UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

(Mark One)	REPORT PU	RSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OI	F THE SECURITIES	EXCHANGE ACT	OF 1934
		For the quarterly period ended Septe			
		or			
☐ TRANSITION	REPORT PUI	RSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OI	F THE SECURITIES	EXCHANGE ACT	OF 1934
		For the transition period from Commission File Number: 00	to 1-13251		
		SLM Corporat	ion		
		(Exact name of registrant as specifie			
		Delaware		52-2013874	
		(State or other jurisdicti incorporation or organiz		(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)	
		300 Continental Drive, New	ark, Delaware	19713	
		(Address of principal executi	ve offices)	(Zip Code)	
		(302) 451-0200 (Registrant's telephone number, including	g area code)		
		(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if			
		errant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Sect gistrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has be			
		trant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a not smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Excha		er reporting company. See the	e definitions of
Large accelerated filer	X		Accelerated	filer	
Non-accelerated filer		(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller repo	rting company	
		trant has submitted electronically and posted on its corpouring the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period			to be submitted and
Indicate by check mar	k whether the regis	trant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the	Exchange Act). Yes \[\] N	No 🗵	
Indicate the number o	f shares outstanding	of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the	ne latest practicable date:		
	Class				
	Class	Outst	tanding at September 30, 201	14	
Commor	Stock, \$0.20 par v		423,164,643 shares		

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	s	September 30, 2014		December 31, 2013
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,570,378	\$	2,182,865
Available-for-sale investments at fair value (cost of \$155,136 and \$106,977, respectively)		153,893		102,105
Loans held for investment (net of allowance for losses of \$65,715 and \$68,081, respectively)		9,095,373		7,931,377
Other interest-earning assets		52,191		4,355
Accrued interest receivable		453,522		356,283
Premises and equipment, net		78,806		74,188
Acquired intangible assets, net		3,733		6,515
Tax indemnification receivable		253,681		_
Other assets		53,375		48,976
Total assets	\$	11,714,952	\$	10,706,664
			_	
Liabilities				
Deposits	\$	9,173,022	\$	9,001,550
Income taxes payable, net		283,118		162,205
Upromise related liabilities		296,594		307,518
Other liabilities		143,790		69,248
Total liabilities		9,896,524		9,540,521
Commitments and contingencies				
Equity				
Preferred stock, par value \$0.20 per share, 20 million shares authorized				
Series A: 3.3 million and 0 shares issued, respectively, at stated value of \$50 per share		165,000		_
Series B: 4 million and 0 shares issued, respectively, at stated value of \$100 per share		400,000		_
Common stock, par value \$0.20 per share, 1.125 billion shares authorized: 424 million and 0 shares issued, respectively		84,777		_
Additional paid-in capital		1,078,501		_
Navient's subsidiary investment		_		1,164,495
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income (net of tax (benefit) expense of (\$1,275) and (\$1,849), respectively)		(1,852)		(3,024)
Retained earnings		98,210		
Total SLM Corporation stockholders' equity before treasury stock		1,824,636		1,161,471
Less: Common stock held in treasury at cost: 1 million and 0 shares, respectively		(6,208)		
Noncontrolling interest		_		4,672
Total equity		1,818,428		1,166,143
Total liabilities and equity	\$	11,714,952	\$	10,706,664

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2014		2013		2014		2013	
Interest income:									
Loans	\$	164,106	\$	131,030	\$	486,379	\$	384,811	
Investments		2,917		5,826		6,121		17,450	
Cash and cash equivalents		1,180		837		3,145		2,608	
Total interest income		168,203		137,693		495,645		404,869	
Interest expense:									
Deposits		24,177		20,849		67,801		64,857	
Other interest expense		_		61		41		110	
Total interest expense		24,177		20,910		67,842		64,967	
Net interest income		144,026		116,783		427,803		339,902	
Less: provisions for loan losses		14,898		20,404		55,071		40,081	
Net interest income after provisions for loan losses		129,128		96,379		372,732		299,821	
Non interest income:									
Gains on sales of loans, net		85,147		43,434		120,963		192,097	
Gains (losses) on derivatives and hedging activities, net		5,401		297		(4,821)		855	
Other		5,461		9,416		28,826		25,880	
Total noninterest income		96,009		53,147		144,968		218,832	
Expenses:									
Compensation and benefits		31,597		26,031		92,931		82,616	
Other operating expenses		40,482		42,509		103,226		113,111	
Total operating expenses		72,079		68,540		196,157		195,727	
Acquired intangible asset impairment and amortization expense		1,150		1,657		4,145		3,085	
Restructuring and other reorganization expenses		14,079		_		27,828		107	
Total expenses		87,308		70,197		228,130		198,919	
Income before income tax expense		137,829		79,329		289,570		319,734	
Income tax expense		54,903		30,272		115,502		122,011	
Net income		82,926		49,057		174,068		197,723	
Less: net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest		_		(333)		(434)		(1,020)	
Net income attributable to SLM Corporation		82,926		49,390		174,502		198,743	
Preferred stock dividends		4,850		_		8,078		_	
Net income attributable to SLM Corporation common stock	\$	78,076	\$	49,390	\$	166,424	\$	198,743	
Basic earnings per common share attributable to SLM Corporation	\$	0.18	\$	0.11	\$	0.39	\$	0.45	
Average common shares outstanding		423,079		436,109		424,187		442,208	
Diluted earnings per common share attributable to SLM Corporation	\$	0.18	\$	0.11	\$	0.38	\$	0.44	
Average common and common equivalent shares outstanding		431,604		444,939		432,324		450,437	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		Three Mo	nths l	Ended	Nine Months Ended				
	September 30,					September 30,			
		2014		2013		2014		2013	
Net income	\$	82,926	\$	49,057	\$	174,068	\$	197,723	
Other comprehensive income (loss):									
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments		(525)		3,613		3,629		41,382	
Unrealized losses on cash flow hedges		(1,883)		_		(1,883)		_	
Total unrealized gains (losses)		(2,408)		3,613		1,746		41,382	
Income tax (expense) benefit		921		(1,368)		(574)		(15,695)	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax benefit									
(expense)		(1,487)		2,245		1,172		25,687	
Comprehensive income		81,439		51,302		175,240		223,410	
Less: comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling									
interest				(333)		(434)		(1,020)	
Total comprehensive income attributable to SLM Corporation	\$	81,439	\$	51,635	\$	175,674	\$	224,430	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Navient's Subsidiary Investment	ccumulated Other mprehensive Income	Total SLM Corporation Equity		Non- controlling interest		To	otal Equity
Balance at June 30, 2013	\$ 1,162,822	\$ 37,790	\$	1,200,612	\$	5,338	\$	1,205,950
Net income (loss)	49,390	_		49,390		(333)		49,057
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	_	2,245		2,245		_		2,245
Total comprehensive income (loss)	_	_		51,635		(333)		51,302
Net transfers to affiliate	(84,080)	_		(84,080)		_		(84,080)
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$ 1,128,132	\$ 40,035	\$	1,168,167	\$	5,005	\$	1,173,172

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (In thousands, except share and per share amounts)(Unaudited)

Common Stock Shares Accumulated Additional Total SLM Comprehensive Preferred Preferred Common Paid-In Subsidiary Retained Treasury controlling Corporation Stock Shares Treasury Outstanding Stock Stock Capital Investment Income (Loss) Earnings Stock Equity interest Total Equity Balance at June 30, 2014 7,300,000 423,295,249 (358,771) 422,936,478 \$ 565,000 \$ 84,659 \$ 1,071,916 \$ 20,167 \$ 1,738,264 \$ \$ 1,738,264 Net income 82,926 82,926 82,926 Other comprehen-sive loss, net of tax (1,487) (1,487) (1,487) Total comprehensive 81,439 81,439 Cash dividends: Preferred Stock. series A (\$.87 per (2,875) (2,875) (2,875) share) Preferred Stock, series B (\$.49 per share) (1,975) (1,975) (1,975) Dividend equivalent units related to employee stock-based compensation 33 (33) plans Issuance of common shares 584,787 584,787 118 2,047 2,165 2,165 Stock-based compensation 4.505 4.505 expense 4.505 Shares repurchased related to employee stock-based (356,622) (3,095) (3,095) compensation plans (356,622) (3.095) Balance at (715,393) 423,164,643 \$ 565,000 \$ 84,777 \$ 1,078,501 \$ 98,210 \$ September 30, 2014 7,300,000 423,880,036 (1,852) \$ (6,208) \$ 1,818,428 \$ \$ 1,818,428

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Navient's Subsidiary Investment	Ot Compr	nulated ther ehensive e (Loss)	Total SLM Corporation Equity	Non- ntrolling nterest	Т	otal Equity
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ 1,068,928	\$	14,348	\$ 1,083,276	\$ 6,025	\$	1,089,301
Net income (loss)	198,743			198,743	(1,020)		197,723
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	_		25,687	25,687	_		25,687
Total comprehensive (loss)	_		_	224,430	(1,020)		223,410
Net transfers to affiliate	(139,539)		_	(139,539)	_		(139,539)
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$ 1,128,132	\$	40,035	\$ 1,168,167	\$ 5,005	\$	1,173,172

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)(Unaudited)

		Con	nmon Stock Sha	ares										
	Preferred Stock Shares	Issued	Treasury	Outstanding	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Navient's Subsidiary Investment	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Total SLM Corporation Equity	Non- controlling interest	Total Equity
Balance at December 31, 2013	_	_	_	_	s –	s –	s –	\$ 1,164,495	\$ (3,024)	s –	s –	\$ 1,161,471	\$ 4,672	\$ 1,166,143
Net income (loss)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	68,173	(0,021)	106,329	_	174,502	(434)	174,068
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,172	_	_	1,172	_	1,172
Total comprehensive income (loss)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	175,674	(434)	175,240
Net transfers from affiliate	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	479,409	_	_	_	479,409	_	479,409
Separation adjustments related to Spin-Off of Navient														
Corporation	7,300,000	422,790,320	_	422,790,320	565,000	84,558	1,062,519	(1,712,077)	_	_	_	_	_	_
Sale of non- controlling interest	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(4,238)	(4,238)
Cash dividends:														
Preferred Stock, series A (\$.87 per share)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(4,792)	_	(4,792)	-	(4,792)
Preferred Stock, series B (\$.49 per share)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(3,286)	_	(3,286)	_	(3,286)
Dividend equivalent units related to employee stock- based compensation plans	_	_	_	_	_	_	41	_	_	(41)		_	_	_
Issuance of common										(11)				
shares Stock-based	_	1,089,716	_	1,089,716	_	219	4,391	_	_	_	_	4,610	_	4,610
compensation expense	_	_	_	_	_	_	11,550	_	_	_	_	11,550	_	11,550
Shares repurchased related to employee stock-based compensation plans	_	_	(715,393)	(715,393)	_	_	_	_	_	_	(6,208)	(6,208)	_	(6,208)
Balance at														
September 30, 2014	7,300,000	423,880,036	(715,393)	423,164,643	\$ 565,000	\$ 84,777	\$ 1,078,501	s —	\$ (1,852)	\$ 98,210	\$ (6,208)	\$ 1,818,428	s —	\$ 1,818,428

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		ths Ended
	2014	2013
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 174,068	\$ 197,723
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		40.004
Provision for loan losses	55,071	40,081
Tax provision	115,502	122,011
Amortization of FDIC fees	_	1,046
Amortization of brokered deposit placement fee	7,548	7,128
Amortization of deferred loan origination costs and fees, net	1,446	753
Net amortization (accretion) of discount on investments	433	(6,442)
Depreciation of premises and equipment	2,326	2,977
Amortization and impairment of acquired intangibles	4,145	3,085
Stock-based compensation expense	20,127	12,420
Interest rate swap	1,307	(641)
Gains on sale of loans, net	(120,963)	(192,097)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Net decrease in loans held for sale	6,448	2,674
Origination of loans held for sale	(6,448)	(2,674)
Increase in accrued interest receivable	(220,273)	(184,590)
(Increase) decrease in other interest-earning assets	(47,836)	87
(Increase) decrease in other assets	11,499	8,148
Decrease in income tax payable	(294,116)	(209,362)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable	2,639	(130)
Increase in payable due to Navient	18,114	228,243
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	30,741	(23,584)
Total adjustments	(412,290)	(190,867)
Total net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(238,222)	6,856
Investing activities		
Loans acquired and originated	(38,165)	(274,975)
Net proceeds from sales of loans held for investment	1,994,017	2,428,404
Net increase in loans held for investment	(2,932,369)	(2,809,567)
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(55,928)	(33,037)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities	7,337	14,313
Total net cash used in investing activities	(1,025,108)	(674,862)
Financing activities		
Brokered deposit placement fee	(5,533)	_
Net decrease in brokered certificates of deposit	(601,685)	(552,908)
Net (decrease) increase in NOW account deposits	(18,214)	6,558
Net (decrease) increase in High Yield Savings Deposits	(39,359)	22,083
Net (decrease) increase in Retail Certificates of Deposit	(13,268)	27,759
Net increase in MMDA deposits	862,447	927,997
Net decrease in deposits with entity that is a subsidiary of Navient	(5,633)	(122,870)
Special cash contribution from Navient	472,718	_
Net capital contributions from entity that is a subsidiary of Navient	7,448	28,164
Preferred stock dividends paid	(8,078)	
Dividend paid to entity that is a subsidiary of Navient		(120,000)
Net cash provided by financing activities	650,843	216,783
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(612,487)	(451,223)
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2	2,182,865	1	,599,082
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	1,570,378	\$ 1	,147,859
Cash disbursements made for:	_			
Interest	\$	64,987	\$	58,573
Income taxes paid	\$	294,116	\$	209,362

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The financial reporting and accounting policies of SLM Corporation ("Sallie Mae," "SLM," the "Company," "we" or "us") conform to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP"). In conjunction with the Spin-Off (as herein after defined), our consolidated financial statements are comprised of financial information relating to Sallie Mae Bank (the "Bank"), Upromise, Inc. ("Upromise") and the Private Education Loan origination functions. We use "Private Education Loans" to mean education loans to students or their families that are non-federal loans and loans not insured or guaranteed under the previously existing Federal Family Education Loan Program ("FFELP"). Also included in our financial statements, for periods before the Spin-Off, are certain general corporate overhead expenses allocated to the Company.

On April 30, 2014, we completed our plan to legally separate into two distinct publicly traded entities - an education loan management, servicing and asset recovery business, Navient Corporation ("Navient"), and a consumer banking business, SLM Corporation. The separation of Navient from SLM Corporation (the "Spin-Off") was preceded by an internal corporate reorganization, which was the first step to separate the education loan management, servicing and asset recovery business from the consumer banking business. As a result of a holding company merger under Section 251(g) of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL"), which is referred to herein as the "SLM Merger," all of the shares of then existing SLM Corporation's common stock were converted, on a 1-to-1 basis, into shares of common stock of New BLC Corporation, a newly formed company that was a subsidiary of pre-Spin-Off SLM Corporation ("pre-Spin-Off SLM"), and, pursuant to the SLM Merger, New BLC Corporation replaced then existing SLM Corporation as the publicly-traded registrant and changed its name to SLM Corporation. As part of the internal corporate reorganization, the assets and liabilities associated with the education loan management, servicing and asset recovery business were transferred to Navient, and those assets and liabilities associated with the consumer banking business remained with or were transferred to the newly constituted SLM Corporation. The separation and distribution were accounted for on a substantially tax-free basis.

The timing and steps necessary to complete the Spin-Off and comply with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") reporting requirements, including the replacement of pre-Spin-Off SLM Corporation with our current publicly-traded registrant, have resulted in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the SEC on February 19, 2014, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on May 12, 2014, providing business results and financial information for the periods reported therein on the basis of the consolidated businesses of pre-Spin-Off SLM. While information contained in those prior reports may provide meaningful historical context for the Company's business, the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014 was our first periodic report made on the basis of the post-Spin-Off business of the Company.

At the time of the Spin-Off transaction, we had a targeted starting equity balance of \$1,710 million. To achieve the targeted equity balance we retained \$565 million of preferred stock and approximately \$473 million of cash to offset the obligation attributable to the principal of Series A Preferred Stock and the Series B Preferred Stock, substantially similar to pre-Spin-Off SLM's respective series of preferred stock.

For periods before the Spin-Off, these financial statements are presented on a basis of accounting that reflects a change in reporting entity and have been adjusted for the effects of the Spin-Off. These carve-out financial statements and selected financial information represent only those operations, assets, liabilities and equity that form Sallie Mae on a stand-alone basis. Because the Spin-Off occurred on April 30, 2014, these financial statements include the carved out financial results for the first four months of 2014. All prior period amounts represent carved-out amounts.

Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its majority-owned and controlled subsidiaries after eliminating the effects of intercompany accounts and transactions.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Allowance for Private Education Loan Losses

We maintain an allowance for loan losses at an amount sufficient to absorb probable losses incurred in our portfolios at the reporting date based on a projection of estimated probable credit losses incurred in the portfolio.

We analyze our portfolio to determine the effects various stages of delinquency have on borrower default behavior and ultimate charge-off activity. We estimate the allowance for loan losses for our loan portfolio using a migration analysis of delinquent and current accounts. A migration analysis is a technique used to estimate the likelihood a loan receivable may progress through the various delinquency stages and ultimately charge off. We may also take into account the current and future economic environment and other qualitative factors when calculating the allowance for loan losses.

The evaluation of the allowance for loan losses is inherently subjective, as it requires material estimates that may be susceptible to significant changes. Our default estimates are based on a loss confirmation period (loss confirmation period represents the expected period between a loss event and when management considers the debt to be uncollectible), taking into consideration account management practices that affect the timing of a loss, such as the usage of forbearance.

Prior to the Spin-Off, the Bank exercised its right and sold substantially all of the Private Education Loans it originated that became delinquent or were granted forbearance to one or more of its then affiliates at its fair value. Because of this arrangement, the Bank did not hold many loans in forbearance. As a result, the Bank had very little historical forbearance activity and very few delinquencies.

In connection with the Spin-Off, the agreement under which the Bank previously made these sales was amended so that the Bank now only has the right to require Navient to purchase (at fair value) loans only where (a) the borrower has a lending relationship with both the Bank and Navient ("Split Loans") and (b) the Split Loans either (1) are more than 90 days past due; (2) have been restructured; (3) have been granted a hardship forbearance or more than six months of administrative forbearance; or (4) have a borrower or cosigner who has filed for bankruptcy. At September 30, 2014, we held approximately \$126 million of Split Loans.

Pre-Spin-Off SLM charged off loans when they were 212 days delinquent. As such, default aversion strategies were focused on the final stages of delinquency, from 150 days to 212 days. In connection with the Spin-Off, we changed our charge-off policy for Private Education Loans to charging off loans when they reach 120 days delinquent. As a result of changing our corporate charge-off policy and greatly reducing the number of potentially delinquent loans we sell to Navient, our default aversion strategies must now focus on loans 30 to 120 days delinquent. This change has the effect of accelerating the recognition of losses due to the shorter charge-off period (120 days). In addition, at the time of the Spin-Off, we changed our loss confirmation period from two years to one year to reflect the shorter charge-off policy and our revised servicing practices. These two changes resulted in recognizing a \$14 million net reduction in our allowance for loan losses in second quarter 2014 because we are now only reserving for one year of losses as compared with two years under the prior policy, which more than offset the impact of the shorter charge-off period.

The one-year estimate underlying the allowance for loan losses is subject to a number of assumptions. If actual future performance in delinquency, charge-offs and recoveries are significantly different than estimated, or account management assumptions or practices were to change, this could materially affect the estimate of the allowance for loan losses, the timing of when losses are recognized, and the related provision for loan losses on our consolidated statements of income.

Separately, for our troubled debt restructurings ("TDR") portfolio, we estimate an allowance amount sufficient to cover life-of-loan expected losses through an impairment calculation based on the difference between the loan's basis and the present value of expected future cash flows (which would include life-of-loan default and recovery assumptions) discounted at the loan's original effective interest rate. Our TDR portfolio is comprised mostly of loans with interest rate reductions and forbearance usage greater than three months.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Securitization Accounting

In the third quarter 2014, we entered into our first securitization transaction. We accounted for this as a sale of loans and we do not consolidate the securitization trust. This securitization used a two-step structure with a special purpose entity that legally isolated the transferred assets from us, even in the event of bankruptcy. The transaction was also structured to ensure the holders of the beneficial interests issued are not constrained from pledging or exchanging their interests, and we do not maintain effective control over the transferred assets. If these criteria had not been met, then the transaction would be accounted for as an on-balance sheet secured borrowing. Our securitization transaction was legally structured to be a sale of assets that isolated the transferred assets from us. If a securitization qualifies as a sale, we then assess whether we are the primary beneficiary of the securitization trust and are required to consolidate such trust. If we are the primary beneficiary then no gain or loss is recognized.

The investors in the securitization trust have no recourse to our assets should there be a failure of the trust to pay when due. Generally, the only recourse the trust has to us is in the event we breach a seller representation or warranty or our duties as master servicer, in which event we agree to repurchase the related loans from the trust. As master servicer, our primary responsibility will be to monitor the performance of the subservicer and find a substitute subservicer in the event the subservicer of the trust defaults.

We did not record a servicing asset or servicing liability related to the securitization transaction we entered into in third quarter 2014 because we determined the master servicing fee we receive is at market rate.

