DATE: March 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Board adopts final rule that delays until March 31, 2011, the effective date of new limits on inclusion of trust preferred securities and other restricted core capital elements in tier 1 capital.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday announced the adoption of a final rule that delays until March 31, 2011, the effective date of new limits on the inclusion of trust preferred securities and other restricted core capital elements in tier 1 capital of bank holding companies (BHCs). This action is being taken in light of continued stress in financial markets and the efforts of BHCs to increase their overall capital levels.


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