0	2.0
Net Non Operating Loss Growth (%)	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Income Tax Rate (%)	(0.2)	10.3	18.0	18.0	18.9
Special Items (Millions \$)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash & Near Cash Growth (%)	(19.1)	(5.3)	6.0	6.0	6.0
Accounts & Notes Receivable Growth (%)	5.5	30.8	30.8	30.8	27.7
Markable Secs. & ST Investments Growth (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Loans & Mortgages Growth (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Real Estate Investments Growth (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Long Term Investments Growth (%)	1.7	6.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
Long Term Investments Before Reserves Growth (%)	1.7	6.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
Loan Loss Reserves (% of earning assets)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Loan Net of Reserves Growth (%)	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Fixed Assets Growth (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Assets Growth (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Demand Deposits Growth (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Short-Term Borrowings Growth (%)	1.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Customer Deposits Growth (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Short-Term Liabilities Growth (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-Term Borrowings Growth (%)	5.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Deferred Tax Liability Growth (%)	0.0	23.2	3.0	3.0	3.0
Other Long-Term Liabilities Growth (%)	0.0	33.4	7.0	7.0	7.0
Shares Sold (% of shares out.)	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Additional ST Debt (Millions \$)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

ANNUAL BALANCE SHEETS (MILLIONS \$)

Below are Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Class C's balance sheets with the projected years based on our assumptions. As of December 2024, the Company's total cash is assumed to increase from \$861M as of December 2022 to \$967M while its total debt is assumed to rise from \$24.5B to \$24.5B.

ASSETS	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	PDec 23	PDec 24
Cash & Near Cash	425	604	1,034	909	861	913	967
Accounts & Notes Receivable	220	238	224	211	276	361	473
Marketable Secs. & ST Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mortgage Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Estate Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Long-Term Investments	12,518	13,847	14,520	14,691	15,706	16,020	16,340
Long-Term Investments before Reserves	12,518	13,847	14,520	14,691	15,706	16,020	16,340
Loan Loss Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loans Net of Reserves	12,518	13,847	14,520	14,691	15,706	16,020	16,340
Net Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Assets	0	0	0	0	0	10,560	10,560
Additional Assets	5,538	7,064	8,672	9,367	10,560	0	0
Total Assets	18,701	21,752	24,449	25,178	27,403	27,854	28,341
Earning Assets	12,518	13,847	14,520	14,691	15,706	16,020	16,340

LIABILITIES	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	PDec 23	PDec 24
Demand Deposits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short-Term Borrowings	7,757	10,019	10,746	6,987	8,034	8,034	8,034
Customer Deposits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Short Term Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long-Term Borrowings	8,487	9,080	11,103	15,727	16,435	16,456	16,500
Deferred Tax Liability	7	43	94	57	70	72	74
Other Long-Term Liabilities	1,698	1,811	1,514	1,194	1,592	1,703	1,823
Other Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	17,948	20,953	23,457	23,964	26,131	26,266	26,431
Total Preferred Equity	205	228	363	485	485	485	485
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Share Capital & APIC	129	130	134	137	140	141	143
Retained Earnings & Other Equity	418	441	496	592	648	962	1,282
Total Shareholders & Equity	753	799	992	1,214	1,272	1,588	1,910
Total Liabilities & Equity	18,701	21,752	24,449	25,178	27,403	27,854	28,341
Shares Outstanding	11	11	11	11	11	11	11



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Below are the disclosures as required by Paragraph (a) of Rule 17g-7.

1. The symbol in the rating scale used to denote the credit rating categories and notches within categories and the identity of the obligor, security, or money market instrument as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) of Rule 17g-7:

For the issue Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Class C with the ticker of AGM we have assigned the senior unsecured rating of A. There are three notches in our rating categories (e.g., A- A, and A+) except for AAA and those deep into speculative grade, i.e., CC, C, and D do not have notches.

2. The version of the procedure or methodology used to determine the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of Rule 17g-7:

We used version #16 of the Methodologies for Determining Credit Ratings (Main Methodology), a copy of which is available at egan-jones.com.

3. The main assumptions and principles used in constructing the procedures and methodologies used to determine the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(C) of Rule 17g-7:

The credit rating assigned reflects our judgement regarding the future credit quality of the issuer. Regarding the specific assumptions used, please refer to page 3 of this Rating Analysis Report.