Gains on Sale of Loans, net

We participate and sell loans to third parties and affiliates (including entities that were related parties prior to the Spin-off Transaction). These sales may be through whole loan sales or securitization transactions that qualify for sales treatment. These loans were initially recorded as held for investment, and were transferred to held-for-sale immediately prior to sale or securitization. Beginning in April 2012, loans were sold at fair value. Details of these transactions are further discussed in Note 12, "Arrangements with Navient Corporation."

In the third quarter 2014, we sold \$1.2 billion of loans through loan sales and a securitization transaction with third parties. As a result of these loan sales we recorded net gains of \$85 million. In the third quarter 2013, we recorded \$43 million in net gains from the sale of \$0.6 billion of loan sales.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we sold \$1.9 billion of loans through loan sales and a securitization transaction. As a result of these loan sales we recorded net gains of \$121 million. In the nine months ended September 30, 2013, we recorded \$192 million in net gains from the sale of \$2.3 billion of loans.

Income Taxes

In connection with the Spin-Off, the Company has become the taxpayer legally responsible for \$283 million of deferred taxes payable (installment payments due quarterly through 2018) in connection with gains recognized by pre-Spin-Off SLM on debt repurchases in prior years. As part of the tax sharing agreement between the Company and Navient, Navient has agreed to fully pay us for these deferred taxes due. An indemnification receivable of \$264 million was recorded, which represents the fair value of the future payments under the agreement based on a discounted cash flow model. We will accrue interest income on the indemnification receivable using the interest method.

The Company also recorded a liability related to uncertain tax positions of \$27 million for which we are indemnified by Navient. If there is an adjustment to the indemnified uncertain tax liability, an offsetting adjustment to the indemnification receivable will be recorded as pre-tax adjustment to the income statement.

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(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

As of the date of the Spin-Off on April 30, 2014, we recorded a liability of \$310 million (\$283 million related to deferred taxes and \$27 million related to uncertain tax positions) and an indemnification receivable of \$291 million (\$310 million less the \$19 million discount). As of September 30, 2014, the liability balance is \$299 million (\$283 million related to deferred taxes and \$16 million related to uncertain tax positions) and the indemnification receivable balance is \$254 million (\$238 million related to deferred taxes and \$16 million related to uncertain tax positions).

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

On May 28, 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers," which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance when it becomes effective. The new standard is effective on January 1, 2017. Early application is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. We have determined that this new guidance will have an immaterial impact on the financial results of the Company.

2. Investments

The amortized cost and fair value of securities available for sale are as follows:

		As of September 30, 2014										
	Amo	Amortized Cost		oss Unrealized Gains	Gro	oss Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value					
Available for sale:												
Mortgage-backed securities	\$	155,136	\$	1,332	\$	(2,575)	\$	153,893				
			31, 2013									
	Amo	ortized Cost	Gre	oss Unrealized Gains	Gro	oss Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value					
Available for sale:												
Mortgage-backed securities	\$	106,977	\$	706	\$	(5,578)	\$	102,105				

Our investment portfolio is comprised of mortgage-backed securities issued by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac with amortized costs of \$76,274, \$67,163 and \$11,699, respectively, at September 30, 2014. We own these securities to meet our requirements under the Community Reinvestment Act. As of September 30, 2014, there were 22 of 51 separate mortgage-backed securities with unrealized losses in our investment portfolio. As of December 31, 2013, there were 20 of 33 separate mortgage-backed securities with unrealized losses in our investment portfolio. As of September 30, 2014, 11 of the 22 securities in a net loss position were issued under Ginnie Mae programs that carry a full faith and credit guarantee from the U.S. Government. The remaining securities in a net loss position carry a principal and interest guarantee by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. We have the ability and the intent to hold these securities for a period of time sufficient for the market price to recover to at least the adjusted amortized cost of the security.

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(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

2. Investments (Continued)

The mortgage-backed securities have been pledged to the Federal Reserve Bank ("FRB") as collateral against any advances and accrued interest under the Primary Credit program or any other program sponsored by the FRB. We had \$149,057 and \$103,049 par value of mortgage-backed securities pledged to this borrowing facility at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, as discussed further in Note 6, "Borrowed Funds."

As of September 30, 2014, the amortized cost and fair value of securities, by contractual maturities, were as follows:

Year of Maturity	A	mortized Cost	 stimated air Value
2038	\$	611	\$ 662
2039		12,079	12,888
2042		28,317	26,719
2043		74,701	74,307
2044		39,428	39,317
Total	\$	155,136	\$ 153,893

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

3. Loans Held for Investment

Loans Held for Investment consist of Private Education Loans and FFELP Loans.

Our Private Education Loans are made largely to bridge the gap between the cost of higher education and the amount funded through financial aid, federal loans or customers' resources. Private Education Loans bear the full credit risk of the customer. We manage this risk through historical risk-performance underwriting strategies and the addition of qualified cosigners. Private Education Loans generally carry a variable rate indexed to LIBOR; as of September 30, 2014, 83 percent of all Private Education Loans were indexed to LIBOR. We provide incentives for customers to include a cosigner on the loan, and the vast majority of loans in our portfolio are cosigned. We also encourage customers to make payments while in school.

FFELP Loans are insured as to their principal and accrued interest in the event of default subject to a Risk Sharing level based on the date of loan disbursement. When a FFELP Loan first disbursed on and after July 1, 2006 defaults, the federal government guarantees 97 percent of the principal balance plus accrued interest (98 percent on loans disbursed before July 1, 2006) and the holder of the loan is at risk for the remaining amount not guaranteed as a Risk Sharing loss on the loan. FFELP Loans originated after October 1, 1993 are subject to Risk Sharing on loan default claim payments unless the default results from the borrower's death, disability or bankruptcy, in which case the loan is 100 percent guaranteed.

Loans held for investment are summarized as follows:

	September 30,		Ι	December 31,
		2014		2013
Private Education Loans	\$	7,829,420	\$	6,563,342
Deferred origination costs		9,975		5,063
Allowance for loan losses		(59,973)		(61,763)
Total Private Education Loans, net		7,779,422		6,506,642
FFELP Loans		1,317,963		1,426,972
Unamortized acquisition costs, net		3,730		4,081
Allowance for loan losses		(5,742)		(6,318)
Total FFELP Loans, net		1,315,951		1,424,735
Loans held for investment, net	\$	9,095,373	\$	7,931,377

The estimated weighted average life of Private Education Loans in our portfolio was approximately 6.7 years and 7.0 years at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

3. Loans Held for Investment (Continued)

The average balance and the respective weighted average interest rates are summarized as follows:

	Three Mont September			ths Ended 30, 2013	
	Average Balance	Weighted Average Interest Rate		Average Balance	Weighted Average Interest Rate
Private Education Loans	\$ 7,407,774	8.20%	\$	5,846,241	8.22%
FFELP Loans	1,339,748	3.23		1,167,174	3.38
Total portfolio	\$ 8,747,522		\$	7,013,415	

	Nine Mon September	ths Ended r 30, 2014			er 30, 2013	
	Average Balance	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Average Interest Average		Weighted Average Interest Rate	
Private Education Loans	\$ 7,394,985	8.19%	\$	5,860,864	8.15%	
FFELP Loans	1,373,945	3.25		1,099,436	3.33	
Total portfolio	\$ 8,768,930		\$	6,960,300		

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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4. Allowance for Loan Losses

Our provision for Private Education Loan losses represent the periodic expense of maintaining an allowance sufficient to absorb incurred probable losses, in the held-for-investment loan portfolios. The evaluation of the allowance for loan losses is inherently subjective, as it requires material estimates that may be susceptible to significant changes. We believe the allowance for loan losses is appropriate to cover probable losses incurred in the loan portfolios. See Note 1, "Significant Accounting Policies - Allowance for Private Education Loan Losses" for a more detailed discussion.

Allowance for Loan Losses Metrics

	Allowance for Loan Losses							
		Three Mo	onths	Ended Septembe	r 30,	2014		
	F	FELP Loans	Pri	vate Education Loans	Total			
Allowance for Loan Losses								
Beginning balance	\$	6,212	\$	54,315	\$	60,527		
Total provision		291		14,607		14,898		
Charge-offs ⁽¹⁾		(761)		(4,378)		(5,139)		
Student loan sales ⁽²⁾		_		(4,571)		(4,571)		
Ending Balance	\$	5,742	\$	59,973	\$	65,715		
Allowance:								
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$	_	\$	2,966	\$	2,966		
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$	5,742	\$	57,007	\$	62,749		
Loans:								
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$	_	\$	13,115	\$	13,115		
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$	1,317,963	\$	7,816,305	\$	9,134,268		
Charge-offs as a percentage of average loans in repayment (annualized)		0.32%		0.39%				
Allowance as a percentage of the ending total loan balance		0.44%		0.77%				
Allowance as a percentage of the ending loans in repayment		0.61%		1.31%				
Allowance coverage of charge-offs (annualized)		1.89		3.42				
Ending total loans, gross	\$	1,317,963	\$	7,829,420				
Average loans in repayment	\$	953,620	\$	4,453,775				
Ending loans in repayment	\$	945,230	\$	4,575,143				

⁽¹⁾ Prior to the Spin-Off, Private Education Loans were sold to an entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient prior to being charged-off.

⁽²⁾ Represents fair value write-downs on loans sold.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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4. Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

		A	llowa	nce for Loan Lo	sses	
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013					
	F	Private Education FFELP Loans Loans			n Total	
Allowance for Loan Losses				_		
Beginning balance	\$	4,616	\$	50,868	\$	55,484
Total provision		1,403		19,001		20,404
Charge-offs ⁽¹⁾		(671)		_		(671)
Student loan sales ⁽²⁾		_		(15,632)		(15,632)
Ending Balance	\$	5,348	\$	54,237	\$	59,585
Allowance:						
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$	5,348	\$	54,237	\$	59,585
Loans:						
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$	1,217,404	\$	6,214,840	\$	7,432,244
Charge-offs as a percentage of average loans in repayment (annualized)		0.30%		_%		
Allowance as a percentage of the ending total loan balance		0.44%		0.87%		
Allowance as a percentage of the ending loans in repayment		0.59%		1.54%		
Allowance coverage of charge-offs (annualized)		1.99		_		
Ending total loans, gross	\$	1,217,404	\$	6,214,840		
Average loans in repayment	\$	896,801	\$	3,400,620		
Ending loans in repayment	\$	902,766	\$	3,518,997		

⁽¹⁾ Prior to the Spin-Off, Private Education Loans were sold to an entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient prior to being charged-off.

⁽²⁾ Represents fair value write-downs on delinquent loans sold prior to the Spin-Off to an entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient, recorded at the time of sale.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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4. Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

		A	llowa	nce for Loan Lo	Allowance for Loan Losses							
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014											
	F	Private Education FFELP Loans Loans			Total							
Allowance for Loan Losses	-			_		_						
Beginning balance	\$	6,318	\$	61,763	\$	68,081						
Total provision		1,482		53,589		55,071						
Charge-offs ⁽¹⁾		(2,058)		(4,378)		(6,436)						
Student loan sales(2)		_		(51,001)		(51,001)						
Ending Balance	\$	5,742	\$	59,973	\$	65,715						
Allowance:												
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$	_	\$	2,966	\$	2,966						
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$	5,742	\$	57,007	\$	62,749						
Loans:												
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$	_	\$	13,115	\$	13,115						
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$	1,317,963	\$	7,816,305	\$	9,134,268						
Charge-offs as a percentage of average loans in repayment (annualized)		0.28%		0.13%								
Allowance as a percentage of the ending total loan balance		0.44%		0.77%								
Allowance as a percentage of the ending loans in repayment		0.61%		1.31%								
Allowance coverage of charge-offs (annualized)		2.09		10.27								
Ending total loans, gross	\$	1,317,963	\$	7,829,420								
Average loans in repayment	\$	980,733	\$	4,408,852								
Ending loans in repayment	\$	945,230	\$	4,575,143								

⁽¹⁾ Prior to the Spin-Off, Private Education Loans were sold to an entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient prior to being charged-off.

⁽²⁾ Post-Spin-Off represents fair value write-downs on loans sold. Pre-Spin-Off represents fair value write-downs on delinquent loans sold to an entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient, recorded at the time of sale.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

4. Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

		A	llowa	nce for Loan Lo	sses	
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013					
	F	FELP Loans	Pri	vate Education Loans		Total
Allowance for Loan Losses				_		_
Beginning balance	\$	3,971	\$	65,218	\$	69,189
Total provision		2,802		37,279		40,081
Charge-offs ⁽¹⁾		(1,425)		_		(1,425)
Student loan sales(2)		_		(48,260)		(48,260)
Ending Balance	\$	5,348	\$	54,237	\$	59,585
Allowance:						
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$	5,348	\$	54,237	\$	59,585
Loans:						
Ending balance: individually evaluated for impairment	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Ending balance: collectively evaluated for impairment	\$	1,217,404	\$	6,214,840	\$	7,432,244
Charge-offs as a percentage of average loans in repayment (annualized)		0.23%		_%		
Allowance as a percentage of the ending total loan balance		0.44%		0.87%		
Allowance as a percentage of the ending loans in repayment		0.59%		1.54%		
Allowance coverage of charge-offs (annualized)		2.81		_		
Ending total loans, gross	\$	1,217,404	\$	6,214,840		
Average loans in repayment	\$	839,085	\$	3,580,401		
Ending loans in repayment	\$	902,766	\$	3,518,997		

⁽¹⁾ Prior to the Spin-Off, Private Education Loans were sold to an entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient prior to being charged-off.

All of our loans are collectively assessed for impairment except for loans classified as TDRs. Prior to the Spin-Off, we did not have TDR loans because the loans were generally sold in the same month that the terms were restructured. Subsequent to May 1, 2014, we have individually assessed \$13.1 million of Private Education Loans as TDRs. When these loans are determined to be impaired, we provide for an allowance for losses sufficient to cover life-of-loan expected losses through an impairment calculation based on the difference between the loan's basis and the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's original effective interest rate.

Within the Private Education Loan portfolio, loans greater than 90 days past due are considered to be nonperforming. FFELP Loans are at least 97 percent guaranteed as to their principal and accrued interest by the federal government in the event of default, and therefore, we do not deem FFELP Loans as nonperforming from a credit risk standpoint at any point in their life cycle prior to claim payment, and continue to accrue interest through the date of claim.

⁽²⁾ Represents fair value write-downs on delinquent loans sold prior to the Spin-Off to an entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient, recorded at the time of sale.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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4. Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

Key Credit Quality Indicators

FFELP Loans are at least 97 percent insured and guaranteed as to their principal and accrued interest in the event of default; therefore, there are no key credit quality indicators associated with FFELP Loans. Included within our FFELP portfolio as of September 30, 2014 are \$832 million of FFELP rehabilitation loans. These loans have previously defaulted but have subsequently been brought current according to a loan rehabilitation agreement. The credit performance on rehabilitation loans is worse than the remainder of our FFELP portfolio. At September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, 62.5 percent and 62.9 percent of our FFELP portfolio consisted of rehabilitation loans.

For Private Education Loans, the key credit quality indicators are FICO scores, the existence of a cosigner, the loan status and loan seasoning. The FICO scores are assessed at origination and maintained through the loan's term. The following table highlights the gross principal balance of our Private Education Loan portfolio stratified by key credit quality indicators.

Private Education Loans Credit Quality Indicators

	 Credit Quality Indicators									
	 September	30, 2014		December 31, 2013						
Credit Quality Indicators:	 Balance(1)	% of Balance		Balance(1)	% of Balance					
Conignous										
Cosigners:	\$ 7 022 072	000/	e	5 000 751	000/					
With cosigner	\$ 7,032,973	90%	\$	5,898,751	90%					
Without cosigner	 796,447	10		664,591	10					
Total	\$ 7,829,420	100%	\$	6,563,342	100%					
FICO at Origination:										
Less than 670	\$ 529,649	7%	\$	461,412	7%					
670-699	1,154,088	15		1,364,286	21					
700-749	2,465,490	31		1,649,192	25					
Greater than or equal to 750	3,680,193	47		3,088,452	47					
Total	\$ 7,829,420	100%	\$	6,563,342	100%					
	 		-							
Seasoning ⁽²⁾ :										
1-12 payments	\$ 2,683,899	34%	\$	1,840,538	28%					
13-24 payments	1,084,549	14		1,085,393	17					
25-36 payments	515,960	6		669,685	10					
37-48 payments	308,387	4		362,124	6					
More than 48 payments	58,130	_		30,891	_					
Not yet in repayment	3,178,495	42		2,574,711	39					
Total	\$ 7,829,420	100%	\$	6,563,342	100%					

⁽¹⁾ Balance represents gross Private Education Loans.

⁽²⁾ Number of months in active repayment for which a scheduled payment was due.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

4. Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

The following tables provide information regarding the loan status and aging of past due loans.

	Pri	vate Education	Loa	n Delinquencies	
	Septembe	er 30,		Decembe	er 31,
	2014	4		3	
	Balance	%		Balance	%
Loans in-school/grace/deferment(1)	\$ 3,178,495		\$	2,574,711	
Loans in forbearance ⁽²⁾	75,782			16,314	
Loans in repayment and percentage of each status:					
Loans current	4,515,313	98.7%		3,933,143	99.0%
Loans delinquent 31-60 days(3)	44,082	1.0		28,854	0.7
Loans delinquent 61-90 days(3)	12,415	0.3		10,280	0.3
Loans delinquent greater than 90 days(3)	3,333	_		40	_
Total private education loans in repayment	4,575,143	100.0%		3,972,317	100.0%
Total private education loans, gross	7,829,420			6,563,342	
Private education loans deferred origination costs	9,975			5,063	
Total private education loans	7,839,395			6,568,405	
Private education loans allowance for losses	(59,973)			(61,763)	
Private education loans, net	\$ 7,779,422		\$	6,506,642	
Percentage of private education loans in repayment		58.4%			60.5%
Delinquencies as a percentage of private education loans in repayment		1.3%			1.0%
Loans in forbearance as a percentage of loans in repayment and forbearance		1.6%			0.4%

⁽¹⁾ Deferment includes customers who have returned to school or are engaged in other permitted educational activities and are not yet required to make payments on the loans (e.g., residency periods for medical students or a grace period for bar exam preparation).

Loans for customers who have requested extension of grace period generally during employment transition or who have temporarily ceased making full payments due to hardship or other factors, consistent with established loan program servicing policies and procedures.

The period of delinquency is based on the number of days scheduled payments are contractually past due.

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4. Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

Accrued Interest Receivable

The following table provides information regarding accrued interest receivable on our Private Education Loans. The table also discloses the amount of accrued interest on loans greater than 90 days past due as compared to our allowance for uncollectible interest. The allowance for uncollectible interest exceeds the amount of accrued interest on our 90 days past due portfolio for all periods presented.

Private Education Loan

	Accrued Interest Receivable								
	Total Interest Receivable		Greater than 90 days Past Due		Past Uncollectible				
September 30, 2014	\$	430,299	\$	142	\$	3,250			
December 31, 2013	\$	333,857	\$	1	\$	4,076			

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5. Deposits

The following table summarizes total deposits at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

	Se	September 30,		ecember 31,	
		2014	2013		
Deposits - interest bearing	\$	9,101,491	\$	8,946,514	
Deposits - non-interest bearing		71,531		55,036	
Total deposits	\$	9,173,022	\$	9,001,550	

Interest Bearing

Interest bearing deposits as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 consisted of non-maturity savings deposits and brokered and retail certificates of deposit, as discussed further below, and brokered money market deposits. These deposit products are serviced by third party providers. Placement fees associated with the brokered certificates of deposit are amortized into interest expense using the effective interest rate method. We recognized placement fee expense of \$2,326 and \$2,249 for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$7,548 and \$7,128 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. We paid \$5,533 in fees to third party brokers related to these certificates of deposit during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014. No fees were paid to third party brokers related to these certificates during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013.

In the past, we offered debit cards associated with interest bearing consumer deposit ("NOW") accounts to facilitate the distribution of financial aid refunds and other payables to students. These debit cards were serviced by third party providers. As of April 30, 2014, we no longer offer these debit cards.

Interest bearing deposits at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are summarized as follows:

	Septembe	r 30, 2014		December 31, 2013			
	Amount	QtrEnd Weighted Average Stated Rate	Weighted Average Stated		Year-End Weighted Average Stated Rate		
Money market	\$ 4,053,209	1.24%	\$	3,212,889	0.65%		
Savings	704,383	0.81		743,742	0.81		
NOW	_	_		18,214	0.12		
Certificates of deposit	4,343,899	1.11		4,971,669	1.39		
Deposits - interest bearing	\$ 9,101,491		\$	8,946,514			

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were \$288,791 and \$159,637 of deposits exceeding Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance limits. Accrued interest on deposits was \$15,736 and \$13,097 at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

Money market deposits with affiliates

Our Upromise subsidiary maintains a money market deposit at the Bank which totaled \$289,344 and \$293,040 at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, which was interest bearing. Interest expense incurred on these deposits during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$65 and \$64, respectively and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$182 and \$255, respectively. The Company also maintains a money market deposit at the Bank which totaled \$273,341 at September 30, 2014 and \$0 at December 31, 2013.

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5. Deposits (Continued)

Non Interest Bearing

Non interest bearing deposits were \$71,531 and \$55,036 as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. For both periods these were comprised of money market accounts. The September 30, 2014 balance includes \$226 related to our Employee Stock Purchase Plan account. See Note 11, "Stock Based Compensation Plans and Arrangements" for additional details regarding this plan.

