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Mr. Gerard Poliquin
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Sent via E-mail to: regcomments@ncua.gov

Re: Big Spring Education Employees FCU Comments on Proposed Rule: PCA – Risk-Based Capital

Dear Mr. Poliquin:

This letter represents the views of Big Spring Education Employees FCU regarding the NCUA's proposal on PCA – Risk-Based Capital. Big Spring Education Employees FCU is based in Big Spring, Texas and serves approximately forty-seven hundred (4700) members from seven surrounding counties and includes members from our branch office in Mitchell County. Big Spring Education Employees FCU appreciates the opportunity to comment on this very important issue.

Definition of “Complex” Credit Union (Sec. 702.103)

Big Spring Education Employees FCU opposes the proposed definition of “complex” credit union.

The proposal would define a “complex” credit union as ANY credit union with over \$50 million in assets. We are currently at \$44 million and foresee reaching the \$50 million in assets mark in the next few years. There is nothing magical about \$50 million in assets; size alone does not make a credit union complex. We do not consider ourselves to be “complex” as we do not do Real Estate loans or Business loans or belong to any CUSO and all our investments are just ordinary Certificates of Deposit nothing fancy or complicated. NCUA has provided no justification for expanding the definition of complex credit union.

Regulatory Burden (“Paperwork Reduction Act”)

Small credit unions simply cannot continue to survive under current regulatory burdens. This proposal is one more example of unnecessary regulatory burdens impeding the ability of small credit unions to serve their members. Although many small credit unions will not be classified as “complex” and subject to the RBC requirements, the small credit unions are indeed still impacted by the proposal.

As drafted, the proposal increases the regulatory burdens of all credit unions, even those under \$50 million in assets. This is attested to by NCUA in the “Paperwork Reduction Act” portion of the proposal which estimates the time burden for each credit union (not just complex credit unions) to collect risk-based capital ratio data at:

- One-time recordkeeping, 122 hours;
- On-going recordkeeping, 20 hours; and
- One-time policy review and revision, 20 hours.

That equates to over 160 hours of work (or one full month!) for a small credit union that might only have a couple of employees. Does NCUA really think it is reasonable that a small credit union should spend a month of the year on this rather than serving its members?

Extend Compliance Date

Credit unions need additional time to comply beyond the proposed 18 months. Basel III allows banks until 2019 to comply. Credit unions should receive a comparable compliance period.

Sincerely,

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