4. The potential limitations of the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(D) of Rule 17g-7:

Our rating pertains solely to our view of current and prospective credit quality. Our rating does not address pricing, liquidity, or other risks associated with holding investments in the issuer. EJR ratings

- Are not intended to address the value, price, price stability, liquidity, suitability, or merit of an investment;
- Do not address investment merit, whether a particular rated security is suitable for a particular investor or suitable for an investor's risk tolerance;
- Do not address whether the expected return of a particular investment is adequate for the inherent risk;
- Do not address whether the market value of the security will remain stable over time; and
- Are not exact measures of the probability of default but are instead expressions of the relative credit risk of issuers and debt instruments.

5. Information on the uncertainty of the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E) of Rule 17g-7:

Our rating is dependent on numerous factors including the reliability, accuracy, and quality of the data relied used in determining the credit rating. The data/ information (collectively "Information") is sourced from publicly-available 10Q and 10K statements, quarterly reports, 8K filings, earnings reports, and other similar sources. In some cases, the Information is limited because of issues such as short operating histories, lack of reported data, delay in reporting data, restatements, inaccurate accounting, and other issues. Such shortcomings are not always readily apparent.

6. Whether and to what extent third-party due diligence services have been used in taking the rating action as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(F) of Rule 17g-7:

EJR does not utilize third-party due diligence.

7. How servicer or remittance reports were used, and with what frequency, to conduct surveillance of the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(G) of Rule 17g-7:

Servicer or remittance reports normally pertain to structured finance issuers; this report does not pertain to a structured finance issuer (EJR is not an NRSRO for structured finance or sovereigns/municipal issuers). Regarding surveillance, the minimum time period for corporation issuers is normally one year.

8. A description of the data that were relied upon for the purpose of determining the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(H) of Rule 17g-7:

EJR uses 10Q and 10K statements, quarterly reports, 8K filings, earnings reports, and other similar sources for ratings on publicly-traded issuers.

9. A statement containing an overall assessment of the quality of information available and considered in the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(I) of Rule 17g-7:

The information is generally high quality and readily available.

10. Information relating to conflicts of interest as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(J) of Rule 17g-7:

EJR is not paid to determine this credit rating.

11. An explanation or measure of the potential volatility of the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(K) of Rule 17g-7:

Our rating aims to assess the probability of the payment of obligations in full and on-time. Factors which affect such probability, and in turn our rating, include changes in the operating performance of the issuer, changes in capital structure, and merger and acquisition events.

12. Information on the content of the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(L) of Rule 17g-7:

EJR credit rating is an opinion about the relative creditworthiness of an entity or an instrument. Exhibit 1 of Form NRSRO provides information on credit rating definitions and observed default rates in credit ratings performance measurement statistics. (<https://www.egan-jones.com/regulatory/form-nrsro/credit-ratings-performance-measurement-statistics/>)

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13. Information on the sensitivity of the credit rating to assumptions as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(M) of Rule 17g-7:

Below is a summary of the import of the assumptions which independently would have the greatest impact on our "ratio-implied rating":

	Assumptions			Resulting Ratio-Implied Rating		
	Base	Optimistic	Pessimistic	Base	Optimistic	Pessimistic
Interest Income Growth %	1.5	5.5	0.0	A+	A+	A
Interest Expense (% of outstanding debt)	1.0	0.0	4.0	A+	A+	BB+
Provisions for Loan Losses (% of earning assets)	0.0	0.0	3.0	A+	A+	BBB-
Commissions & Fees Earned Growth %	2.9	4.9	0.9	A+	A+	A
Loan Loss Reserves (% of Earn. Assets)	0.0	0.0	2.0	A+	A+	A

14. If the credit rating is assigned to an asset-backed security, a description of: (i) the representations, warranties, and enforcement mechanisms available to investors; and (ii) how they differ from the representations, warranties, and enforcement mechanisms in issuances of similar securities, as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(N) of Rule 17g-7:

This credit rating is not assigned to an asset-backed security.

Comments on the Difference between the Model and Assigned Rating

We have assigned a rating of A whereas the ratio-implied rating for the most recent historic period is A.

Comments on Industry Ratios

We have not made any adjustments in the industry ratios at this time.

CUSIPs and EJR ratings

637432MJ1 rated A; 637432MF9 rated NR; 637432MH5 rated NR; 637432MG7 rated NR; 637432ME2 rated NR; 637432MD4 rated NR; 637432MB8 rated NR; 637432MC6 rated NR; 637432MK8 rated NR

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2. The credit rating was based solely upon the merits of the obligor, security, or money market instrument being rated, and
3. The credit rating was an independent evaluation of the credit risk of the obligor, security, or money market instrument.

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