6. Borrowed Funds

The Bank maintains discretionary uncommitted Federal Funds lines of credit with various correspondent banks, which totaled \$100,000 at September 30, 2014. The interest rate charged to the Bank on these lines of credit is priced at Fed Funds plus a spread at the time of borrowing, and is payable daily. The Bank did not utilize these lines of credit in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

The Bank established an account at the FRB to meet eligibility requirements for access to the Primary Credit borrowing facility at the FRB's Discount Window ("Window"). The Primary Credit borrowing facility is a lending program available to depository institutions that are in generally sound financial condition. All borrowings at the Window must be fully collateralized. We can pledge asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, as well as FFELP consolidation and Private Education Loans to the FRB as collateral for borrowings at the Window. Generally, collateral value is assigned based on the estimated fair value of the pledged assets. At September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the lendable value of our collateral at the FRB totaled \$1,522,172 and \$900,217, respectively. The interest rate charged to us is the discount rate set by the FRB. We did not utilize this facility in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

7. Derivative Financial Instruments

We maintain an overall interest rate risk management strategy that incorporates the use of derivative instruments to minimize the economic effect of interest rate changes. Our goal is to manage interest rate sensitivity by modifying the repricing frequency and underlying index characteristics of certain balance sheet assets and liabilities so the net interest margin is not, on a material basis, adversely affected by movements in interest rates. We do not use derivative instruments to hedge credit risk associated with debt we issued. As a result of interest rate fluctuations, hedged assets and liabilities will appreciate or depreciate in market value. Income or loss on the derivative instruments that are linked to the hedged assets and liabilities will generally offset the effect of this unrealized appreciation or depreciation for the period the item is being hedged. We view this strategy as a prudent management of interest rate sensitivity.

Although we use derivatives to offset (or minimize) the risk of interest rate changes, the use of derivatives does expose us to both market and credit risk. Market risk is the chance of financial loss resulting from changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and market liquidity. Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not perform its obligations under a contract and it is limited to the loss of the fair value gain in a derivative that the counterparty owes us. When the fair value of a derivative contract is negative, we owe the counterparty and, therefore, have no credit risk exposure to the counterparty; however, the counterparty has exposure to us. We minimize the credit risk in derivative instruments by entering into transactions with highly rated counterparties that are reviewed regularly by our Credit Department. We also maintain a policy of requiring that all derivative contracts be governed by an International Swaps and Derivative Association Master Agreement. Depending on the nature of the derivative transaction, bilateral collateral arrangements generally are required as well. When we have more than one outstanding derivative transaction with the counterparty, and there exists legally enforceable netting provisions with the counterparty (i.e., a legal right to offset receivable and payable derivative contracts), the "net" mark-to-market exposure, less collateral the counterparty has posted to us, represents exposure with the counterparty. When there is a net negative exposure, we consider our exposure to the counterparty to be zero. At September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we had a net positive exposure (derivative gain positions to us less collateral which has been posted by counterparties to us) related to derivatives of \$42,149 and \$3,517, respectively.

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7. Derivative Financial Instruments (Continued)

Accounting for Derivative Instruments

The derivative instruments that we use as part of our interest rate risk management strategy are interest rate swaps. The accounting for derivative instruments requires that every derivative instrument be recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value. As more fully described below, if certain criteria are met, derivative instruments may be classified and accounted for by us as either fair value or cash flow hedges. If these criteria are not met, the derivative financial instruments are accounted for as trading.

Fair Value Hedges

Fair value hedges are generally used by us to hedge the exposure to changes in fair value of a recognized fixed rate asset or liability. We enter into interest rate swaps to economically convert fixed rate assets into variable rate assets and fixed rate debt into variable rate debt. For fair value hedges, we generally consider all components of the derivative's gain and/or loss when assessing hedge effectiveness and generally hedge changes in fair values due to interest rates.

Cash Flow Hedges

We use cash flow hedges to hedge the exposure to variability in cash flows of floating rate deposits. This strategy is used primarily to minimize the exposure to volatility in cash flows from future changes in interest rates. Gains and losses on the effective portion of a qualifying hedge are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income and ineffectiveness is recorded immediately to earnings. In assessing hedge effectiveness, generally all components of each derivative's gains or losses are included in the assessment. We hedge exposure to changes in cash flows due to changes in interest rates or total changes in cash flow.

Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive income related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on our variable rate deposits. During the next twelve months, we estimate that \$20.5 million will be reclassified as an increase to interest expense.

Trading Activities

When derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment, they are accounted for at fair value with all changes in fair value recorded through earnings. All our derivative instruments entered into after December 31, 2013, with a maturity of less than 3 years, are economically hedging risk but do not receive hedge accounting treatment. Trading derivatives also include any hedges that originally received hedge accounting treatment, but lost hedge accounting treatment due to failed effectiveness testing, as well as the activity of certain derivatives prior to them receiving hedge accounting treatment.

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7. Derivative Financial Instruments (Continued)

Summary of Derivative Financial Statement Impact

The following tables summarize the fair values and notional amounts of all derivative instruments at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, and their impact on earnings and other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

Impact of Derivatives on the Consolidated Balance Sheet

		(Cash Flov	v He	dges	Fair Value Hedges Trading						g					
		Se	ptember 30,		ember 31,	S	eptember 30,	D	ecember 31,	Se	ptember 30,	D	ecember 31,	S	eptember 30,	D	ecember 31,
			2014	2	013		2014		2013		2014		2013	2014			2013
Fair Values ⁽¹⁾	Hedged Risk Exposure				_												
Derivative Assets:(2)																	
Interest rate swaps	Interest rate	\$	_	\$	_	\$	655	\$	6,335	\$	279	\$	426	\$	934	\$	6,761
Derivative Liabilities:(2)																	
Interest rate swaps	Interest rate		(3,464)				(11,515)		(6,149)		(1,350)				(16,329)		(6,149)
Total net derivatives		\$	(3,464)	\$		\$	(10,860)	\$	186	\$	(1,071)	\$	426	\$	(15,395)	\$	612

- (1) Fair values reported are exclusive of collateral held and pledged and accrued interest. Assets and liabilities are presented without consideration of master netting agreements. Derivatives are carried on the balance sheet based on net position by counterparty under master netting agreements, and classified in other assets or other liabilities depending on whether in a net positive or negative position.
- (2) The following table reconciles gross positions with the impact of master netting agreements to the balance sheet classification:

		Other	Assets		Other Liabilities							
	Septer	mber 30,	Dec	ember 31,	Sep	tember 30,	Dec	ember 31,				
	2	014		2013		2014		2013				
Gross position	\$	934	\$	6,761	\$	(16,329)	\$	(6,149)				
Impact of master netting agreement		(934)		(4,981)		934		4,981				
Derivative values with impact of master netting agreements (as carried on balance sheet)		_		1,780		(15,395)		(1,168)				
Cash collateral (held) pledged(1)		(450)		(5,190)		46,377		40				
Net position	\$	(450)	\$	(3,410)	\$	30,982	\$	(1,128)				

(1) Cash collateral amount calculations include outstanding accrued interest payable/receivable.

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7. Derivative Financial Instruments (Continued)

	Cash	Flow	Fair	Value	Total				
	September 30,	December 31,							
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Notional Values									
Interest rate swaps	\$ 1,100,226	\$ —	\$2,448,023	\$ 2,089,624	\$ 678,967	\$ 575,131	\$ 4,227,216	\$2,664,755	

Impact of Derivatives on the Consolidated Statements of Income

	Three Mor	ıths	Ended	Nine Months Ended								
	Septen	ıber	30,		Septem	ber 30,						
	2014		2013		2014		2013					
Fair Value Hedges												
Interest rate swaps:												
Hedge ineffectiveness gains (losses) recorded in earnings	\$ 1,238	\$	(393)	\$	1,489	\$	(71)					
Realized gains recorded in interest expense	3,835		6,804		14,081		22,311					
Total	\$ 5,073	\$	6,411	\$	15,570	\$	22,240					
Cash Flow Hedges												
Interest rate swaps:												
Hedge ineffectiveness losses recorded in earnings	(303)		_		(303)		_					
Realized losses recorded in interest expense	(3,587)		_		(3,587)		_					
Total	\$ (3,890)	\$	_	\$	(3,890)	\$	_					
Trading												
Interest rate swaps:												
Interest reclassification	\$ (1,170)	\$	346	\$	(3,138)	\$	973					
Change in fair value of future interest payments recorded in earnings	5,636		345		(2,870)		(47)					
Total ⁽¹⁾	4,466		691	_	(6,008)	_	926					
Total	\$ 5,649	\$	7,102	\$	5,672	\$	23,166					
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⁽¹⁾ Amounts included in "gains (losses) on derivatives and hedging activities, net."

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

7. Derivative Financial Instruments (Continued)

Impact of Derivatives on the Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity

		Three Mor Septem			Nine Montl Septemb		
	·	2014	2013	2014			2013
Amount of loss recognized in other comprehensive income	\$	(5,470)	\$ _	\$	(5,470)	\$	_
Amount of loss reclassified in interest expense ⁽¹⁾		3,587	_		3,587		_
Total change in other comprehensive income for unrealized losses on derivatives	\$	(1,883)	\$ _	\$	(1,883)	\$	_

 Amounts included in "realized gains (losses) recorded in interest expense" in the "Impact of Derivatives on the Consolidated Statements of Income" table.

Cash Collateral

Cash collateral held related to derivative exposure between the Company and its derivatives counterparties was \$450 and \$5,190 at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. Collateral held is recorded in "Other Liabilities." Cash collateral pledged related to derivative exposure between the Company and its derivatives counterparties was \$46,377 and \$40 at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

8. Stockholders' Equity

Preferred Stock

In connection with the Spin-Off, the Company, by reason of a statutory merger, succeeded pre-Spin-Off SLM as the issuer of Series A Preferred Stock and the Series B Preferred Stock, substantially similar to pre-Spin-Off SLM's respective series of preferred stock. At September 30, 2014, we had outstanding 3.3 million shares of 6.97 percent Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, Series A (the "Series A Preferred Stock") and 4.0 million shares of Floating-Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B (the "Series B Preferred Stock"). Neither series has a maturity date but can be redeemed at our option. Redemption would include any accrued and unpaid dividends up to the redemption date. The shares have no preemptive or conversion rights and are not convertible into or exchangeable for any of our other securities or property. Dividends on both series are not mandatory and are paid quarterly, when, as, and if declared by the Board of Directors. Holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive cumulative, quarterly cash dividends at the annual rate of \$3.485 per share. Holders of Series B Preferred Stock are entitled to receive quarterly dividends based on 3-month LIBOR plus 170 basis points per annum in arrears. Upon liquidation or dissolution of the Company, holders of the Series A and Series B Preferred Stock are entitled to receive \$50 and \$100 per share, respectively, plus an amount equal to accrued and unpaid dividends for the then current quarterly dividend period, if any, pro rata, and before any distribution of assets are made to holders of our common stock.

Common Stock

Our shareholders have authorized the issuance of 1.125 billion shares of common stock (par value of \$.20). At September 30, 2014, 423 million shares were issued and outstanding and 39 million shares were unissued but encumbered for outstanding stock options, restricted stock units and dividend equivalent units for employee compensation and remaining authority for stock-based compensation plans.

Post Spin-Off, we do not intend to initiate a publicly announced share repurchase program as a means to return capital to shareholders. We only expect to repurchase common stock acquired in connection with taxes withheld in connection with award exercises and vesting under our employee stock based compensation plans. The following table summarizes our common share repurchases and issuances associated with these programs.

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8. Stockholders' Equity (Continued)

	Three M Sept	Month: ember		Ni	Nine Months Ended September					
(Shares and per share amounts in actuals)	2014		2013		2014		2013			
Shares repurchased related to employee stock-based compensation plans(1)	 356,622		251,570		715,393		5,616,933			
Average purchase price per share	\$ 8.68	\$	24.73	\$	8.68	\$	21.23			
Common shares issued ⁽²⁾	584,787		326,789		1,089,716		8,600,008			

⁽¹⁾ Comprises shares withheld from stock option exercises and vesting of restricted stock for employees' tax withhelding obligations and shares tendered by employees to satisfy option exercise costs.

The closing price of our common stock on September 30, 2014 was \$8.56.

Investment with entities that are now subsidiaries of Navient

Prior to the Spin-Off, there were transactions between us and affiliates of pre-Spin-Off SLM that are now subsidiaries of Navient. As part of the carve-out, these expenses were included in our results even though the actual payments for the expenses were paid by the aforementioned affiliates. As such, amounts equal to these payments have been treated as equity contributions in the table below. Certain payments made by us to these affiliates prior to the Spin-Off transaction were treated as dividends.

Net transfers (to)/from the entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient are included within Navient's subsidiary investment on the consolidated statements of changes in equity. The components of the net transfers (to)/from the entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient are summarized below:

	Three Mo		Nine Mor Septen	
	 2014	 2013	2014	 2013
Capital contributions:				
Loan origination activities	\$ _	\$ 35,092	\$ 32,452	\$ 93,721
Loan sales	_	2	45	27
Corporate overhead activities	_	15,321	21,216	48,436
Other	_	(1,766)	492,368	(1,032)
Total capital contributions	_	 48,649	546,081	141,152
Dividend	_	_	_	(120,000)
Corporate push-down	_	(5,726)	4,977	(99)
Net change in income tax accounts	_	(58,025)	15,659	(58,025)
Net change in receivable/payable	_	(68,978)	(87,277)	(103,131)
Other	_	_	(31)	564
Total net transfers from/(to) the entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient	\$ _	\$ (84,080)	\$ 479,409	\$ (139,539)

⁽²⁾ Common shares issued under our various compensation and benefit plans.

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8. Stockholders' Equity (Continued)

Capital Contributions

During the first four months of 2014 and the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, pre-Spin-Off SLM contributed capital to the Company by funding loan origination activities, providing corporate overhead functions and other activities.

Capital contributed for loan origination activities reflects the fact that loan origination functions were conducted by a subsidiary of pre-Spin-Off SLM (now a subsidiary of Navient). The Company did not pay for the costs incurred by pre-Spin-Off SLM in connection with these functions. The costs eligible to be capitalized are recorded on the respective balance sheets and the costs not eligible for capitalization have been recognized as expenses in the respective statements of income.

Certain general corporate overhead expenses of the Company were incurred and paid for by pre-Spin-Off SLM.

Corporate Push-Down

The consolidated balance sheets include certain assets and liabilities that have historically been held at pre-Spin-Off SLM but which are specifically identifiable or otherwise allocable to the Company. The cash and cash equivalents held by pre-Spin-Off SLM at the corporate level were not allocated to the Company for any of the periods presented.

Receivable/Payable with Affiliate

Pre-Spin-Off, all significant intercompany payable/receivable balances between the Company and pre-Spin-Off SLM are considered to be effectively settled for cash in the combined financial statements at the time the transaction is recorded.

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9. Earnings per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share ("EPS") are calculated using the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each period. The determination of the weighted-average shares and diluted potential common shares for pre-Spin-Off periods are based on the activity at pre-Spin-Off SLM. A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted EPS calculations follows.

		Three Mo Septen	 	 Nine months ende September 30,			
(In thousands, except per share data)		2014	2013	2014		2013	
Numerator:							
Net income attributable to SLM Corporation	\$	82,926	\$ 49,390	\$ 174,502	\$	198,743	
Preferred stock dividends		4,850	_	8,078		_	
Net income attributable to SLM Corporation common stock	\$	78,076	\$ 49,390	\$ 166,424	\$	198,743	
Denominator:							
Weighted average shares used to compute basic EPS		423,079	436,109	424,187		442,208	
Effect of dilutive securities:							
Dilutive effect of stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock units (1)(2)		8,525	8,830	8,137		8,229	
Weighted average shares used to compute diluted EPS		431,604	444,939	432,324		450,437	
	_						
Basic earnings per common share attributable to SLM Corporation:	\$	0.18	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.39	\$	0.45	
Diluted earnings per common share attributable to SLM Corporation:	\$	0.18	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.38	\$	0.44	

⁽¹⁾ Includes the potential dilutive effect of additional common shares that are issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options, non-vested deferred compensation and restricted stock, restricted stock units, and the outstanding commitment to issue shares under the ESPP, determined by the treasury stock method.

Por the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, securities covering approximately 3 million and 3 million shares, respectively were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, securities covering approximately 3 million and 4 million shares, respectively, were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive.

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10. Fair Value Measurements

We use estimates of fair value in applying various accounting standards for our financial statements.

We categorize our fair value estimates based on a hierarchical framework associated with three levels of price transparency utilized in measuring financial instruments at fair value. For additional information regarding our policies for determining fair value and the hierarchical framework, see Note 1, "Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value Measurement" in our historical carved out audited financial statements filed with the SEC on Form 8-K on May 6, 2014, for a full discussion.

The following table summarizes the valuation of our financial instruments that are marked-to-market on a recurring basis.

					Fair '	Valu	e Measureme	ents o	on a Recurri	ng B	asis					
			Septembe	r 30,	2014			December 31, 2013								
	Le	vel 1	Level 2	Level 3 Total			Level 1 Level 2				Level 3		Total			
Assets																
Mortgage-backed securities	\$	_	\$ 153,893	\$	_	\$	153,893	\$	_	\$	102,105	\$	_	\$	102,105	
Derivative instruments		_	934		_		934		_		6,761		_		6,761	
Total	\$		\$ 154,827	\$		\$	154,827	\$	_	\$	108,866	\$		\$	108,866	
					Fair '	Valu	e Measureme	ents o	on a Recurri	ng B	asis					
			Septembe	r 30,	2014			December 31, 2013								
	Le	vel 1	Level 2	L	evel 3		Total		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Liabilities								·								
Derivative instruments	\$	_	\$ (16,329)	\$	_	\$	(16,329)	\$	_	\$	(6,149)	\$	_	\$	(6,149)	
Total	\$		\$ (16,329)	\$		\$	(16,329)	\$		\$	(6,149)	\$		\$	(6,149)	

The following table summarizes the change in balance sheet carrying value associated with level 3 financial instruments carried at fair value on a recurring basis for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013. There were no financial instruments categorized as level 3 at September 30, 2014.

		September 30, 2013							
	Thi	ee Months Ended	Ni	ne Months Ended					
Balance, beginning of period	\$	578,783	\$	532,155					
Total gains/(losses) (realized and unrealized):									
Included in earnings		3,466		45,492					
Included in other comprehensive income		_		_					
Included in earnings - accretion of discount		2,177		6,779					
Proceeds from sale		_		_					
Transfers in and/or out of level 3		_		_					
Balance, end of period(1)	\$	584,426	\$	584,426					
Change in unrealized gains/(losses) relating to instruments still held at the reporting date	\$	3,466	\$	45,492					

(1) In October 2013, we sold our asset-backed security portfolio, and as such, we no longer hold asset-backed securities in our investment portfolio.

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10. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table summarizes the fair values of our financial assets and liabilities, including derivative financial instruments.

		Sep	otember 30, 20	14		December 31, 2013							
	Fair Value			ı	Difference		Fair Value	Carrying Value		D	ifference		
Earning assets													
Loans held for investment, net	\$ 9,709,012	\$	9,095,373	\$	613,639	\$	8,439,068	\$	7,931,377	\$	507,691		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,570,378		1,570,378		_		2,182,865		2,182,865		_		
Available-for-sale investments	153,893		153,893		_		102,105		102,105		_		
Accrued interest receivable	453,522		453,522		_		356,283		356,283		_		
Derivative instruments	934		934		_		6,761		6,761		_		
Total earning assets	11,887,739		11,274,100		613,639	\$	11,087,082	\$	10,579,391	\$	507,691		
Interest-bearing liabilities													
Money-market, savings and NOW accounts	4,829,123		4,829,123		_	\$	4,029,881	\$	4,029,881	\$	_		
Certificates of deposit	4,347,562		4,343,899		(3,663)		4,984,114		4,971,669		(12,445)		
Accrued interest payable	15,736		15,736		_		13,097		13,097		_		
Derivative instruments	16,329		16,329		_		6,149		6,149		_		
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 9,208,750	\$	9,205,087		(3,663)	\$	9,033,241	\$	9,020,796		(12,445)		
Excess of net asset fair value over carrying value				\$	609,976					\$	495,246		

The methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments are as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost. Carrying value approximated fair value for disclosure purposes. These are level 1 valuations.

Investments

Investments are classified as available-for-sale and are carried at fair value in the financial statements. Investments in mortgage-backed securities are valued using observable market prices of similar assets. As such, these are level 2 valuations.

Loans held for investment

Our FFELP Loans, Private Education Loans, and other loans are accounted for at net realizable value, or at the lower of cost or market if the loan is held-for-sale. For both FFELP and Private Education Loans, fair value was determined by modeling expected loan level cash flows using stated terms of the assets and internally-developed assumptions to determine aggregate portfolio yield, net present value and average life. The significant assumptions used to determine fair value are prepayment speeds, default rates, cost of funds and required return on equity. We regularly calibrate these models to take into account relevant transactions in the marketplace. Significant inputs into the model are not observable. As such, these are level 3 valuations.

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10. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Money market, savings accounts and NOW accounts

The fair value of money market, savings, and NOW accounts equal the amounts payable on demand at the balance sheet date and are reported at their carrying value. These are level 1 valuations.

Certificates of deposit

The fair value of certificates of deposit are estimated using discounted cash flows based on rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities. These are level 2 valuations.

Derivatives

All derivatives are accounted for at fair value in the financial statements. The fair value of derivative financial instruments was determined by a standard derivative pricing and option model using the stated terms of the contracts and observable market inputs. It is our policy to compare the derivative fair values to those received from our counterparties in order to evaluate the model's outputs.

