

Faster Payments Task Force Meeting Meeting Summary Atlanta Marriott Hotel March 1-2, 2017

Welcome and Opening Remarks¹

Gordon Werkema, Payments Strategy Director, welcomed the Faster Payments Task Force (FPTF) to the meeting and noted the Federal Reserve recently issued the second annual [Progress Report](#) of the Strategies for Improving the U.S. Payment System initiative. The Progress Report outlines accomplishments and highlights next steps. Mr. Werkema thanked FPTF members for their work and active engagement, leadership, and guidance thus far, all of which will be critical to the success of the FPTF and its Final Report Part Two (Final Report).

Sean Rodriguez, Faster Payments Strategy Leader, also welcomed the FPTF and reviewed the agenda. He thanked FPTF groups and individuals for their contributions to date, including the solution proposers, Challenges and Opportunities Work Group, and the Qualified Independent Assessment Team (QIAT) Advisory Group.

Review of Final Report Recommendations

Barbara Bennett, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, introduced Draft 1 of the Final Report Part Two (Final Report) and encouraged the FPTF to consider ways in which to make the paper stronger. She noted that the draft incorporates output from the Challenges and Opportunities Work Group as well as revisions from the Editorial Board (EB) and Faster Payments Steering Committee (FPSC). Ms. Bennett stated that one goal of the FPTF meeting would be to resolve key questions around issues that did not garner enough agreement among EB and FPSC members.

Ms. Bennett reviewed the draft recommendations and reiterated that the Final Report is an FPTF product and that the task force will have to determine how to make the recommendations most effective. She presented the additional recommendations that had been put forth for consideration by EB and FPSC members and noted that each segment will have to consider whether and how they should be included in the Final Report.

The FPTF spent a majority of the meeting in breakout sessions to discuss the draft recommendations. First, the FPTF split into their segments to either agree to or suggest modifications (including potential removal) to the draft recommendations. The segments also discussed if other recommendations should be added to the list. A representative from each segment presented to the FPTF a summary of their segment discussions and any new or desired modifications to the draft recommendations. Following the segment read out, the FPTF split into cross-segment breakout sessions to discuss each of the draft recommendations and any desired modifications and determine whether they could come to agreement. On day two,

¹ Nick Billman, Senior Counsel, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, reminded those in attendance to participate in a manner consistent with Anti-Trust and other applicable laws.

the FPTF again broke into segment sessions to discuss and either agree or disagree with each of draft recommendations and the proposed modifications.

2017 Plan Updates: Getting to Final Report Part Two

Jon Jeswald, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, discussed updates to the work plan and noted several schedule adjustments that result in a planned Final Report publication at the end of July 2017. Based on the FPTF's request for additional opportunities to review the Final Report, the schedule now incorporates two additional drafts that will be circulated for FPTF review. The FPTF will receive the next revised draft mid-March, and segment calls will be scheduled in April. Another draft will be available for review during the May 2-3 in-person FPTF meeting and if the task force determines a need, there is room in the schedule for an additional survey in May before the Final Report goes through the Decision-Making Framework.

Close

Mr. Rodriguez noted that the task force has made certain requests that include a role for the Federal Reserve in supporting faster payments implementation. He stated that the Federal Reserve is internally taking stock of overall progress toward the desired outcomes outlined in the [2015 Strategies for Improving the U.S. Payment System](#) paper and considering where there may be need for ongoing industry collaboration or Federal Reserve action in the future to sustain momentum. Consistent with a commitment to collaboration and transparency, he noted plans to seek stakeholder input, as appropriate, on future payment system improvement activities and initiatives in the latter half of 2017 after publication of the FPTF Final Report.

Mr. Rodriguez closed the meeting and thanked the FPTF for its participation. He reiterated that the next draft of the Final Report will be available mid-March along with Survey B and that it will incorporate McKinsey's remaining deliverables. These deliverables include a narrative summary of observations as well as, for each proposal, the final QIAT assessment, summarized FPTF comments, and the proposer's response to both FPTF comments and the final QIAT assessment.