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RE: Resolution of RESPA GFE Disclosure of Seller Paid Real Estate Conveyance Tax

We reported to you in CBA Bulletin 2009-215 (released Tuesday), that HUD had taken a negative verbal position, that mandated the disclosure of seller paid real estate conveyance tax on the new RESPA Good Faith Estimate (GFE). The new GFE is slated to go into effect on January 1, 2010.

Since last Friday, we have been working with our Regulatory Counsel Dave Wiese, of Hinckley Allen & Snyder, the ABA and other State Associations around the country, to communicate your concerns to HUD via a CBA comment letter, during nationwide HUD conference calls, and direct communication with HUD. That comment letter was sent to HUD on Tuesday of this week and we have attached it to this email, for your ease of reference.

We are pleased to report that all those efforts have produced the desired results, and as of January 1st lenders will not have to disclose seller paid real estate conveyance tax on the GFE. HUD officially voiced this decision on their Wednesday, nationwide conference call, and the CBA has received a brief email confirmation of the new policy decision.

We'd like to thank all those involved in this effort, as their assistance was invaluable in getting such a quick resolution from HUD.

Additionally, we are still awaiting responses from HUD on two other issues which were included in the comment letter, and we will keep you apprised of any developments.

Sincerely,

THOMAS S. MONGELLOW
Vice President & Treasurer