When determining the fair value of derivatives, we take into account counterparty credit risk for positions where we are exposed to the counterparty on a net basis by assessing exposure net of collateral held. When the counterparty has exposure to us under derivative contracts with the Company, we fully collateralize the exposure (subject to certain thresholds).

Interest rate swaps are valued using a standard derivative cash flow model with a LIBOR swap yield curve which is an observable input from an active market. These derivatives are level 2 fair value estimates in the hierarchy.

The carrying value of borrowings designated as the hedged item in a fair value hedge is adjusted for changes in fair value due to changes in the benchmark interest rate (one-month LIBOR). These valuations are determined through standard pricing models using the stated terms of the borrowings and observable yield curves.

11. Stock Based Compensation Plans and Arrangements

Effect of Spin-Off on Equity Awards

In connection with the Spin-Off of Navient, we made certain adjustments to the exercise price and number of our stock-based compensation awards with the intention of preserving the intrinsic value of the outstanding awards held by Sallie Mae officers and employees prior to the Spin-Off. In general, holders of awards granted prior to 2014 received both Sallie Mae and Navient equity awards, and holders of awards granted in 2014 received solely equity awards of their post-Spin-Off employer. Stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance stock units and dividend equivalent units were adjusted into equity in the new companies by a specific conversion ratio per company, which was based upon the volume weighted average prices for each company at the time of the Spin-Off, in an effort to keep the value of the equity awards constant. These adjustments were accounted for as modifications to the original awards. In general, the Sallie Mae and Navient awards will be subject to substantially the same terms and conditions as the original pre-Spin-Off SLM awards. A comparison of the fair value of the modified awards with the fair value of the original awards immediately before the modification resulted in approximately \$64 of incremental expense related to fully-vested stock option awards and was expensed immediately and \$630 of incremental compensation expense related to unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units which will be recorded over the remaining vesting period of the equity awards.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In the third quarter of 2014, the Company resumed offering the opportunity for employees to enroll in our employee stock purchase plan ("ESPP"). Employees may purchase shares of SLM's common stock under the ESPP at the end of a 12-month offering period at a price equal to the share price at the beginning of the 12-month period, less 15 percent. The purchase price for each offering was determined at the beginning of the offering period on August 1, 2014. We recorded stock-based compensation expense of \$33 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 related to this plan.

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12. Arrangements with Navient Corporation

In connection with the Spin-Off, the Company entered into a separation and distribution agreement with Navient (the "Separation and Distribution Agreement"). In connection therewith, the Company also entered into various other ancillary agreements with Navient to effect the Spin-Off and provide a framework for its relationship with Navient thereafter, such as a transition services agreement, a tax sharing agreement, an employee matters agreement, a loan servicing and administration agreement, a joint marketing agreement, a key services agreement, a data sharing agreement and a master sublease agreement. The majority of these agreements are transitional in nature with most having terms of two years or less from the date of the Spin-Off.

We continue to have significant exposures to risks related to Navient's loan servicing operations and its creditworthiness. If we are unable to obtain services, complete the transition of our origination operations as planned, or obtain indemnification payments from Navient, we could experience higher than expected costs and operating expenses and our results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

We briefly summarize below some of the most significant agreements and relationships we continue to have with Navient. For additional information regarding the Separation and Distribution Agreement and the other ancillary agreements, see our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 2, 2014.

Separation and Distribution Agreement

The Separation and Distribution Agreement addresses, among other things, the following ongoing activities:

- the obligation of each party to indemnify the other against liabilities retained or assumed by that party pursuant to the Separation and the Distribution Agreement and in connection with claims of third parties;
- the allocation among the parties of rights and obligations under insurance policies;
- the agreement of the Company and Navient (i) not to engage in certain competitive business activities for a period of five years, (ii) as to the effect of the non-competition provisions on post-spin merger and acquisition activities of the parties and (iii) regarding "first look" opportunities; and
- the creation of a governance structure, including a separation oversight committee, by which matters related to the separation and other transactions contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement will be monitored and managed.

Transition Services

During a transition period, Navient and its affiliates will provide the Bank with significant servicing capabilities with respect to Private Education Loans held by the Company and its subsidiaries. Beyond this transition period, it is currently anticipated that Navient will continue to service Private Education Loans owned by the Company or its subsidiaries with respect to individual borrowers who also have Private Education Loans which are owned by Navient, in order to optimize the customer's experience. In addition, Navient will continue to service and collect the Bank's portfolio of FFELP Loans indefinitely.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

12. Arrangements with Navient Corporation (Continued)

Indemnification Obligations

Navient has also agreed to be responsible, and indemnify us, for all claims, actions, damages, losses or expenses that may arise from the conduct of all activities of pre-Spin-Off SLM occurring prior to the Spin-Off other than those specifically excluded in the Separation and Distribution Agreement. Some significant examples of the types of indemnification obligations Navient has under the Separation and Distribution Agreement and related ancillary agreements include:

- Pursuant to a tax sharing agreement, Navient has agreed to indemnify us for \$283 million in deferred taxes that the Company will be legally responsible for but that relate to gains recognized by the Company's predecessor on debt repurchases made prior to the Spin-Off. The remaining amount of this indemnification at September 30, 2014 is \$238 million. In addition, Navient has agreed to indemnify us for tax assessments incurred related to identified uncertain tax positions taken prior to the date of the Spin-off transaction. At September 30, 2014, we have recorded a receivable of \$16 million related to this indemnification.
- Navient has responsibility to assume new or ongoing litigation matters relating to the conduct of most pre-Spin-Off SLM businesses operated or conducted prior to the Spin-Off.
- At the time of this filing, the Bank remains subject to a Consent Order, Order to Pay Restitution and Order to Pay Civil Money Penalty dated May 13, 2014 issued by the FDIC (the "2014 FDIC Order"). The 2014 FDIC Order replaces a prior cease and desist order jointly issued in August 2008 by the FDIC and the Utah Department of Financial Institutions ("UDFI") which was terminated on July 15, 2014. Specifically, on May 13, 2014, the Bank reached settlements with the FDIC and the Department of Justice (the "DOJ") regarding disclosures and assessments of certain late fees, as well as compliance with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act ("SCRA"). The DOJ Order was approved by the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware on September 29, 2014. Under the FDIC's 2014 Order, the Bank agreed to pay \$3.3 million in fines and oversee the refund of up to \$30 million in late fees assessed on loans owned or originated by the Bank since its inception in November 2005. Navient is responsible for funding all liabilities, restitution and compensation under orders such as these, other than fines directly levied against the Bank.

Long-Term Arrangements

The Loan Servicing and Administration Agreement governs the terms by which Navient provides servicing, administration and collection services for the Bank's portfolio of FFELP Loans and Private Education Loans, as well as servicing history information with respect to private education loans previously serviced by Navient and access to certain promissory notes in Navient's possession. The loan servicing and administration agreement has a fixed term with a renewal option in favor of the Bank.

The Data Sharing Agreement states the Bank will continue to have the right to obtain from Navient certain post-Spin-Off performance data relating to Private Education Loans owned or serviced by Navient to support and facilitate ongoing underwriting, originations, forecasting, performance and reserve analyses.

The Tax Sharing Agreement governs the respective rights, responsibilities and obligations of the Company and Navient after the Spin-Off relating to taxes, including with respect to the payment of taxes, the preparation and filing of tax returns and the conduct of tax contests. Under this agreement, each party is generally liable for taxes attributable to its business. The agreement also addresses the allocation of tax liabilities that are incurred as a result of the Spin-Off and related transactions. Additionally, the agreement restricts the parties from taking certain actions that could prevent the Spin-Off from qualifying for the tax treatment.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

12. Arrangements with Navient Corporation (Continued)

Amended Loan participation and purchase agreement

Prior to the Spin-Off, the Bank sold substantially all of its Private Education Loans to several former affiliates, now subsidiaries of Navient (collectively, the "Purchasers"), pursuant to this agreement. This agreement predates the Spin-Off but has been significantly amended and reduced in scope in connection with the Spin-Off. Post-Spin-Off, the Bank retains only the right to require the Purchasers to purchase loans (at fair value) for which the borrower also has a separate lending relationship with Navient ("Split Loans") when the Split Loans either (1) are more than 90 days past due; (2) have been restructured; (3) have been granted a hardship forbearance or more than 6 months of administrative forbearance; or (4) have a borrower or cosigner who has filed for bankruptcy. At September 30, 2014, we held approximately \$126 million of Split Loans.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Bank separately sold loans to the Purchasers in the amount of \$28,871 and \$794,870, respectively, in principal and \$542 and \$26,339, respectively, in accrued interest income. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Bank sold loans to the Purchasers in the amount of \$571,946 and \$2,281,404, respectively, in principal and \$25,244 and \$64,439, respectively, in accrued interest income.

The gain resulting from loans sold was \$0 and \$43,434 in the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$35,848 and \$192,097 in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Total write-downs to fair value for loans sold with a fair value lower than par totaled \$4,571 and \$15,632 in the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$51,001 and \$48,260 in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

13. Regulatory Capital

The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by federal banking authorities. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material adverse effect on our financial condition. Under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, we must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of our assets, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Bank's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk-weightings and other factors.

"Well capitalized" regulatory requirements are the quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy. The Bank is required to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of Total and Tier I Capital to risk-weighted assets and of Tier I Capital to average assets, as defined by the regulation. The following amounts and ratios are based upon the Bank's assets.

			W	ell Capitalized Requirem	
	Amount	Ratio		Amount	Ratio
As of September 30, 2014:					
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets)	\$ 1,389,122	12.3%	\$	565,419 ≥	5.0%
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$ 1,389,122	15.7%	\$	530,102 ≥	6.0%
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$ 1,454,837	16.5%	\$	883,503 ≥	10.0%
As of December 31, 2013:					
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets)	\$ 1,221,416	11.7%	\$	521,973 ≥	5.0%
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$ 1,221,416	16.4%	\$	446,860 <u>≥</u>	6.0%
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$ 1,289,497	17.3%	\$	745,374 ≥	10.0%

Dividends

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

13. Regulatory Capital (Continued)

The Bank is chartered under the laws of the State of Utah and its deposits are insured by the FDIC. The Bank's ability to pay dividends is subject to the laws of Utah and the regulations of the FDIC. Generally, under Utah's industrial bank laws and regulations as well as FDIC regulations, the Bank may pay dividends from its net profits without regulatory approval if, following the payment of the dividend, the Bank's capital and surplus would not be impaired. The Bank paid no dividends for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 or for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Bank paid dividends of \$120 million to an entity that is a subsidiary of Navient.

14. Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees

Regulatory Matters

At the time of this filing, the Bank remains subject to the 2014 FDIC Order. Specifically, on May 13, 2014, the Bank reached settlements with the FDIC and the DOJ regarding disclosures and assessments of certain late fees, as well as compliance with the SCRA. The DOJ Order was approved by the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware on September 29, 2014. Under the FDIC's 2014 Order, the Bank agreed to pay \$3.3 million in fines and oversee the refund of up to \$30 million in late fees assessed on loans owned or originated by the Bank since its inception in November 2005.

Under the terms of the Separation and Distribution Agreement between the Company and Navient, Navient is responsible for funding all liabilities under the regulatory orders, other than fines directly levied against the Bank in connection with these matters. Under the DOJ Order, Navient is solely responsible for reimbursing SCRA benefits and related compensation on behalf of both its subsidiary, Navient Solutions, Inc., and the Bank.

Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, we and our subsidiaries are routinely defendants in or parties to pending and threatened legal actions and proceedings including actions brought on behalf of various classes of claimants. These actions and proceedings may be based on alleged violations of consumer protection, securities, employment and other laws. In certain of these actions and proceedings, claims for substantial monetary damage may be asserted against us and our subsidiaries.

We and our subsidiaries and affiliates are subject to various claims, lawsuits and other actions that arise in the ordinary course of business. In addition, it is common for the Company, our subsidiaries and affiliates to receive information and document requests and investigative demands from state attorneys general, legislative committees, and administrative agencies. These requests may be for informational or regulatory purposes and may relate to our business practices, the industries in which we operate, or other companies with whom we conduct business. Our practice has been and continues to be to cooperate with these bodies and be responsive to any such requests.

In view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of litigation, regulatory and investigative actions, we cannot predict what the eventual outcome of the pending matters will be, what the timing or the ultimate resolution of these matters will be, or what the eventual loss, fines or penalties, if any, related to each pending matter may be.

We are required to establish reserves for litigation and regulatory matters where those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and estimable. When loss contingencies are not both probable and estimable, we do not establish reserves.

Based on current knowledge, management does not believe there are loss contingencies, if any, arising from pending investigations, litigation or regulatory matters that could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, liquidity, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following information is current as of October 22, 2014 (unless otherwise noted) and should be read in connection with SLM Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (the "2013 Form 10-K"), the audited carve out financial statements filed on Form 8-K on May 6, 2014, and subsequent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Definitions for capitalized terms in this presentation not defined herein can be found in the 2013 Form 10-K (filed with the SEC on February 19, 2014).

This report contains forward-looking statements and information based on management's current expectations as of the date of this report. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about the Company's beliefs or expectations and statements that assume or are dependent upon future events, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from those reflected in such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, the risks and uncertainties set forth in Item 1A "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in the Company's 2013 Form 10-K, the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014, and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014; increases in financing costs; limits on liquidity; increases in costs associated with compliance with laws and regulations; changes in accounting standards and the impact of related changes in significant accounting estimates; any adverse outcomes in any significant litigation to which the Company is a party; credit risk associated with the Company's exposure to third parties, including counterparties to the Company's derivative transactions; and changes in the terms of student loans and the educational credit marketplace (including changes resulting from new laws and the implementation of existing laws). The Company could also be affected by, among other things: changes in its funding costs and availability; failures of its operating systems or infrastructure, including those of third-party vendors; failure to implement the recently executed separation of the Company into two separate publicly traded companies, including failure to transition its origination and servicing operations as planned, increased costs in connection with being a stand-alone company, and failure to achieve the expected benefits of the separation; damage to its reputation; changes in the demand for educational financing or in financing preferences of lenders, educational institutions, students and their families; changes in law and regulations with respect to the student lending business and financial institutions generally; changes in banking rules and regulations, including increased capital requirements; increased competition from banks and other consumer lenders; the creditworthiness of its customers; changes in the general interest rate environment, including the rate relationships among relevant money-market instruments and those of its earning assets vs. its funding arrangements; and changes in general economic conditions. The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements also requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions including estimates and assumptions about future events. These estimates or assumptions may prove to be incorrect. All forward-looking statements contained in this report are qualified by these cautionary statements and are made only as of the date of this report. The Company does not undertake any obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements to conform the statement to actual results or changes in its expectations.

The Company reports financial results on a GAAP basis and also provides certain core earnings performance measures. The difference between the Company's "Core Earnings" and GAAP results for the periods presented were the unrealized, mark-to-market gains/losses on derivative contracts (excluding current period accruals on the derivative instruments), net of tax. These are recognized in GAAP but not in "Core Earnings" results. The Company provides "Core Earnings" measures because this is what management uses when making management decisions regarding the Company's performance and the allocation of corporate resources. The Company's "Core Earnings" are not defined terms within GAAP and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. For additional information, see "Key Financial Measures - 'Core Earnings'" in this Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 for a further discussion and a complete reconciliation between GAAP net income and "Core Earnings."

Certain reclassifications have been made to the balances as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 to be consistent with classifications adopted for 2014, and had no effect on net income, total assets, or total liabilities.

Through this discussion and analysis, we intend to provide the reader with some narrative context for how our management views our consolidated financial statements, additional context within which to assess our operating results, and information on the quality and variability of our earnings, liquidity and cash flows.

Selected Financial Information and Ratios

	Т	Three Months En	ded Se	eptember 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,						
(In millions, except per share data)		2014		2013		2014		2013			
Not in some attributable to SLM Comparation	\$	83	\$	49	\$	174	\$	100			
Net income attributable to SLM Corporation	Ф	83	Э	49	Ф	1/4	Э	199			
Diluted earnings per common share attributable to SLM Corporation	\$	0.18	\$	0.11	\$	0.38	\$	0.44			
Weighted average shares used to compute diluted earnings per share		432		445		432		450			
Return on assets		3.02%		2.17%		2.18%		2.99%			
Operating efficiency ratio ⁽¹⁾		32%		46%		38%		38%			
Other Operating Statistics											
Ending Private Education Loans, net	\$	7,779,422	\$	6,161,411	\$	7,779,422	\$	6,161,411			
Ending FFELP Loans, net		1,315,951		1,214,831		1,315,951		1,214,831			
Ending total education loans, net	\$	9,095,373	\$	7,376,242	\$	9,095,373	\$	7,376,242			
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Average education loans	\$	8,747,522	\$	7,013,415	\$	8,768,930	\$	6,960,300			

⁽¹⁾ Our efficiency ratio is calculated as operating expense, excluding restructuring costs, divided by net interest income after provision for loan losses and other income. See also "Key Financial Measures - Operating Expenses."

Overview

On April 30, 2014, we completed our plan to legally separate into two distinct publicly-traded entities - an education loan management, servicing and asset recovery business, Navient Corporation ("Navient"), and a consumer banking business, SLM Corporation. The separation of Navient from SLM Corporation (the "Spin-Off") was preceded by an internal corporate reorganization, which was the first step to separate the education loan management, servicing and asset recovery business from the consumer banking business. For a more detailed discussion of the Spin-Off, risk factors related to the Spin-Off and the business to be conducted by the Company after the Spin-Off, please see our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the SEC on February 19, 2014, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014 filed with the SEC on July 24, 2014.

On October 13, 2014, we completed the operational separation of our servicing platforms and personnel from Navient and launched our new customer service operation. One major project remains to be completed before full operational separation from Navient can be achieved: establishing the Bank's own loan originations platform which we currently expect to achieve sometime in the first half of 2015. For a more detailed description of ongoing arrangements among the Company and Navient, see notes to consolidated financial statements contained in this Form 10-Q, Note 12, "Arrangements with Navient Corporation".

References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to "we," "us," "our," "Sallie Mae" and the "Company," refer to SLM Corporation and its subsidiaries, immediately after the Spin-Off (as hereinafter defined) except as otherwise indicated or unless the context otherwise requires. We use "Private Education Loans" to mean education loans to students or their families that are non-federal loans not insured or guaranteed under the previously existing Federal Family Education Loan Program ("FFELP").

Initiation of Post-Spin-Off Periodic Reporting by SLM Corporation

The timing and steps necessary to complete the Spin-Off and comply with SEC reporting requirements, including the replacement of pre-Spin-Off SLM Corporation with our current publicly-traded registrant, have resulted in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the SEC on February 19, 2014, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on May 12, 2014, providing business results and financial information for the periods reported therein on the basis of the consolidated businesses of pre-Spin-Off SLM. Readers are reminded that while information contained in those prior reports may provide meaningful historical context for the Company's business, the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014 was our first periodic report made on the basis of the post-Spin-Off business of the Company.

Recent Developments

New Customer Service Operations Launched

On October 13, 2014, we completed the operational separation of our servicing platforms and personnel from Navient and launched our new customer service operation. One major project remains to be completed before full operational separation from Navient can be achieved: establishing the Bank's own loan originations platform which we currently expect to achieve sometime in the first half of 2015. In related developments, the Company's Office of the Customer Advocate began operating separately from Navient's and the Company and the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau ("CFPB") initiated a separate, dedicated CFPB portal to receive customer inquiries associated with the Company's Private Education Loans¹.

As a result of the launch, the Company and the Bank now have sole responsibility for servicing the 840,000 loans contained within the Bank's existing Private Education Loan portfolio and maintaining customer relationships with the 1 million borrowers and related cosigners to whom these loans have been made. As of the end of the third quarter, the loans in our Private Education Loan portfolio were originated with average FICO scores of 749 and nearly 90 percent of them were cosigned.

Concurrent with the launch of our new customer service operation on October 13, 2014, we launched a new information all section on SallieMae.com that provides comprehensive information for managing private education loans. This section includes information on: the steps customers may take to ease the transition from school to making payments, an overview of payment options, an explanation of payment allocation and an explanation of the assistance available to customers who experience special circumstances, such as life changes or payment difficulties. The site also provides forms for cosigner release and explains special benefits for servicemen and women under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, and it includes information on the dedicated Sallie Mae military customer service team.

Private Education Loan Sales

In the third quarter of 2014, we sold \$1.2 billion of loans through loan sales and a securitization transaction with third parties (including Navient). As a result of these loans sales we recorded gains of \$85 million. See notes to consolidated financial statements, Note 12, "Arrangements with Navient Corporation," for further discussion regarding loan purchase agreements. While there may be near-term Private Education Loan sales to Navient to facilitate an orderly transition after the Spin-Off, neither the Company nor Navient has any ongoing obligation to buy or sell Private Education Loans to or from the other.

Annual Report of the CFPB Student Loan Ombudsman

On October 16, 2014, the CFPB Student Loan Ombudsman's office released its most recent annual report on the private student loan industry. This year's report focused on three primary areas of customer feedback: limited available information on ways to avoid default; a shortage of affordable loan modifications available to private student loan borrowers as compared to Federal student loan products; and the potential risk of improper use of short-term forbearance programs. The report again suggested Congress reconsider whether federal bankruptcy laws preventing the discharge of private student loans in bankruptcy was somehow contributing to the types of complaints being identified in the report.

