

ADDRESSES: We encourage you to send comments by electronic mail to reg-comm@fca.gov or through the Pending Regulations section of FCA's Web site, <http://www.fca.gov>. You may also send comments to Robert E. Donnelly, Acting Director, Regulation and Policy Division, Office of Policy and Analysis, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090 or by facsimile to (703) 734-5784. You may review copies of all comments we receive at our office in McLean, Virginia.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 17, 2003, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking public comment on the treatment of loan syndication transactions by Farm Credit System (System) banks and associations. The comment period expired on February 18, 2003. See 68 FR 2540, January 17, 2003. We subsequently reopened the comment period until April 21, 2003, to provide interested parties an additional 60 days to comment on this issue. See 68 FR 8764, February 20, 2003.

A member of the public has now requested us to extend the comment period for an additional 60 days, until June 20, 2003. In response to this request, we are extending the comment period until June 20, 2003, so all interested parties have more time to respond to our questions. The FCA supports public involvement and participation in its regulatory and policy process and invites all interested parties to review and provide comments on our notice.

Dated: April 16, 2003.

Jeanette C. Brinkley,
Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.
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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Market Access Agreement

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration (FCA).

ACTION: Notice of approval of the draft amended and restated market access agreement.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) announces it has approved the Draft Amended and Restated Market Access Agreement (Draft Restated MAA) proposed to be entered into by all of the banks of the Farm Credit System (System) and the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation (Funding Corporation). The Draft Restated MAA sets forth the rights and responsibilities of each of the parties when the condition of a bank falls below pre-established financial performance thresholds.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FCA published the Draft Restated MAA in the **Federal Register** on January 15, 2003 (68 FR 2037) with a request for public comment. No public comments were received on the Draft Restated MAA.

The Draft Restated MAA is an update to the original Market Access Agreement (MAA) approved by the FCA on August 17, 1994, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 1994 (59 FR 43344). The Draft Restated MAA provides that it will go into effect after certain conditions precedent have been satisfied, including FCA's approval of, and the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation's (FCSIC) expression of its support for, the Draft Restated MAA. The FCA announces it has approved the Draft Restated MAA.

System banks and the Funding Corporation entered into the original MAA on September 1, 1994, to help control the risk by outlining each party's respective rights and responsibilities in the event the condition of a System bank fell below certain financial performance thresholds. As part of the original MAA, System banks and the Funding Corporation agreed to periodic reviews of the terms of the MAA to consider whether any amendments were appropriate. The Draft Restated MAA updates the original MAA and provides for more stringent financial performance thresholds on each System bank. Both the original MAA and Draft Restated

MAA establish financial performance thresholds at which conditions are placed on the activities of a bank or a bank's access to participation in Systemwide and consolidated obligations is restricted.

FCA published the Draft Restated MAA in the **Federal Register** on January 15, 2003, with a request for public comments by February 14, 2003. No comments were received. Having given the public notice and the opportunity to comment, the FCA Board hereby approves the Draft Restated MAA pursuant to sections 4.2(c), 4.2(d) and 4.9(b)(2) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. The FCA's approval of the Draft Restated MAA is conditioned on the board of directors of each bank and the Funding Corporation approving the Draft Restated MAA. Neither the Draft Restated MAA, when it becomes effective, nor FCA approval of it shall in any way restrict or qualify the authority of the FCA or the FCSIC to exercise any of the powers, rights, or duties granted by law to the FCA or the FCSIC. Finally, the FCA retains the right to modify or revoke its approval of the Draft Restated MAA at any time.

Dated: April 15, 2003.

Jeanette C. Brinkley,
Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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NOS Communications, Inc., Affinity Network Incorporated, and NOSVA Limited Partnership ("NOS/ANI" or "the Companies"), Order To Show Cause and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; order to show cause and opportunity for hearing.

SUMMARY: This document is an order for NOS/ANI to show cause and give the Companies the opportunity for a hearing before the Commission. The Commission has found that an evidentiary hearing is required to determine whether: (1) The Commission should revoke the operating authority of the Companies, (2) NOS/ANI and its principal should be ordered to cease and desist from any future provision of interstate common carrier services without the prior consent of the Commission, and (3) a forfeiture against