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SUBJECT: Examinations of insured depository institutions prior to membership or mergers into state member banks.

HIGHLIGHTS: This letter clarifies the criteria for conducting safety-and-soundness, consumer compliance, Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), and trust examinations of insured depository institutions that are either (1) seeking to become state member banks; or (2) merging with another institution where a state member bank would be the surviving entity.


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