When customers experience financial difficulty, we strive to work with each individual to understand his or her financial situation and identify alternative payment arrangements. In addition, we provide many repayment options including extended repayment schedules, an interest rate reduction program and, if appropriate, forbearance-all scaled to a customer's individual circumstances and ability. These programs, much like the adjustments available to customers under federal student loan programs, must be used wisely given their potential to significantly increase the overall costs of education financing to customers.

We also recognize that, in some cases, loan modifications and other efforts may be insufficient. That is why Sallie Mae continues to support bankruptcy reform that would permit the discharge of education loans - both private and federal - after sufficient required period of good faith attempts to repay and that is prospective so as not to rewrite existing contracts. Any reform should recognize that education loans have unique characteristics and benefits as compared to other consumer loan classes. We do not believe bankruptcy reform structured along these lines would be detrimental to our business model or future prospects.

In connection with the work to establish the new portal we have determined that 105 of the complaints identified in the October 16, 2014 CFPB Student Loan Ombudsman's Report are attributable to our existing loan portfolio.

Key Financial Measures

Set forth below are brief summaries of our key financial measures. Our operating results are primarily driven by net interest income from our Private Education Loan portfolio (which include financing costs), provision for loan losses, gains and losses on loan sales and operating expenses. The growth of our business and the strength of our financial condition are primarily driven by our ability to achieve our annual Private Education Loan originations goals while sustaining credit quality and maintaining diversified, cost-efficient funding sources to support our originations.

Net Interest Income

The most significant portion of our earnings is generated by the spread between the interest income we receive on assets in our education loan portfolios and the interest expense we pay on funds we use to originate these loans. We report these earnings as net interest income.

Net interest income is predominantly determined by the balance of Private Education Loans. As of September 30, 2014, we had \$7.8 billion and \$1.3 billion of Private Education and FFELP Loans, respectively. For Private Education Loans, net interest margin is determined by interest rates we establish based upon the credit of the customer and any cosigner less our cost of funds. The majority of our Private Education Loans earn variable rate interest and are funded primarily with deposits. Our cost of funds is primarily influenced by competition in the deposit market.

FFELP Loans carry lower risk and have a much lower net interest margin as a result of the federal government guarantee. We do not expect to acquire any more FFELP Loans and the balance of our FFELP portfolio is expected to decline due to normal amortization.

Allowance for Loan Losses

Management estimates and maintains an allowance for loan losses (which we sometimes also refer to as "provision") at a level sufficient to cover charge-offs expected over the next year, plus an additional allowance to cover life-of-loan expected losses for loans classified as a troubled debt restructuring ("TDR"). The allowance for loan losses is increased when we record provision expense and for recoveries and is reduced by charge-offs. Generally, the provision for loan losses and the allowance for loan losses rise when charge-offs are expected to increase and fall when charge-offs are expected to decline. We bear the full credit exposure on our Private Education Loans. Losses on our Private Education Loans are determined by risk characteristics such as loan status (in-school, grace, forbearance, repayment and delinquency), loan seasoning (number of months in active repayment), underwriting criteria (e.g., credit scores), presence of a cosigner and the current economic environment.

Our provision for loan losses on our Private Education Loans was \$54 million for the first nine months of 2014 compared with \$37 million in the comparable 2013 period. In connection with the Spin-Off, we changed our policy of charging off Private Education Loans when they are delinquent for 212 days to charging off loans after they are 120 days delinquent. In addition, we changed our loss confirmation period for Private Education Loans from two years to one year to reflect the shorter charge-off period and recent changes in our servicing practices.

Our loss exposure and resulting provision for losses is small for FFELP Loans because we generally bear a maximum of three percent loss exposure on them. Our provision for losses in our FFELP Loans portfolio was \$1.5 million for the first nine months of 2014 compared with the \$2.8 million in the first nine months of 2013.

Charge-Offs and Delinquencies

Delinquencies are a very important indicator of potential future credit performance. When a Private Education Loan reaches 120 days delinquent it is charged against the allowance for loan losses. Charge-off data provides relevant information with respect to the performance of our loan portfolios. Management focuses on delinquencies as well as the progression of loans from early to late stage delinquency. Prior to the Spin-off, the Bank would sell delinquent loans to an entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient prior to the loans becoming 120 days delinquent. As a result, there were no charge-offs recorded in our financial statements prior to April 1, 2014. In addition, because loans were sold earlier in their delinquency status, the historical delinquency statistics are not necessarily indicative of expected future performance.

Private Education Loan delinquencies as a percentage of Private Education Loans in repayment decreased from 1.46 percent at September 30, 2013 to 1.31 percent at September 30, 2014.

Operating Expenses

The operating expenses reported are those that are directly attributable to the Company, the costs of Transition Services Agreements with Navient, and restructuring costs associated with the build-out of our servicing platform and the remaining costs of the Spin-Off. Our efficiency ratio is calculated as operating expense, excluding restructuring costs, divided by net interest income after provision for loan losses and other income. In the third quarter this ratio was 32 percent versus 46 percent in the year-ago quarter. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 this ratio was 38 percent unchanged from the year-ago period. Year-to-date net gains on loan sales have positively effected the denominator of the efficiency ratio. Consequently, as no more loan sales are contemplated this year and our post-Spin-Off expense levels continue to stabilize, we expect no further improvements and possible volatility in the efficiency ratio for the year. Our long-term objective is to achieve steady declines in this ratio over the next several years as the balance sheet and revenue grows to a level commensurate with our loan origination platform and we control the growth of our expense base.

Core Earnings

We prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP. However, we also produce and report our after-tax earnings on a separate basis which we refer to as "Core Earnings." While pre-Spin-Off SLM also reported a metric by that name, what we now report and what we describe below is significantly different and should not be compared to any Core Earnings reported by pre-Spin-Off SLM.

"Core Earnings" recognizes the difference in accounting treatment based upon whether the derivative qualifies for hedge accounting treatment and eliminates the earnings impact associated with hedge ineffectiveness and derivatives we use as an economic hedge but do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment. We enter into derivatives instruments to economically hedge interest rate and cash flow risk associated with our portfolio. We believe that our derivatives are effective economic hedges, and as such, are a critical element of our interest rate risk management strategy. Those derivative instruments that qualify for hedge accounting treatment have their related cash flows recorded in interest income or interest expense along with the hedged item. Hedge ineffectiveness related to these derivatives are recorded in "Gains (losses) on derivatives and hedging activities, net." Some of our derivatives do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment and the stand-alone derivative must be marked-to-fair value in the income statement with no consideration for the corresponding change in fair value of the hedged item. These gains and losses, recorded in "Gains (losses) on derivative and hedging activities and hedging activities and hedging activities and changing credit spreads during the period as well as the volume and term of derivatives not receiving hedge accounting treatment. Cash flows on derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting are not recorded in interest income and interest expense, they are recorded in non interest income: "gains (losses) on derivative and hedging activities, net."

The adjustments required to reconcile from our "Core Earnings" results to our GAAP results of operations, net of tax, relate to differing treatments for our use of derivative instruments to hedge our economic risks that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment or do qualify for hedge accounting treatment but result in ineffectiveness, net of tax. The amount recorded in "Gains (losses) on derivative and hedging activities, net" includes the accrual of the current payment on the swaps on derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment as well as the change in fair values related to future expected cash flows for derivatives and accounting hedges. For purposes of "Core Earnings" we are including in GAAP earnings the current period accrual amounts (interest reclassification) on the swaps and excluding the remaining ineffectiveness. "Core Earnings" is meant to represent what earnings would have been had these derivatives qualified for hedge accounting and there was no ineffectiveness.

"Core Earnings" are not a substitute for reported results under GAAP. We provide "Core Earnings" basis of presentation because (i) earnings per share computed on a "Core Earnings" basis is one of several measures we utilize in establishing management incentive compensation and (ii) we believe it better reflects the financial results for derivatives that are economic hedges of interest rate risk but do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment.

GAAP provides a uniform, comprehensive basis of accounting. Our "Core Earnings" basis of presentation differs from GAAP in the way it treats ineffective hedges as described above.

The following table shows the amount in "Gains (losses) on derivative and hedging activities, net" that relates to the interest reclassification on the derivative contracts.

	 Three Mo	 		Nine Months Ended September 30,						
(Dollars in thousands)	 2014	 2013	_	2014		2013				
Hedge ineffectiveness gains (losses)	\$ 6,571	\$ (49)	\$	(1,684)	\$	(118)				
Interest reclassification	(1,170)	346		(3,137)		973				
Gains (losses) on derivatives and hedging activities, net	\$ 5,401	\$ 297	\$	(4,821)	\$	855				

The following table reflects adjustments associated with our derivative activities.

	 Three Mo Septen	 	Nine Months Ended September 30,						
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	 2014	 2013		2014		2013			
"Core Earnings" adjustments to GAAP:									
GAAP net income attributable to SLM									
Corporation	\$ 82,926	\$ 49,390	\$	174,502	\$	198,743			
Preferred stock dividends	4,850	_		8,078					
GAAP net income attributable to SLM Corporation common stock	\$ 78,076	\$ 49,390	\$	166,424	\$	198,743			
GAAP net income attributable to SLM Corporation	\$ 82,926	\$ 49,390	\$	174,502	\$	198,743			
Adjustments:									
Net impact of derivative accounting ⁽¹⁾	(6,571)	49		1,684		118			
Net tax effect ⁽²⁾	 2,623	 (19)		(672)		(45)			
Total "Core Earnings" adjustments to GAAP	 (3,948)	 30		1,012		73			
"Core Earnings"	\$ 78,978	\$ 49,420	\$	175,514	\$	198,816			
GAAP diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.11	\$	0.38	\$	0.44			
Derivative adjustments, net of tax	(0.01)	_		0.01		_			
"Core Earnings" diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.11	\$	0.39	\$	0.44			

⁽¹⁾ Derivative Accounting: "Core Earnings" exclude periodic unrealized gains and losses caused by the mark-to-market valuations on derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment under GAAP, as well as the periodic unrealized gains and losses that are a result of ineffectiveness recognized related to effective hedges under GAAP. Under GAAP, for our derivatives held to maturity, the cumulative net unrealized gain or loss over the life of the contract will equal

^{(2) &}quot;Core Earnings" tax rate is based on the effective tax rate at the Bank where the derivative instruments are held.

Private Education Loan Originations

Private Education Loans are the principal asset on the Bank's balance sheet and the main driver of the Bank's future earnings and asset growth. The size of the Private Education Loan market and, hence, our ability to increase Private Education Loan originations is determined by several primary factors: college enrollment levels, the costs of attending college, the availability of grants and loans from the federal government and the ability of families to contribute to the cost of education from income and savings. If the cost of education increases at a pace that exceeds income and savings growth, and the availability of federal funds does not significantly increase, we can expect more students and families to borrow privately. If the costs of attending college remain constant or decrease and/or the availability of federal funds increases, our ability to sustain Private Education Loan origination growth will be challenged.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we originated \$3.5 billion of Private Education Loans, up 8 percent, from the prior year period.

Funding Sources

Deposits. The Bank gathers low cost retail deposits through its direct banking platform which serves as an important source of funding. The Bank utilizes both brokered and retail deposits to meet funding needs and enhance its liquidity position. These deposits can be term or liquid deposits. The term brokered deposits are swapped into one-month LIBOR. This has the effect of increasing the average life of our liabilities and matching the index our assets reset on, minimizing our exposure to interest rate risk. Retail deposits are sourced through a direct banking platform and serve as an important source of diversified funding. Brokered deposits are sourced through a small network of brokers and provide a stable source of funding. As of September 30, 2014, the Bank had \$9.7 billion of customer deposits, representing 89 percent of interest earning assets, composed of \$3.0 billion of retail deposits, \$5.3 billion of brokered deposits and \$1.4 billion of other deposits.

Loan Sales and Securitizations. The Bank intends to fund its portfolio of Private Education Loans with a mix of deposits and term asset backed securities. Term asset backed securities provide long term funding for our Private Education Loan portfolio at attractive interest rates and at terms that effectively match the average life of the asset. In addition, to prudently manage the growth of its balance sheet, capital and liquidity needs, over time, the Bank intends to sell Private Education Loans to third parties through an auction process. It may retain servicing of these Private Education Loans subsequent to the sale at prevailing market rates for such services. In the third quarter of 2014 we sold \$1.2 billion of loans through loan sales and a securitization transaction with third parties. As a result of these loans sales we recorded gains of \$85 million.

2014 Management Objectives

Post Spin-Off, we have set out five major goals for the remainder of the year to create shareholder value. They are: (1) prudently grow Private Education Loan assets and revenues; (2) maintain our strong capital position; (3) complete necessary steps to permit the Bank to independently originate and service Private Education Loans; (4) continue to expand the Bank's capabilities and enhance risk oversight and internal controls; and (5) manage operating expenses while improving efficiency and customer experience. Here is how we plan to achieve these objectives:

Prudently Grow Private Education Loan Assets and Revenues

We will continue to pursue managed growth in our Private Education Loan portfolio in 2014 by leveraging our Sallie Mae and Upromise brands and our relationships with more than two thousand colleges and universities while sustaining the credit quality of, and percentage of cosigners for, new originations. We are currently targeting at least \$4 billion in new loan originations for 2014, compared with \$3.8 billion in 2013. We will also continue to help our customers manage their borrowings and succeed in their repayment, which we expect will result in lower charge-offs and provision for loan losses. Originations were 8 percent higher in the third quarter of 2014 compared with the year-ago quarter and 8 percent higher for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, compared with the year-ago period.

Maintain Our Strong Capital Position

The Bank's goal is to remain well-capitalized at all times to support asset growth, operating needs, unexpected credit risks and to protect the interests of depositors and the deposit insurance fund. We are required by our regulators, the UDFI and the FDIC, to comply with mandated capital ratios. We intend to maintain levels of capital that significantly exceed those necessary to be considered "well capitalized" by the FDIC. The Company is a source of strength for the Bank and will provide additional capital if necessary. The Board of Directors and management evaluated the change in the Bank's ownership structure, the quality of assets, the stability of earnings, and the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and believe that current and projected capital levels are appropriate for the remainder of 2014. As of September 30, 2014, the Bank had a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 12.3 percent, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 16.5 percent, exceeding the current regulatory guidelines for well capitalized institutions by a significant factor. We are a new stand-alone bank and expect significant asset growth as a result of the Spin-Off. We do not plan to pay a common dividend or repurchase shares in 2014 or 2015. Our Board of Directors will periodically reconsider these matters over the longer-term.

Complete Necessary Steps to Permit the Bank to Independently Originate and Service Private Education Loans

On October 13, 2014, we completed the operational separation of our servicing platforms and personnel from Navient and launched our new customer service operation. At the time of this filing, the Bank continues to rely on Navient for loan origination capabilities provided under a transition services agreement entered into with Navient in connection with the Spin-Off. The key project remaining to complete the Bank's transition to full separation from Navient resources are the testing and completion of a new loan originations platform. Our objectives are to implement, complete and begin use of the new loan originations platform in the first half of 2015. While the Bank is not at risk of losing access to Navient's originations platform for 2015 and beyond, completing the full separation of the Bank's operations from Navient resources is one of our top goals.

Continue to Expand the Bank's Capabilities and Enhance Risk Oversight and Internal Controls

Since the beginning of the year we have added approximately 670 employees to the Bank, primarily through transfers of the Company's or its subsidiaries' existing employees, complemented by external hires. We have also undertaken significant work to establish that all functions, policies and procedures transferred to the Bank in the Spin-Off are sufficient to meet currently applicable bank regulatory standards. We must continue to prepare for our expected growth and designation as a "large bank," which will entail enhanced regulatory scrutiny. For 2014, the following key initiatives have been completed or are underway.

Creation of Board-level Risk and Compliance Committees. In connection with the Spin-Off, we have created additional Board-level committees to provide more focused resources and oversight with respect to the continuing development of our enterprise risk management functions and framework, as well as our consumer protection regulatory compliance management system.

Significant Additions to Management Team and Risk Functions. We have hired a new Chief Executive Officer, Chief Audit Officer and Chief Risk Officer, all with extensive experience in the banking and financial services industries. Since the beginning of the year, we have doubled our internal audit staff through experienced external hires, including our new Chief Audit Officer. We also expect our new Chief Risk Officer to continue to make significant progress in augmenting the existing Enterprise Risk Management organization with incremental risk professionals by year end.

Continuing Development of our Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Controls Environments. In preparation for the Spin-Off, our management and Board of Directors reconsidered and recalibrated our Risk Appetite Framework and related risk profiles and tolerances initially adopted by the Board of Directors of pre-Spin-Off SLM in early 2013. We are also in the process of revising and separating our previous Internal Controls Excellence or "ICE" policies and procedures. Our Chief Financial Officer is now responsible for our internal controls over financial reporting, which have been extensively revised and updated in connection with the Spin-Off. Our Chief Risk Officer will now separately be responsible for monitoring and maintaining the system of controls and reporting procedures across our organization to monitor, escalate and mitigate significant risks against previously agreed risk tolerances. For the remainder of 2014, we will continue efforts underway to put in place a fully-developed set of operational and managerial controls throughout our organization to assist the Chief Risk Officer and to fully inform our management and Board of Directors via the Risk Appetite Framework.

Enhanced Compliance with Consumer Protection Laws. As part of our compliance with the terms of the 2014 FDIC Order discussed elsewhere, we expect to continue to make significant changes and enhancements to our compliance management systems and program. This work will be ongoing through 2014 and beyond.

Enhanced Vendor Management Function. As part of the transition and development of the Bank's capabilities in connection with the Spin-Off, we undertook a full review and redesign of our vendor management function. While Navient will, over time, cease to be the Bank's dominant, third-party vendor, as a stand-alone bank the number of third-party vendors on whom we rely and the volume of work we obtain from them will increase significantly as Navient is replaced.

Manage Operating Expenses While Improving Efficiency and Customer Experience

As of the date of this filing, one major project remains to be completed before full operational separation from Navient can be achieved: establishing the Bank's loan originations platform. For the remainder of 2014, the Company will focus on further enhancing a culture that values customer satisfaction and the efficient delivery of its products and services. We will measure our effectiveness by the Company's efficiency ratio excluding restructuring costs, which are the costs associated with the build-out of our servicing platform and the remaining costs of the Spin-Off. Our efficiency ratio is calculated as operating expense, excluding restructuring costs, divided by net interest income after provision for loan losses and other income. In the third quarter this ratio was 32 percent versus 46 percent in the year-ago quarter. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 this ratio was 38 percent unchanged from the year-ago period. Year-to-date net gains on loan sales have positively effected the denominator of the efficiency ratio. Consequently, as no more loan sales are contemplated this year and our post-Spin-Off expense levels continue to stabilize, we expect no further improvements and possible volatility in the efficiency ratio for the year. Our long-term objective is to achieve steady declines in this ratio over the next several years as the balance sheet and revenue grows to a level commensurate with our loan origination platform and we control the growth of our expense base.

GAAP Results of Operations

We present the results of operations below first on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

GAAP Statements of Income (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,						rease rease)		Nine l Ended Sep				ease ease)	
(In millions, except per share data)	201	4		2013		\$	%		2014		2013		\$	%
Interest income:						,			,					
Loans	\$	164	\$	131	\$	33	25 %	\$	487	\$	385	\$	102	26 %
Investments		3		6		(3)	(50)		6		17		(11)	(65)
Cash and cash equivalents		1		1		_	_		3		3		_	_
Total interest income		168		138		30	22		496		405		91	22
Interest expense:														
Total interest expense		24		21		3	14		68		65		3	5
	'													
Net interest income		144		117		27	23		428		340		88	26
Less: provisions for loan losses		15		21		(6)	(29)		55		40		15	38
Net interest income after provisions for loan losses		129		96		33	34		373		300		73	24
Noninterest income:														
Gains on sales of loans, net		85		43		42	98		121		192		(71)	(37)
Gains (losses) on derivatives and hedging activities,		_				_								
net		5		_		5	(100)		(5)		1		(6)	(600)
Other income		6		10	_	(4)	(40)	_	29		26	_	3	12
Total noninterest income		96		53		43	81		145		219		(74)	(34)
Expenses:		90		33		43	01		143		219		(/4)	(34)
Operating expenses		72		68		4	6		196		196			
Acquired intangible asset impairment and amortization		,2					· ·		1,0		170			
expense		1		2		(1)	_		4		3		1	33
Restructuring and other reorganization expenses		14				14	100	_	28				28	100
Total expenses		87		70		17	24		228		199		29	15
Income before income tax expense		138		79		59	75		290		320		(30)	(9)
Income tax expense		55		30		25	83		116		122		(6)	(5)
Netincome		83		49		34	69		174		198		(24)	(12)
Less: net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest											(1)		1	(100)
Net income attributable to SLM Corporation		83		49		34	69		174		199		(25)	(13)
Preferred stock dividends		5				5	100		8				8	100
Net income attributable to SLM Corporation common stock	\$	78	\$	49	\$	29	59 %	\$	166	\$	199	\$	(33)	(17)%
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Basic earnings per common share attributable to														
SLM Corporation	\$	0.18	\$	0.11	\$	0.07	64 %	\$	0.39	\$	0.45	\$	(0.06)	(13)%
Diluted earnings per common share attailutel-t-														
Diluted earnings per common share attributable to SLM Corporation	\$	0.18	\$	0.11	\$	0.07	64 %	\$	0.38	\$	0.44	\$	(0.06)	(14)%

GAAP Consolidated Earnings Summary

Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2013

For the three months ended September 30, 2014, net income was \$83 million, or \$.18 diluted earnings per common share, compared with net income of \$49 million, or \$.11 diluted earnings per common share for the three months ended September 30, 2013. The increase in net income was due to a \$42 million increase in gains on sales of loans, a \$27 million increase in net interest income and a \$5 million increase in gains on derivatives and hedging activities, net, which was partially offset by an increase in total expenses of \$17 million.

