A Return to Operating with Abundant Reserves

Remarks before the Money Marketeers of New York University

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Figure 1: Assets of the Federal Reserve

* Includes repurchase agreements, central bank liquidity swaps, primary and secondary credit, Primary Dealer Credit Facility, Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility, Paycheck Protection Program Liquidity Facility, and net portfolio holdings of the Commercial Paper Funding Facility, Corporate Credit Facilities, Main Street Lending Program, Municipal Liquidity Facility and Term Asset-backed Securities Loan Facility

** Includes gold certificates, special drawing rights, coin; foreign currency denominated assets, bank premises, unamortized premiums and discounts on securities held outright, accrued interest, net portfolio holdings of the Maiden Lane LLC, and other accounts receivables.

Source: Federal Reserve Board H.4.1 Statistical Release
Figure 2: Liabilities of the Federal Reserve

* Includes small volumes of term reverse repurchase agreements exercises in 2015
Source: Federal Reserve Board H.4.1 Statistical Release

* Reserves
* FR Notes (Currency)
* Treasury General Account (TGA)
* Other Liabilities and Capital
* Overnight Reverse Repurchase Agreements*
Figure 3: Stylized Bank Demand for Reserves

Pre-Crisis Framework

Ample-Reserves Regime Framework*

* The ample-reserves regime framework reflects a much broader span of potential reserve levels and is not drawn to scale relative to the pre-crisis graphic.
Figure 4: Fed Funds – IOER Spread

* Effective federal funds rate, excludes month- and quarter-ends
Source: Bloomberg, Federal Reserve Board, FR2900
Figure 5: Fed Funds – IOER Spread vs. Total Reserves

* Volume-weighted average federal funds rate, excludes month- and quarter-ends
Source: FRED, FRBNY, Federal Reserve Board, FR2420, FR2900
Figure 6: Reserves by Bank Type

Source: Federal Reserve Board, FR2900
Figure 7: Cumulative Net Bill Issuance

Source: FRBNY
Figure 8: Senior Financial Officer Survey - Banks’ Expectations for their Reserve Balances in Q4

“By how much do you expect your institution’s average end-of-day reserve level in December 2020 to change relative to August 2020?”

Source: Senior Financial Officer Survey Fall 2020
The Desk also conducts daily, large-scale overnight repo operations, currently at a fixed rate of five basis points above IOER.

Source: FRED, FRBNY