The primary contributors to each of the identified drivers of changes in net income for the current quarter compared with the year-ago quarter are as follows:

- Net interest income increased by \$27 million in the current quarter compared with the year-ago quarter primarily due to a \$1.6 billion increase in average Private Education Loans outstanding and an 11 basis point increase in net interest margin. Net interest margin increased primarily as a result of an increase in the amount of higher yielding Private Education Loans in our loan portfolio.
- Provisions for loan losses decreased \$6 million compared with the year-ago quarter. This decrease was primarily the result of improved credit performance of the underlying Private Education Loan and FFELP Loan portfolios and the effect of loan sales. Prior period amounts also included the effect of our past policy of a two year loss emergence period and the change in our charge-off policy.
- Gains on sales of loans, net, increased \$42 million. In the third quarter 2014, we sold \$1.2 billion of loans through loan sales and a securitization transaction with third parties. As a result, we recorded gains of \$85 million. In the third quarter 2013, we recorded \$43 million in gains from the sale of \$0.6 billion of loans to Navient.
- Other income decreased \$4 million primarily from the reduction in a tax indemnification receivable from Navient and a reduction in fee income in 2014 as a result of the sale of our campus payment business in 2013.
- Gains (losses) on derivatives and hedging activities, net, resulted in a net gain of \$5 million in the third quarter 2014 compared with \$0 in the year-ago quarter. The primary factors affecting the change were interest rates and whether the derivative qualified for hedge accounting treatment. In third quarter 2014, we had more derivatives used to economically hedge risk that did not qualify for hedge accounting treatment than we did in the year-ago quarter.
- Third-quarter 2014 operating expenses were \$73 million compared with \$70 million in the year-ago quarter. The increase in operating expenses is primarily the result of increased personnel and other costs related to being a stand-alone company.
- Third-quarter 2014 restructuring and other reorganization expenses were \$14 million compared with \$0 in the year-ago quarter. The increase is primarily the result of one-time technology costs related to the Spin-Off.
- Income tax expense increased to \$55 million in the third quarter 2014 compared to \$30 million in the year-ago quarter. The increase in the third quarter effective tax rate to 39.9 percent from 38.0 percent in the year-ago quarter was primarily the result of our being subject to additional state taxes as a result of the Spin-Off transaction.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared with Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, net income was \$174 million, or \$.38 diluted earnings per common share, compared with net income of \$199 million, or \$0.44 diluted earnings per common share for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The decrease in net income was primarily due to a \$71 million decrease in net gains on sales of loans to affiliates, a \$15 million increase in provisions for loan losses and a \$6 million increase in losses on derivatives and hedging activities which were partially offset by an \$88 million increase in net interest income.

The primary contributors to each of the identified drivers of changes in net income for the current nine-month period compared with the year-ago nine-month period are as follows:

- Net interest income increased by \$88 million primarily due to a \$1.5 billion increase in average Private Education Loans outstanding and a 23 basis point increase in net interest margin. Net interest margin increased primarily as a result of an increase in the amount of higher yielding Private Education Loans in our loan portfolio.
- Provisions for loan losses increased \$15 million compared with the year-ago period primarily as a result of a \$1.1 billion increase in loans entering repayment and the effect of loan sales which was partially offset by a \$14 million benefit from the net effect of a change in our loss emergence period from two years to one year and a change in our charge-off policy that was recorded in the second quarter of 2014.

- Gains on sales of loans, net, decreased \$71 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we sold \$1.9 billion of loans through loan sales and a securitization transaction with third parties. As a result, we recorded gains of \$121 million. In the nine months ended September 30, 2013, we recorded \$192 million in gains from the sale of \$2.3 billion of loans to Navient. Gains on sales of loans, net, were higher in the year-ago period as a result of a larger volume of loans sold and those loans were sold to Navient at a higher price.
- (Losses) gains on derivatives and hedging activities, net, resulted in a net loss of \$5 million in the first nine months of 2014 compared with a gain of \$1 million in the year-ago period. The primary factors affecting the change were interest rates and whether the derivative qualified for hedge accounting treatment. In the first nine months of 2014, we had more derivatives used to economically hedge risk that did not qualify for hedge accounting treatment than we did in the year-ago period.
- Operating expenses were \$200 million compared with \$199 million the year-ago period. Operating expenses increased in 2014 due to increased servicing and marketing costs as well as increased personnel and other costs related to being a stand-alone company; these were partially offset by an \$8 million reduction in our litigation reserve relating to the 2014 FDIC Order.
- Restructuring and other reorganization expenses were \$28 million compared with \$0 in the year-ago period. The increase is primarily the result of costs related to the Spin-Off.
- Income tax expense decreased to \$116 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to \$122 million in the year-ago period. The
 increase in the first nine months effective tax rate to 40.0 percent from 37.8 percent in the year-ago period was primarily the result of our being
 subject to additional state taxes as a result of the Spin-Off transaction.

Upromise Rewards

Upromise generates transaction fees through our Upromise consumer savings network. Since inception through September 30, 2014, members have saved approximately \$890 million in rewards by purchasing products at hundreds of online retailers, booking travel, purchasing a home, dining out, buying gas and groceries, using the Upromise World MasterCard®, or completing other qualified transactions. We earn a fee for the marketing and administrative services we provide to companies that participate in the Upromise savings network. We also compete with other loyalty shopping services and companies. Upromise income increased \$1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, compared with the prior-year periods due to an increase in advertising revenue and consumer purchases and was flat in the third quarter of 2014 compared with the prior year period.

Average Balance Sheets - GAAP

The following table reflects the rates earned on interest-earning assets and paid on interest-bearing liabilities and reflects our net interest margin on a consolidated basis.

	•	Three Months E	nded !	September 30,				Nine Months End	led So	eptember 30,	
	2014			2013			2014			2013	
(Dollars in thousands)	Balance	Rate		Balance	Rate		Balance	Rate		Balance	Rate
Average Assets											
Private Education Loans	\$ 7,407,774	8.20%	\$	5,846,241	8.22%	\$	7,394,985	8.19%	\$	5,860,864	8.15%
FFELP Loans	1,339,748	3.23		1,167,174	3.38		1,373,945	3.25		1,099,436	3.33
Taxable securities	418,524	2.77		654,124	3.52		305,891	2.66		637,116	3.64
Cash and other short-term investments	1,723,668	0.27		1,350,258	0.25		1,607,913	0.26		1,280,135	0.29
Total interest-earning assets	10,889,714	6.13%) =	9,017,797	6.06%		10,682,734	6.20%		8,877,551	6.10%
Non-interest-earning assets	 630,974			355,718			527,377			474,646	
Total assets	\$ 11,520,688		\$	9,373,515		\$	11,210,111		\$	9,352,197	
Average Liabilities and Equity											
Brokered deposits	\$ 5,092,606	1.19%	\$	4,678,511	1.22%	\$	5,392,223	1.08%	\$	4,884,628	1.26%
Retail and other deposits	3,816,636	0.92		2,717,431	0.95		3,520,894	0.92		2,593,827	0.97
Other interest-bearing liabilities	22,675	0.60		58,537	0.48		30,323	0.56		133,362	0.14
Total interest-bearing liabilities	8,931,917	1.07%)	7,454,479	1.11%		8,943,440	1.01%		7,611,817	1.14%
Non-interest-bearing liabilities	811,369			712,076			730,987			584,920	
Equity	 1,777,402			1,206,960		_	1,535,684			1,155,460	
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 11,520,688		\$	9,373,515		\$	11,210,111		\$	9,352,197	
Net interest margin		5.25%) =		5.14%			5.35%			5.12%

Rate/Volume Analysis - GAAP

The following rate/volume analysis shows the relative contribution of changes in interest rates and asset volumes.

	ncrease	 Chang	e Due T	Due To(1)		
(Dollars in thousands)	ecrease)	Rate		Volume		
Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 vs. 2013						
Interest income	\$ 30,510	\$ 1,618	\$	28,893		
Interest expense	3,267	(1,029)		4,129		
Net interest income	\$ 27,243	\$ 2,040	\$	25,203		
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 vs. 2013						
Interest income	\$ 90,776	\$ 7,132	\$	83,638		
Interest expense	2,875	(7,480)		10,340		
Net interest income	\$ 87,901	\$ 16,596	\$	71,305		

⁽¹⁾ Changes in income and expense due to both rate and volume have been allocated in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amounts of the change in each. The changes in income and expense are calculated independently for each line in the table. The totals for the rate and volume columns are not the sum of the individual lines.

Summary of Our Education Loan Portfolio

Ending Education Loan Balances, net

		Sep	tember 30, 2014			December 31, 2013						
(Dollars in thousands)	Private Education Loans		FFELP Loans		otal Portfolio		Private Education Loans	FFELP Loans			Total Portfolio	
Total education loan portfolio:												
In-school ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,424,950	\$	1,392	\$	2,426,342	\$	2,191,445	\$	2,477	\$	2,193,922	
Grace, repayment and other(2)	 5,404,470		1,316,571		6,721,041		4,371,897		1,424,495		5,796,392	
Total, gross	 7,829,420		1,317,963		9,147,383		6,563,342		1,426,972		7,990,314	
Deferred origination costs and unamortized premium	9,975		3,730		13,705		5,063		4,081		9,144	
Allowance for loan losses	(59,973)		(5,742)		(65,715)		(61,763)		(6,318)		(68,081)	
Total education loan portfolio	\$ 7,779,422	\$	1,315,951	\$	9,095,373	\$	6,506,642	\$	1,424,735	\$	7,931,377	
% of total	86%		14%		100%		82%		18%		100%	

⁽¹⁾ Loans for customers still attending school and are not yet required to make payments on the loan.

⁽²⁾ Includes loans in deferment or forbearance.

(Dollars in thousands)	Thre	ee Months Ended Se 30, 2014	eptember	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013					
Private Education Loans	\$	7,407,774	85%	\$	5,846,241	83%			
FFELP Loans		1,339,748	15		1,167,174	17			
Total portfolio	\$	8,747,522	100%	\$	7,013,415	100%			

(Dollars in thousands)	Nine Months I September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013						
Private Education Loans	\$ 7,394,985	84%	\$	5,860,864	84%				
FFELP Loans	1,373,945	16		1,099,436	16				
Total portfolio	\$ 8,768,930	100%	\$	6,960,300	100%				

Student Loan Activity

Three Months Ended September 30, 2014

Three Months Ended September 30, 2013

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(Dollars in thousands)		Private Education Loans		FFELP Loans		Total Portfolio		Private Education Loans		FFELP Loans		Total Portfolio		
Beginning balance	\$	7,436,225	\$	1,357,746	\$	8,793,971	\$	5,335,231	\$	1,159,789	\$	6,495,020		
Acquisitions and originations		1,614,350		_		1,614,350		1,491,808		85,411		1,577,219		
Capitalized interest and deferred origination cost premium amortization		33,034		10,699		43,733		15,883		12,240		28,123		
Sales		(1,153,156)		_		(1,153,156)		(559,950)		(67)		(560,017)		
Loan consolidation to third parties		(3,549)		(10,475)		(14,024)		(2,802)		(6,107)		(8,909)		
Repayments and other		(147,482)		(42,019)		(189,501)		(118,759)		(36,435)		(155,194)		
Ending balance	\$	7,779,422	\$	1,315,951	\$	9,095,373	\$	6,161,411	\$	1,214,831	\$	7,376,242		

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013

(Dollars in thousands)		Private Education Loans		FFELP Loans		Total Portfolio		Private Education Loans	FFELP Loans			Total Portfolio	
Beginning balance	\$	6,506,642	\$	1,424,735	\$	7,931,377	\$	5,447,700	\$	1,039,755	\$	6,487,455	
Acquisitions and originations		3,528,277		7,470		3,535,747		3,281,254		244,530		3,525,784	
Capitalized interest and deferred origination cost premium amortization		86,230		36,161		122,391		50,407		31,915		82,322	
Sales		(1,866,202)		(7,654)		(1,873,856)		(2,237,803)		(195)		(2,237,998)	
Loan consolidation to third parties		(13,069)		(28,563)		(41,632)		(8,713)		(17,553)		(26,266)	
Repayments and other		(462,456)		(116,198)		(578,654)		(371,434)		(83,621)		(455,055)	
Ending balance	\$	7,779,422	\$	1,315,951	\$	9,095,373	\$	6,161,411	\$	1,214,831	\$	7,376,242	

Private Education Loan Originations

The following table summarizes our Private Education Loan originations.

		Three Mon	Ended		Nine Months Ended							
		Septem	ber	30,				Septer	nber	r 30,		
(Dollars in thousands)	2014	%		2013	%		2014	%		2013	%	
Smart Option - interest only ⁽¹⁾	\$ 396,980	25%	\$	360,652	24%	\$	851,781	24%	\$	807,832	25%	
Smart Option - fixed pay(1)	497,069	31		474,805	32		1,078,024	31		1,011,054	31	
Smart Option - deferred ⁽¹⁾	709,088	44		648,362	44		1,556,772	45		1,422,183	44	
Smart Option - principal and interest	350			317			1,271			862		
Total Private Education Loan originations	\$ 1,603,487	100%	\$	1,484,136	100%	\$	3,487,848	100%	\$	3,241,931	100%	

⁽¹⁾ Interest only, fixed pay and deferred describe the payment option while in school or in grace period. See "Private Education Loan Repayment Options" for further discussion.

Allowance for Loan Losses

Student Loan Allowance for Loan Losses Activity

Three Months Ended September 30,

		2014		2013							
(Dollars in thousands)	Private Education Loans	FFELP Loans	Total Portfolio	1	Private Education Loans		FFELP Loans		Total Portfolio		
Beginning balance	\$ 54,315	\$ 6,212	\$ 60,527	\$	50,868	\$	4,616	\$	55,484		
Less:											
Charge-offs	(4,378)	(761)	(5,139)		_		(671)		(671)		
Student loan sales	(4,571)	_	(4,571)		(15,632)		_		(15,632)		
Plus:											
Provision for loan losses	14,607	291	14,898		19,001		1,403		20,404		
Ending balance	\$ 59,973	\$ 5,742	\$ 65,715	\$	54,237	\$	5,348	\$	59,585		
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Troubled debt restructuring(1)	\$ 13,115	\$ _	\$ 13,115	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_		

Nine Months Ended September 30,

	2014						2013							
(Dollars in thousands)	Private ducation Loans		FFELP Loans		Total Portfolio	ı	Private Education Loans		FFELP Loans		Total Portfolio			
Beginning balance	\$ 61,763	\$	6,318	\$	68,081	\$	65,218	\$	3,971	\$	69,189			
Less:														
Charge-offs	(4,378)		(2,058)		(6,436)		_		(1,425)		(1,425)			
Student loan sales	(51,001)		_		(51,001)		(48,260)		_		(48,260)			
Plus:														
Provision for loan losses	53,589		1,482		55,071		37,279		2,802		40,081			
Ending balance	\$ 59,973	\$	5,742	\$	65,715	\$	54,237	\$	5,348	\$	59,585			
	 					_								
Troubled debt restructuring ⁽¹⁾	\$ 13,115	\$	_	\$	13,115	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_			

⁽¹⁾ Represents the recorded investment of loans classified as troubled debt restructuring.

Private Education Loan Allowance for Loan Losses

In establishing the allowance for Private Education Loan losses as of September 30, 2014, we considered several factors with respect to our Private Education Loan portfolio, in particular, credit quality and delinquency, forbearance and charge-off trends in connection with the portfolio.

Private Education Loan provision for loan losses decreased \$6 million compared with the year-ago quarter. The decrease was primarily the result of improved credit performance of the underlying Private Eduction Loan portfolio and the effect of loan sales. Prior period amounts also included the effect of our past policy of a two year loss emergence period and the change in our charge-off policy. When loans are sold at a gain we reverse the allowance for loan losses related to these loans by recording a negative provision. When we sell loans at a loss due to credit deterioration, we write down the loan to fair value with the additional write-down recorded as provision expense. In third quarter of 2014 we had an increase in loans sold for gains and a decline in loans sold for losses compared with the year-ago period. The net effect quarter-over-quarter on the provision expense as a result of these sales was a decrease of \$12 million. Although there have been short-term improvements in credit results, it is unclear at this point whether these trends are sustainable given our change in charge-off policy. The provision in the prior year quarter was driven by a large loan sale which decreased the provision for loan losses. Private Education Loan provision increased \$15 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014, compared with the year-ago period primarily as a result of growth in loans entering repayment and sales of credit impaired loans during the period which were partially offset by the \$14 million benefit from the net effect of a change in our charge-off policy.

Total loans delinquent (as a percentage of loans in repayment) have decreased to 1.31 percent from 1.46 percent in the year-ago quarter. Loans in forbearance (as a percentage of loans in repayment and forbearance) have increased to 1.63 percent from .13 percent in the year-ago quarter. The increase in the loans in forbearance was because in the prior year we typically sold loans to a subsidiary of Navient in the same month a forbearance was offered to a borrower. Post-Spin-Off, we now retain loans that have gone into forbearance.

For a more detailed discussion of our policy for determining the collectibility of Private Education Loans and maintaining our allowance for Private Education Loan losses, see Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates - Allowance for Loan Losses."

Private Education Loan Delinquencies and Forbearance

Prior to the Spin-Off, the Bank exercised its right and sold substantially all of the Private Education Loans it originated that became delinquent or were granted forbearance to one or more of its then affiliates, which are now subsidiaries of Navient. Because of this arrangement, the Bank did not hold many loans in forbearance. As a result, the Bank had very little historical forbearance activity and very few delinquencies.

In connection with the Spin-Off, the agreement under which the Bank previously made these sales was amended so the Bank now only has the right to require Navient to purchase loans (at fair value) where (a) the borrower has a lending relationship with both the Bank and Navient (Split Loans) and (b) the Split Loans are either (1) more than 90 days past due; (2) have been restructured; (3) have been granted a hardship forbearance or more than six months of administrative forbearance; or (4) have a borrower or cosigner who has filed for bankruptcy. At September 30, 2014, we held approximately \$126 million of Split Loans.

SLM's default aversion strategies are focused on the final stages of delinquency. Pre-Spin-Off these final stages were from 150 days to 212 days delinquent. As a result of changing our corporate charge-off policy and greatly reducing the number of potentially delinquent loans we sell to Navient, the final stages of delinquency and our default aversion strategies now focus more on loans 30 to 120 days delinquent. This change has the effect of accelerating the recognition of losses due to the shorter charge-off period. In addition, we changed our loss confirmation period from two years to one year to reflect the shorter charge-off policy and our revised servicing practices. These two changes resulted in a \$14 million net reduction in our allowance for loan losses in the second quarter 2014 because we are now only reserving for one year of losses as compared with two years under the prior policy which more than offset the impact of the shorter charge-off period.

For the reasons described above, many of our historical credit indicators and period-over-period trends are not indicative of future performance. The following results have not been adjusted to reflect what the delinquencies, charge-offs and recoveries would have been had we not sold these loans. Because we now retain more delinquent loans, we believe it could take up to two years before our credit performance indicators provide meaningful period-over-period comparisons.

The table below presents our Private Education Loan delinquency trends.

	September 30,								
		2014			2013	_			
(Dollars in thousands)		Balance	%		Balance	%			
Loans in-school/grace/deferment(1)	\$	3,178,495		\$	2,691,107				
Loans in forbearance ⁽²⁾		75,782			4,736				
Loans in repayment and percentage of each status:									
Loans current		4,515,313	98.7%		3,467,447	98.5%			
Loans delinquent 31-60 days ⁽³⁾		44,082	1.0		37,059	1.1			
Loans delinquent 61-90 days ⁽³⁾		12,415	0.3		14,467	0.4			
Loans delinquent greater than 90 days(3)		3,333	_		24	_			
Total Private Education Loans in repayment		4,575,143	100.0%		3,518,997	100.0%			
Total Private Education Loans, gross		7,829,420			6,214,840				
Private Education Loan deferred origination costs		9,975			808				
Total Private Education Loans		7,839,395			6,215,648				
Private Education Loan allowance for losses		(59,973)			(54,237)				
Private Education Loans, net	\$	7,779,422		\$	6,161,411				
Percentage of Private Education Loans in repayment		_	58.4%			56.6%			
			1 20/			1.50/			
Delinquencies as a percentage of Private Education Loans in repayment		-	1.3%		=	1.5%			
Loans in forbearance as a percentage of loans in repayment and forbearance			1.6%			0.1%			

⁽¹⁾ Deferment includes customers who have returned to school or are engaged in other permitted educational activities and are not yet required to make payments on their loans, e.g., residency periods for medical students or a grace period for bar exam preparation.

⁽²⁾ Loans for customers who have requested extension of grace period generally during employment transition or who have temporarily ceased making full payments due to hardship or other factors, consistent with established loan program servicing policies and procedures.

⁽³⁾ The period of delinquency is based on the number of days scheduled payments are contractually past due.

The following table summarizes changes in the allowance for Private Education Loan losses.

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months En	inded September 30,		
(Dollars in thousands)		2014		2013	2014		2013	
Allowance at beginning of period	\$	54,315	\$	50,868	\$ 61,763	\$	65,218	
Provision for Private Education Loan losses		14,607		19,001	53,589		37,279	
Charge-offs		(4,378)		_	(4,378)		_	
Discount on delinquent student loan sales		(4,571)		(15,632)	(51,001)		(48,260)	
Allowance at end of period	\$	59,973	\$	54,237	\$ 59,973	\$	54,237	
Allowance as a percentage of ending total loans		0.77%		0.87%	0.77%		0.87%	
Allowance as a percentage of ending loans in repayment		1.31%		1.54%	1.31%		1.54%	
Delinquencies as a percentage of loans in repayment		1.31%		1.46%	1.31%		1.46%	
Loans in forbearances as a percentage of loans in repayment and forbearance		1.63%		0.13%	1.63%		0.13%	
Percentage of loans with a cosigner		89.83%		89.86%	89.83%		89.86%	
Average FICO at origination		750		745	749		745	
Ending total loans(1)	\$	7,829,420	\$	6,214,840	\$ 7,829,420	\$	6,214,840	
Average loans in repayment	\$	4,453,775	\$	3,400,620	\$ 4,408,852	\$	3,580,401	
Ending loans in repayment	\$	4,575,143	\$	3,518,997	\$ 4,575,143	\$	3,518,997	

Ending total loans represents gross Private Education Loans.

As part of concluding on the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, we review key allowance and loan metrics. The most significant of these metrics considered are the allowance coverage of charge-offs ratio; the allowance as a percentage of total loans and of loans in repayment; and delinquency and forbearance percentages. The improvements in the allowance as a percentage of ending total loans and ending loans in repayment was largely due to the reduction in the allowance for loan losses as a result of the change in our loss emergence period from two years to one year.

Use of Forbearance as a Private Education Loan Collection Tool

Forbearance involves granting the customer a temporary cessation of payments (or temporary acceptance of smaller than scheduled payments) for a specified period of time. Using forbearance extends the original term of the loan. Forbearance does not grant any reduction in the total repayment obligation (principal or interest). While in forbearance status, interest continues to accrue and is capitalized to principal when the loan re-enters repayment status. Our forbearance policies include limits on the number of forbearance months granted consecutively and the total number of forbearance months granted over the life of the loan. In some instances, we require good-faith payments before granting forbearance. Exceptions to forbearance policies are permitted when such exceptions are judged to increase the likelihood of collection of the loan. Forbearance as a collection tool is used most effectively when applied based on a customer's unique situation, including historical information and judgments. We leverage updated customer information and other decision support tools to best determine who will be granted forbearance based on our expectations as to a customer's ability and willingness to repay their obligation. This strategy is aimed at mitigating the overall risk of the portfolio as well as encouraging cash resolution of delinquent loans.

Forbearance may be granted to customers who are exiting their grace period to provide additional time to obtain employment and income to support their obligations, or to current customers who are faced with a hardship and request forbearance time to provide temporary payment relief. In these circumstances, a customer's loan is placed into a forbearance status in limited monthly increments and is reflected in the forbearance status at month-end during this time. At the end of their granted forbearance period, the customer will enter repayment status as current and is expected to begin making their scheduled monthly payments on a go-forward basis.

Forbearance may also be granted to customers who are delinquent in their payments. In these circumstances, the forbearance cures the delinquency and the customer is returned to a current repayment status. In more limited instances, delinquent customers will also be granted additional forbearance time.

Prior to the Spin-Off, the Bank sold Private Education Loans that were delinquent more than 90 days or were granted a hardship forbearance to an entity that is now a subsidiary of Navient. As such, the Bank did not hold many loans in forbearance. Because of this past business practice, we do not have historic forbearance activity. However, subsequent to the Spin-Off, we began using forbearance as part of our loss mitigation efforts. The historic default experience on loans put into forbearance that Navient (pre-Spin-Off SLM) experienced prior to the Spin-Off is considered in the determination of our allowance for loan losses.

The tables below show the composition and status of the Private Education Loan portfolio aged by number of months in active repayment status (months for which a scheduled monthly payment was due). As indicated in the tables, the percentage of loans in forbearance status decreases the longer the loans have been in active repayment status. At September 30, 2014, loans in forbearance status as a percentage of loans in repayment and forbearance were 1.6 percent for loans that have been in active repayment status for less than 25 months. Approximately 82 percent of our Private Education Loans in forbearance status has been in active repayment status less than 25 months.

(Dollars in millions)			Mont	hly S	Scheduled	Payı	nents Due		Not Yet in			
September 30, 2014	0 to 12	1	13 to 24	2	5 to 36	3	37 to 48	More than 48		epayment		Total
Loans in-school/grace/deferment	\$ 	\$		\$		\$		\$ _	\$	3,178	\$	3,178
Loans in forbearance	47		15		8		5	1		_		76
Loans in repayment - current	2,597		1,060		503		298	57		_		4,515
Loans in repayment - delinquent 31-60 days	29		7		4		4	_		_		44
Loans in repayment - delinquent 61-90 days	9		2		1		1	_		_		13
Loans in repayment - delinquent greater than 90 days	2		1		_		_	_		_		3
Total	\$ 2,684	\$	1,085	\$	516	\$	308	\$ 58	\$	3,178		7,829
Deferred origination costs												10
Allowance for loan losses												(60)
Total Private Education Loans, net											\$	7,779
Loans in forbearance as a percentage of loans in repayment and forbearance	1.76%		1.35%		1.54%		1.75%	 0.86%		%		<u> </u>

(Dollars in millions)	Monthly Scheduled Payments Due						Not Yet in							
September 30, 2013	(to 12	1.	3 to 24	2	5 to 36	3	to 48	Mo	re than 48		epayment		Total
Loans in-school/grace/deferment	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	2,691	\$	2,691
Loans in forbearance		3		1		1		_		_		_		5
Loans in repayment - current		1,644		944		740		120		19		_		3,467
Loans in repayment - delinquent 31-60 days		19		8		9		1		_		_		37
Loans in repayment - delinquent 61-90 days		9		2		3		1		_		_		15
Loans in repayment - delinquent greater than 90 days		_		_		_		_		_		_		_
Total	\$	1,675	\$	955	\$	753	\$	122	\$	19	\$	2,691		6,215
Unamortized discount														1
Allowance for loan losses														(54)
Total Private Education Loans, net													\$	6,162
Loans in forbearance as a percentage of loans in repayment and forbearance		0.19%	_	0.08%	_	0.11%		%		0.10%		%	_	%

Private Education Loan Repayment Options

Certain loan programs allow customers to select from a variety of repayment options depending on their loan type and their enrollment/loan status, which include the ability to extend their repayment term or change their monthly payment. The chart below provides the optional repayment offerings in addition to the standard level principal and interest payments as of September 30, 2014.

(Dollars in thousands	S	ignature and Other	Smart Option	Career Training	Total
\$ in repayment	\$	122,187	\$ 4,434,799	\$ 18,157	\$ 4,575,143
\$ in total	\$	275,015	\$ 7,535,924	\$ 18,481	\$ 7,829,420
Payment method by enrollment status:					
In-school/grace		Deferred ⁽¹⁾	Deferred ⁽¹⁾ , interest-only or fixed \$25/month	Interest-only or fixed \$25/month	
Repayment		Level principal and nterest or graduated	Level principal and interest	Level principal and interest	

^{(1) &}quot;Deferred" includes loans for which no payments are required and interest charges are capitalized into the loan balance.

Accrued Interest Receivable

The following table provides information regarding accrued interest receivable on our Private Education Loans. The table also discloses the amount of accrued interest on loans greater than 90 days past due as compared to our allowance for uncollectible interest. The allowance for uncollectible interest exceeds the amount of accrued interest on our 90 days past due portfolio for all periods presented.

	Accrued Interest Receivable												
(Dollars in thousands)		al Interest eceivable		Greater Than 90 Days Past Due		Allowance for Uncollectible Interest							
September 30, 2014	\$	430,299	\$	142	\$	3,250							
December 31, 2013	\$	333,857	\$	1	\$	4,076							
September 30, 2013	\$	334,018	\$	4	\$	455							

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Funding and Liquidity Risk Management

We define liquidity as the ability to fund all creditworthy loans, invest in future asset growth and business operations at reasonable market rates, meet customer demand for deposit withdrawals and maintain state and federal liquidity requirements. Our four primary liquidity needs include our ongoing ability to fund our businesses throughout market cycles (including during periods of financial stress), our ongoing ability to fund originations of Private Education Loans, servicing our bank deposits, and payment of required dividends on our preferred stock. To achieve these objectives we analyze and monitor our liquidity needs, maintain excess liquidity and plan to access diverse funding sources. This includes the expected issuance of secured debt primarily through asset-backed securitizations and/or other financing facilities and through deposits at the Bank. It is our policy to manage operations so that liquidity needs are fully satisfied through normal operations so that there is no need to make unplanned sales of assets under emergency conditions. The Bank will target an investment portfolio that meets its liquidity needs. Our liquidity management is guided by policies developed and monitored by our Asset and Liability Committee and approved by our Board of Directors. These policies take into account the volatility of cash flow forecasts, expected maturities, anticipated loan demand and a variety of other factors to establish minimum liquidity guidelines.

Key risks associated with our liquidity relate to our ability to access the capital markets and bank deposits and access them at reasonable rates. This ability may be affected by the performance of the Company, the macroeconomic environment and the impact they have on the availability of funding sources in the marketplace.

Sources of Liquidity and Available Capacity

Ending Balances

(Dollars in thousands)	Sep	otember 30, 2014	December 31, 2013			
Sources of primary liquidity:	<u></u>					
Unrestricted cash and liquid investments:						
Holding Company and other non-bank subsidiaries	\$	15,767	\$ 1,052			
Sallie Mae Bank ⁽¹⁾		1,554,610	2,181,813			
Available-for-sale investments		153,893	102,105			
Total unrestricted cash and liquid investments	\$	1,724,270	\$ 2,284,970			

⁽¹⁾ This amount will be used primarily to originate student loans at the Bank. See "Regulatory Capital - Capital Management - Dividends" below for discussion on restrictions on the Bank to pay dividends.

Average Balances

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months E			d September
(Dollars in thousands)		2014	2013		2014			2013
Sources of primary liquidity:								
Unrestricted cash and liquid investments:								
Holding Company and other non-bank subsidiaries	\$	12,216	\$	1,607	\$	8,410	\$	1,913
Sallie Mae Bank ⁽¹⁾		1,805,101		1,298,714		1,656,915		1,365,406
Available-for-sale investments		151,646		651,561		127,999		628,021
Total unrestricted cash and liquid investments	\$	1,968,963	\$	1,951,882	\$	1,793,324	\$	1,995,340

⁽¹⁾ This amount will be used primarily to originate student loans at the Bank. See "Regulatory Capital - Capital Management - Dividends" below for discussion on restrictions on the Bank to pay dividends.

Deposits

The following table summarizes total deposits at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

	Se	eptember 30,	D	ecember 31,
(Dollars in thousands)		2014		2013
Deposits - interest bearing	\$	9,101,491	\$	8,946,514
Deposits - non-interest bearing		71,531		55,036
Total deposits	\$	9,173,022	\$	9,001,550

Interest Bearing

Interest bearing deposits as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 consisted of non-maturity savings deposits and brokered and retail certificates of deposit, as discussed further below, and brokered money market deposits. These deposit products are serviced by third party providers. Placement fees associated with the brokered certificates of deposit are amortized into interest expense using the effective interest rate method. We recognized placement fee expense of \$2.3 million and \$2.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively and \$7.5 million and \$7.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. We paid \$5.5 million and \$0 in fees to third party brokers related to these certificates of deposit during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In the past, we offered debit cards associated with interest bearing consumer deposit ("NOW") accounts to facilitate the distribution of financial aid refunds and other payables to students. These debit cards were serviced by third party providers. As of April 30, 2014, we no longer offer these debit cards.

Interest bearing deposits at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are summarized as follows:

		September 30, 2014			December 31, 2013			
(Dollars in thousands)		Amount	Qtr-End Weighted Average Stated Rate	Amount		Year-End Weighted Average Stated Rate		
Money market	\$	4,053,209	1.24%	\$	3,212,889	0.65%		
Savings		704,383	0.81		743,742	0.81		
NOW		_	_		18,214	0.12		
Certificates of deposit		4,343,899	1.11		4,971,669	1.39		
Deposits - interest bearing	\$	9,101,491		\$	8,946,514			

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were \$289 million and \$160 million of deposits exceeding Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance limits. Accrued interest on deposits was \$16 million and \$13 million at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

Money market deposits with affiliates

Our Upromise subsidiary maintains a money market deposit at the Bank which totaled \$289 million and \$293 million at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, which was interest bearing. Interest expense incurred on these deposits during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$65 thousand and \$64 thousand, respectively and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$182 thousand and \$255 thousand, respectively. The Company also maintains a money market deposit at the Bank which totaled \$273 million at September 30, 2014 and \$0 at December 31, 2013.

Non Interest Bearing

Non interest bearing deposits were \$71 million and \$55 million as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. For both periods these were comprised of money market accounts. The September 30, 2014 balance included \$226,000 thousand related to our Employee Stock Purchase Plan account. See the notes to the consolidated financial statements, Note 11, "Stock Based Compensation Plans and Arrangements" for additional details regarding this plan.

Counterparty Exposure

Counterparty exposure related to financial instruments arises from the risk that a lending, investment or derivative counterparty will not be able to meet its obligations to us.

Our investment portfolio is composed of very short-term securities issued by a diversified group of highly rated issuers, limiting our counterparty exposure, as well as mortgage-backed securities issued by government agencies and government sponsored enterprises. Additionally, our investing activity is governed by Board-approved limits on the amount that is allowed to be invested with any one issuer based on the credit rating of the issuer, further minimizing our counterparty exposure. Counterparty credit risk is considered when valuing investments and considering impairment.

Related to derivative transactions, protection against counterparty risk is generally provided by International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA") Credit Support Annexes ("CSAs"), or clearinghouses for OTC derivatives which eliminate counterparty risk. CSAs require a counterparty to post collateral if a potential default would expose the other party to a loss. All derivative contracts entered into by the Bank are covered under such agreements and require collateral to be exchanged based on the net fair value of derivatives with each counterparty. Our exposure is limited to the value of the derivative contracts in a gain position net of any collateral we are holding. We consider counterparties' credit risk when determining the fair value of derivative positions on our exposure net of collateral.

Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act requires all standardized derivatives, including most interest rate swaps to be submitted for clearing to central counterparties to eliminate counterparty risk. As of September 30 2014, \$2.6 billion notional of our derivative contracts were cleared on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the London Clearing House. All derivative contracts cleared through an exchange require collateral to be exchanged based on the fair value of the derivative. Our exposure is limited to the value of the derivative contracts in a gain position net of any collateral we are holding.

We have liquidity exposure related to collateral movements between us and our derivative counterparties. Movements in the value of the derivatives, which are primarily affected by changes in interest rate and foreign exchange rates, may require us to return cash collateral held or may require us to access primary liquidity to post collateral to counterparties.

At September 30, 2014 we had no exposure related to our derivative counterparties.

Regulatory Capital

The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by federal banking authorities. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material adverse effect on our financial statements. Under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, we must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of our assets, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Bank's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk-weightings and other factors.

"Well capitalized" regulatory requirements are the quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy. The Bank is required to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of Total and Tier I Capital to risk-weighted assets and of Tier I Capital to average assets, as defined by the regulation. The following amounts and ratios are based upon the Bank's assets.

				W	Regulatory ents		
(Dollars in thousands)	Amount		Ratio	Amount		Ratio	
As of September 30, 2014:				_			
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets)	\$	1,389,122	12.3%	\$	565,419 ≥	5.0%	
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$	1,389,122	15.7%	\$	530,102 ≥	6.0%	
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$	1,454,837	16.5%	\$	883,503 <u>></u>	10.0%	
As of December 31, 2013:							
Tier I Capital (to Average Assets)	\$	1,221,416	11.7%	\$	521,973 ≥	5.0%	
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$	1,221,416	16.4%	\$	446,860 ≥	6.0%	
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$	1,289,497	17.3%	\$	745,374 ≥	10.0%	

Capital Management

The Bank's goal is to remain well-capitalized at all times with sufficient capital to support asset growth, operating needs, unexpected credit risks and to protect the interests of depositors and the deposit insurance fund. We are required by our regulators, the UDFI and the FDIC, to comply with mandated capital ratios. We intend to maintain levels of capital that significantly exceed the levels of capital necessary to be considered "well capitalized" by the FDIC. The Company is a source of strength for the Bank and will provide additional capital if necessary. The Board of Directors and management evaluated the anticipated change in the Bank's ownership structure, the quality of assets, the stability of earnings, and the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and believe that current capital levels should be maintained throughout and the projected capital levels are appropriate for the remainder of 2014. As of September 30, 2014, the Bank held total Risk-Based Capital of \$1.5 billion or 16.5 percent. We are a new stand-alone bank and expect significant asset growth as a result of the Spin-Off. We do not plan to pay a common dividend or repurchase shares in 2014 or 2015. Our Board of Directors will periodically reconsider these matters over the long-term.

On July 9, 2013, the FDIC Board of Directors approved an interim final rule that adopts new rules related to regulatory capital measurement and reporting. The interim final rule would strengthen both the quantity and quality of risk-based capital for all banks, placing greater emphasis on Tier 1 common equity capital. The Bank's updated Capital Policy, approved in December 2013, requires that management begin monitoring the new capital standards ahead of their implementation date of January 2015. Under the new guidelines, well-capitalized institutions will be required to maintain a minimum Tier 1 Leverage ratio of 5 percent, a minimum Tier 1 common equity risk-based capital ratio of 6.5 percent, a minimum Tier 1 risk-based capital of 8 percent and minimum total risk-based capital of 10 percent. In addition, a capital conservation buffer will be phased in over four years beginning on January 1, 2016, as follows: the maximum buffer will be 0.625 percent of risk weighted assets for 2016, 1.25 percent for 2017, 1.875 percent for 2018 and 2.5 percent for 2019 and beyond, resulting in the following minimum ratios beginning in 2019: a Tier 1 common equity risk-based capital ratio of a minimum 7.0 percent, a Tier 1 capital ratio of a minimum 8.5 percent and a total risk-based capital ratio of a minimum 10.5 percent. Institutions that do not maintain the capital conservation buffer could face restrictions on dividend payments, share repurchases and the payment of discretionary bonuses.

As of September 30, 2014, the Bank had a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 12.3 percent, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 15.7 percent and total risk-based capital ratio of 16.5 percent, exceeding the current guidelines by a significant factor. Our ratios would also exceed the future guidelines if we calculated them today based on the new definitions of capital and risk weighted assets.

Dividends

The Bank is chartered under the laws of the State of Utah and its deposits are insured by the FDIC. The Bank's ability to pay dividends is subject to the laws of Utah and the regulations of the FDIC. Generally, under Utah's industrial bank laws and regulations as well as FDIC regulations, the Bank may pay dividends to the Company from its net profits without regulatory approval if, following the payment of the dividend, the Bank's capital and surplus would not be impaired. The Bank paid no dividends for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 or for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Bank paid dividends of \$120 million to an entity that is a subsidiary of Navient. For the foreseeable future, we expect the Bank to pay dividends to the Company only in amounts sufficient to provide for regularly scheduled dividends payable on the Company's Series A and Series B Preferred Stock.

Borrowed Funds

The Bank maintains discretionary uncommitted Federal Funds lines of credit with various correspondent banks, which totaled \$100 million at September 30, 2014. The interest rate charged to the Bank on these lines of credit is priced at Fed Funds plus a spread at the time of borrowing, and is payable daily. The Bank did not utilize these lines of credit in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

The Bank established an account at the FRB to meet eligibility requirements for access to the Primary Credit borrowing facility at the FRB's Discount Window ("Window"). The Primary Credit borrowing facility is a lending program available to depository institutions that are in generally sound financial condition. All borrowings at the Window must be fully collateralized. We can pledge asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, as well as FFELP consolidation and Private Education Loans to the FRB as collateral for borrowings at the Window. Generally, collateral value is assigned based on the estimated fair value of the pledged assets. At September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the lendable value of our collateral at the FRB totaled \$1.5 billion and \$900 million, respectively. The interest rate charged to us is the discount rate set by the FRB. We did not utilize this facility in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

Contractual Cash Obligations

The following table provides a summary of our contractual principal obligations associated with long-term Bank deposits at September 30, 2014.

	Sel	September 30,			
(Dollars in thousands)	2014				
One year or less	\$	1,242,525			
One to 3 years		1,909,306			
3 to 5 years		1,129,710			
Over 5 years		74,658			
Total contractual cash obligations	\$	4,356,199			

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations addresses our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results may differ from these estimates under varying assumptions or conditions. On a quarterly basis, management evaluates its estimates, particularly those that include the most difficult, subjective or complex judgments and are often about matters that are inherently uncertain. The most significant judgments, estimates and assumptions relate to the following critical accounting policies that are discussed in more detail below.

Allowance for Loan Losses

In determining the allowance for loan losses on our Private Education Loan non-TDR portfolio, we estimate the principal amount of loans that will default over the next year (one year being the expected period between a loss event and default) and how much we expect to recover over the same one year period related to the defaulted amount. Expected defaults less our expected recoveries equal the allowance related to this portfolio. Our historical experience indicates that, on average, the time between the date that a customer experiences a default causing event (i.e., the loss trigger event) and the date that we charge off the unrecoverable portion of that loan is one year.

In estimating both the non-TDR and TDR allowance amounts, we start with historical experience of customer delinquency and default behavior. We make judgments about which historical period to start with and then make further judgments about whether that historical experience is representative of future expectations and whether additional adjustments may be needed to those historical default rates. We may also take the economic environment into consideration when calculating the allowance for loan losses.

Our non-TDR allowance for loan losses is estimated using an analysis of delinquent and current accounts. Our model is used to estimate the likelihood that a loan receivable may progress through the various delinquency stages and ultimately charge off ("migration analysis"). Once a charge-off forecast is estimated, a recovery assumption is layered on top.

In connection with the Spin-Off, we changed our charge-off policy for Private Education Loans to charging off loans when the loans reach 120 days delinquent. Pre-Spin-Off SLM default aversion strategies were focused on the final stages of delinquency, from 150 days to 212 days. Our default aversion strategies are now focused on loans that are 30 to 120 days delinquent. It is uncertain if our existing default aversion strategies will be as successful in this compressed collection timeframe. We implemented our 120 day collection strategy in April 2014. Through September 30, 2014, our delinquency cure rates have, however, exceeded our expectations.

The migration analysis model is based upon sixteen months of actual collection experience which includes ten months of collection experience using the 212 day charge off default aversion strategies and six months of experience using the 120 day charge off default aversion strategies. We only used collection data from the first four collection buckets for all sixteen months. This results in our placing a greater emphasis on older periods when the accounts were not being aggressively collected in the 30 to 120 days delinquent buckets. We believe this is appropriate as we have very limited data since the change in collection practices to be confident that the positive trends will continue. Once the quantitative calculation is performed, we review the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and determine if qualitative adjustments need to be considered. As part of this process we consider changes in laws and regulations that could potentially impact the allowance for loan losses.

Separately, for our TDR portfolio, we estimate an allowance amount sufficient to cover life-of-loan expected losses through an impairment calculation based on the difference between the loan's basis and the present value of expected future cash flows (which would include life-of-loan default and recovery assumptions) discounted at the loan's original effective interest rate. Our TDR portfolio is comprised mostly of loans with interest rate reductions and forbearance usage greater than three months.

The separate allowance estimates for our TDR and non-TDR portfolios are combined into our total allowance for Private Education Loan losses. The evaluation of the allowance for loan losses is inherently subjective, as it requires material estimates and assumptions that may be susceptible to significant changes. If actual future performance in delinquency, charge-offs or recoveries are significantly different than estimated, this could materially affect our estimate of the allowance for loan losses and the related provision for loan losses on our income statement.

As part of concluding on the adequacy of the allowance for loan loss, we review key allowance and loan metrics. The most relevant of these metrics considered are the allowance coverage of charge-offs ratio; the allowance as a percentage of total loans and of loans in repayment; and delinquency and forbearance percentages.

We consider a loan to be delinquent 31 days after the last payment was contractually due. We use a model to estimate the amount of uncollectible accrued interest on Private Education Loans and reserve for that amount against current period interest income.

FFELP Loans are insured as to their principal and accrued interest in the event of default subject to a Risk Sharing level based on the date of loan disbursement. These insurance obligations are supported by contractual rights against the United States. For loans disbursed after October 1, 1993, and before July 1, 2006, we receive 98 percent reimbursement on all qualifying default claims. For loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2006, we receive 97 percent reimbursement. For loans disbursed prior to October 1, 1993, we receive 100 percent reimbursement.

The allowance for FFELP Loan losses uses historical experience of customer default behavior and a two year loss confirmation period to estimate the credit losses incurred in the loan portfolio at the reporting date. We apply the default rate projections, net of applicable Risk Sharing, to each category for the current period to perform our quantitative calculation. Once the quantitative calculation is performed, we review the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and determine if qualitative adjustments need to be considered.

Fair Value Measurement

The most significant assumptions used in fair value measurements, including those related to credit and liquidity risk, are as follows:

- 1. **Derivatives** When determining the fair value of derivatives, we take into account counterparty credit risk for positions where we are exposed to the counterparty on a net basis by assessing exposure net of collateral held. The net exposure for each counterparty is adjusted based on market information available for that specific counterparty, including spreads from credit default swaps. Additionally, when the counterparty has exposure to us related to our derivatives, we fully collateralize the exposure, minimizing the adjustment necessary to the derivative valuations for our own credit risk. A major indicator of market inactivity is the widening of the bid/ask spread in these markets. In general, the widening of counterparty credit spreads and reduced liquidity for derivative instruments as indicated by wider bid/ask spreads will reduce the fair value of derivatives.
- 2. Education Loans Our Private Education Loans and FFELP Loans are accounted for at cost or at the lower of cost or fair value if the loan is held-for-sale. The fair values of our student loans are disclosed in Note 10, "Fair Value Measurements." For both Private Education Loans and FFELP Loans accounted for at cost, fair value is determined by modeling loan level cash flows using stated terms of the assets and internally-developed assumptions to determine aggregate portfolio yield, net present value and average life. The significant assumptions used to project cash flows are prepayment speeds, default rates, cost of funds, the amount funded by deposits versus equity, and required return on equity. Significant inputs into the models are not generally market observable. They are either derived internally through a combination of historical experience and management's qualitative expectation of future performance (in the case of prepayment speeds, default rates, and capital assumptions) or are obtained through external broker quotes (as in the case of cost of funds). When possible, market transactions are used to validate the model. In most cases, these are either infrequent or not observable. For FFELP Loans classified as held-for-sale and accounted for at the lower of cost or market, the fair value is based on the committed sales price of the various loan purchase programs established by the U.S. Department of Education ("ED").

For further information regarding the effect of our use of fair values on our results of operations, see Note 10, "Fair Value Measurements."

Derivative Accounting

The most significant judgments related to derivative accounting are: (1) concluding the derivative is an effective hedge and qualifies for hedge accounting and (2) determining the fair value of certain derivatives and hedged items. To qualify for hedge accounting a derivative must be concluded to be a highly effective hedge upon designation and on an ongoing basis. There are no "bright line" tests on what is considered a highly effective hedge. We use a historical regression analysis to prove ongoing and prospective hedge effectiveness. See the previous discussion in the section titled "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates - Fair Value Measurement" for significant judgments related to the valuation of derivatives. Although some of our

valuations are more judgmental than others, we compare the fair values of our derivatives that we calculate to those provided by our counterparties on a monthly basis. We view this as a critical control which helps validate these judgments. Any significant differences with our counterparties are identified and resolved appropriately.

Transfers of Financial Assets and the Variable Interest Entity ("VIE") Consolidation Model

We account for loan sales in accordance with the applicable accounting guidance. If a transfer of loans qualifies as a sale, we derecognize the loan and recognize a gain or loss as the difference between the carry basis of the loan sold and liabilities retained and the compensation received. We recognize the results of a transfer of loans based upon the settlement date of the transaction.

If we have a variable interest in a Variable Interest Entity ("VIE") and we have determined that we are the primary beneficiary of the VIE, then we will consolidate the VIE. We are considered the primary beneficiary if we have both: (1) the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance and (2) the obligation to absorb losses or receive benefits of the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. There can be considerable judgment that has to be used as it relates to determining the primary beneficiary of the VIEs with which we are associated. There are no "bright line" tests. Rather, the assessment of who has the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly affect the VIE's economic performance and who has the obligation to absorb losses or receive benefits of the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE can be very qualitative and judgmental in nature. In the third quarter 2014, we entered into our first securitization transaction. Based on our current relationship with this securitization trust which is considered a VIE, we believe the assessment is more straightforward. As it relates to this transaction, our only continuing involvement is as the master servicer and administrator. An unrelated third party is responsible for the servicing of these assets (which means that the third party "has the power" to direct the activities of the trust) and another third party owns the Residual Interest (which means that the third party "has the loss and gain obligation that could potentially be significant to the VIE") of the securitization trust. As a result, we have determined that we are not the primary beneficiary of this trust.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis

Our interest rate risk management program seeks to manage and control interest rate risk, thereby reducing our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates and achieving consistent and acceptable levels of profit in any rate environment, and sustainable growth in net interest income over the long term. We evaluate and monitor interest rate risk through two primary methods:

- Earnings at Risk ("EAR") which measures the impact of hypothetical changes in interest rates on net interest income;
- Economic Value of Equity ("EVE") which measures the sensitivity or change in the economic value of equity to changes in interest rates.

A number of potential interest rate scenarios are simulated using our asset liability management system. The Bank is primary source of interest rate risk within the Company. The majority of the Bank's assets are priced off of 1-month LIBOR. Therefore, 1-month LIBOR is considered the core rate in our interest rate risk analyses with other interest rate changes are correlated to this rate through a detailed statistical analysis. In addition, all rates have floors which indicate how low each specific rate is likely to go. Rates are adjusted up or down via a set of scenarios that includes both shocks and ramps. Shocks represent an immediate and sustained change in 1-month LIBOR plus the resulting changes in other indexes correlated accordingly. Ramps represent a linear increase in 1-month LIBOR over the course of 12 months plus the resulting changes in other indexes correlated accordingly.

The following tables summarize the potential effect on earnings over the next 24 months and the potential effect on fair values of balance sheet assets and liabilities at September 30, 2014 and 2013, based upon a sensitivity analysis performed by management assuming a hypothetical increase in market interest rates of 100 basis points and 300 basis points while funding spreads remain constant. The earnings sensitivity is applied only to financial assets and liabilities, including hedging instruments that existed at the balance sheet date, and does not take into account new assets, liabilities or hedging instruments that may arise in 2014.

	September 30,						
	20	14	2013				
	+300 Basis Points			+100 Basis Points			
EAR - Shock ⁽¹⁾	12.0 %	3.8 %	10.8 %	3.5 %			
EAR - Ramp(1)	9.3 %	2.7 %	9.8 %	3.2 %			
EVE	(1.5)%	(1.2)%	(5.5)%	(2.2)%			

(1) For the 2013 period, August 31, 2013 data was utilized to calculate the EAR measures.

A primary objective in our funding is to minimize our sensitivity to changing interest rates by generally funding our floating rate student loan portfolio with floating rate debt. However, due to the ability of some FFELP Loans to earn Floor Income, we can have a fixed versus floating mismatch in funding if the student loan earns at the fixed borrower rate and the funding remains floating. In addition, we can have a mismatch in the index (including the frequency of reset) of floating rate debt versus floating rate assets.

In the preceding tables the change in net interest income is primarily due to the impact of (i) our unhedged FFELP Loans being in a fixed-rate mode due to Floor Income, while being funded with variable debt in low interest rate environments; and (ii) a portion of our variable assets being funded with fixed rate liabilities and equity. Item (i) will generally cause net interest income to decrease when interest rates increase from a low interest rate environment, whereas item (ii) will generally offset this decrease.

Although we believe that these measurements provide an estimate of our interest rate sensitivity, they do not account for potential changes in credit quality and size of our balance sheet. They also do not account for other business developments that could affect net income, or for management actions that could affect net income or that could be taken to change our risk profile. Accordingly, we can give no assurance that actual results would not differ materially from the estimated outcomes of our simulations. Further, such simulations do not represent our current view of expected future interest rate movements.

Asset and Liability Funding Gap

The tables below present our assets and liabilities (funding) arranged by underlying indices as of September 30, 2014. In the following GAAP presentation, the funding gap only includes derivatives that qualify as effective hedges (those derivatives which are reflected in net interest margin, as opposed to those reflected in the "gains (losses) on derivatives and hedging activities, net" line on the consolidated statements of income). The difference between the asset and the funding is the funding gap for the specified index. This represents our exposure to interest rate risk in the form of basis risk and repricing risk, which is the risk that the different indices may reset at different frequencies or may not move in the same direction or at the same magnitude.

(<u>Dollars in billions)</u> Index	Frequency of Variable Resets		Assets		Funding (1)		Funding Gap	
3-month Treasury bill	weekly	\$	0.2	\$	_	\$	0.2	
3-month LIBOR	quarterly		_		0.4		(0.4)	
1-month LIBOR	monthly		6.5		3.1		3.4	
1-month LIBOR	weekly		_		0.1		(0.1)	
1-month LIBOR	daily		1.1		_		1.1	
Non-Discrete reset(2)	daily/weekly		1.6		2.8		(1.2)	
Fixed Rate ⁽³⁾			2.2		5.2		(3.0)	
Total		\$	11.6	\$	11.6	\$	_	

The "Funding Gap" in the above table primarily mismatches in the 1-month LIBOR assets with fixed rate and Non-Discrete funding. We consider the risk to be minimal since the funding in the Non-Discrete bucket is our liquid retail portfolio which we have the flexibility to replace at any time, and the funding in the fixed bucket includes \$1.4 billion of equity and \$0.8 billion of non interest bearing liabilities.

We use interest rate swaps and other derivatives to achieve our risk management objectives. Our asset liability management strategy is to match assets with debt (in combination with derivatives) that have the same underlying index and reset frequency or, when economical, have interest rate characteristics that we believe are highly correlated. The use of funding with index types and reset frequencies that are different from our assets exposes us to interest rate risk in the form of basis and repricing risk. This could result in our cost of funds not moving in the same direction or with the same magnitude as the yield on our assets. While we believe this risk is low, as all of these indices are short-term with rate movements that are highly correlated over a long period of time, market disruptions (which have occurred in recent years) can lead to a temporary divergence between indices resulting in a negative impact to our earnings.

 ⁽¹⁾ Funding (by index) includes all derivatives that qualify as hedges.
 (2) Assets include restricted and unrestricted cash equivalents and other overnight type instruments. Funding includes liquid retail deposits and the obligation to return cash collateral held related to derivatives exposures.

Assets include receivables and other assets (including premiums and reserves). Funding includes unswapped time deposits, liquid MMDA's swapped to fixed rates and stockholders'

Weighted Average Life

The following table reflects the weighted average life of our earning assets and liabilities at September 30, 2014.

	Weighted
	Average
(Averages in Years)	Life
Earning assets	
Student loans	6.7
Cash and investments	0.6
Total earning assets	5.7
Deposits	
Short-term deposits	0.1
Long-term deposits	2.8
Total deposits	1.0

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of September 30, 2014. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of September 30, 2014, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (a) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (b) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Before the Spin-Off, the Company relied on the controls and resources of pre-Spin-Off SLM for internal control over financial reporting. In conjunction with the Spin-Off, several areas of internal control over financial reporting have changed. We have implemented our own financial, administrative, and other support systems as well as new corporate oversight functions, primarily through the retention of pre-Spin-Off SLM personnel, policies and procedures within the Company and giving consideration to the significantly smaller size of the Company post-Spin-Off.

Other than those noted above, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2014 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Legal Proceedings

We and our subsidiaries and affiliates are subject to various claims, lawsuits and other actions that arise in the normal course of business. We believe that these claims, lawsuits and other actions will not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. In the ordinary course of business, it is common for the Company, our subsidiaries and affiliates to receive information and document requests and investigative demands from state attorneys general, legislative committees and administrative agencies. These requests may be for informational or regulatory purposes and may relate to our business practices, the industries in which we operate, or other companies with whom we conduct business. Our practice has been and continues to be to cooperate with these bodies and be responsive to any such requests.

For a description of these and other litigation to which we are a party, see our 2013 Form 10-K and subsequent filings with the SEC.

Regulatory Update

At the time of this filing, the Bank remains subject to the consent order (the "2014 FDIC Order") relating to the settlement of previously disclosed regulatory matters with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Specifically, on May 13, 2014, the Bank reached settlements with the FDIC and the Department of Justice (the "DOJ") regarding disclosures and assessments of certain late fees, as well as compliance with the SCRA. The DOJ Order was approved by the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware on September 29, 2014. Under the 2014 FDIC Order, the Bank agreed to pay \$3.3 million in fines and oversee the refund of up to \$30 million in late fees assessed on loans owned or originated by the Bank since its inception in November 2005.

Under the terms of the Separation and Distribution Agreement, Navient is responsible for funding all liabilities under the regulatory orders, other than fines directly levied against the Bank in connection with these matters. Under the DOJ Order, Navient is solely responsible for reimbursing SCRA benefits and related compensation on behalf of both its subsidiary, Navient Solutions, Inc., and the Bank.

As required by the 2014 FDIC Order and the DOJ Order, the Bank is implementing new SCRA policies, procedures and training, has updated billing statement disclosures, and is taking additional steps to ensure its third-party service providers are also fully compliant in these regards. The 2014 FDIC Order also requires the Bank to have its current compliance with consumer protection regulations audited by independent qualified audit personnel. The Bank is focused on achieving timely and comprehensive remediation of each item contained in the orders and on further enhancing its policies and practices to promote responsible financial practices, customer experience and compliance.

In May 2014, the Bank received a Civil Investigative Demand from the CFPB in the Bank's capacity as a former affiliate of Navient as part of the CFPB's separate investigation relating to fees and policies of pre-Spin-Off SLM during the period prior to the Spin-Off of Navient. We are cooperating fully with the CFPB but are not in a position at this time to predict the duration or outcome of the investigation. Given the timeframe covered by this demand, Navient would be responsible for all costs, expenses, losses or remediation likely to arise from this investigation.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Our business activities involve a variety of risks. Readers should carefully consider the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A., Risk Factors, of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014 and Item 1A., Risk Factors of our 2013 Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Share Repurchases

The following table provides information relating to our purchase of shares of our common stock in the three months ended September 30, 2014.

(In thousands, except per share data)	Total Number Average Price of Shares Paid per Purchased ⁽¹⁾ Share		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ⁽²⁾	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ⁽²⁾			
Period:							
July 1 - July 31, 2014	179	\$	8.38	_	_		
August 1 - August 31, 2014	68	\$	8.90	_	_		
September 1 - September 30, 2014	<u>110</u>	<u>\$</u>	9.03	=	_		
Total third-quarter 2014	<u>357</u>	<u>\$</u>	8.68	=			

⁽¹⁾ All shares purchased are pursuant to the shares of our common stock tendered to us to satisfy the exercise price in connection with cashless exercise of stock options, and tax withholding obligations in connection with exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock and restricted stock units.

The closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on September 30, 2014 was \$8.56.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Nothing to report.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Nothing to report.

Item 5. Other Information

Nothing to report.

⁽²⁾ At the present time the Company does not have a publicly announced share repurchase plan or program.

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished or filed, as applicable:

- 3.1 Amended and Restated By-Laws of SLM Corporation
- 12.1 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends.
- 31.1 Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document.
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SLM CORPORATION (Registrant)

By:

/s/ STEVEN J. MCGARRY

Steven J. McGarry Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: October 22, 2014

Effective September 25, 2014

AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS

OF

SLM CORPORATION

(HEREINAFTER CALLED THE "CORPORATION")

ARTICLE I -- OFFICES

<u>Section 1. Registered Office</u>. The registered office of the Corporation shall be in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, State of Delaware.

<u>Section 2. Offices</u>. The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the city and jurisdiction as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places both within and without the State of Delaware as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II -- MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS

Section 1. Place of Meetings. Meetings of the stockholders for the election of directors or for any other purpose shall be held at such time and place within the continental United States, either within or without the State of Delaware, as shall be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors or, in the case of a special meeting called pursuant to Section 3 of this Article at the request in writing of the holders of at least one-third of the capital stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at an election of directors, as shall be designated by such stockholders or their representative, and stated in the notice of the meeting or in a duly executed waiver of notice thereof.

Section 2. Annual Meetings. The annual meetings of stockholders shall be held on such date and at such time as shall be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of the meeting, at which meetings the stockholders shall elect a Board of Directors, and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. Notice of the annual meeting, stating the place, date and hour of the meeting, shall be given to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting not less than ten nor more than sixty days before the date of the meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Unless otherwise prescribed by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation, special meetings of stockholders, for any purpose or purposes, shall be called by the Secretary (a) at the direction of either (i) the Chairman or (ii) the Chief Executive Officer, if the Chief Executive Officer is a member of the Board of Directors or (iii) a majority of the Board of Directors, or (b) at the request in writing of the holders of at least one-third of the capital stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at an election of directors. The request of stockholders shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting and shall include the information required by Section 8 to be included in a stockholder's notice to the Corporation with respect to the stockholder(s) proposing the matters to be considered at such meeting. Business transacted at any special meeting

requested by stockholders shall be limited to the purpose or purposes stated in the request for meeting, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing herein shall prohibit the Board of Directors from submitting matters to the stockholders at any special meeting requested by stockholders.

Notice of a special meeting, stating the place, date and hour of the meeting and purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be given to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting not less than ten nor more than sixty days before the date of the meeting. The business conducted at any special meeting of stockholders shall be limited to the purposes stated in the notice of such special meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation, at all meetings of the stockholders, the holders of a majority of the capital stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting of the stockholders, the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present or represented. At such re-scheduled meeting at which a quorum shall be present or represented, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally noticed. If the adjournment is for more than thirty days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the re-scheduled meeting, a notice of the re-scheduled meeting shall be given to each stockholder entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 5. Voting. Unless otherwise required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, any question brought before any meeting of stockholders shall be decided by the vote of the holders of a majority of the stock represented and entitled to vote thereat. Each stockholder represented at a meeting of stockholders shall be entitled to cast one vote for each share of the capital stock entitled to vote thereat held by such stockholder. Such votes may be cast in person or by proxy, but no proxy shall be voted on or after three years from its date, unless such proxy provides for a longer period. The Board of Directors, in its discretion, or the officer of the Corporation presiding at a meeting of stockholders, in his discretion, may require that any votes cast at such meeting shall be cast by written ballot.

Section 6. List of Stockholders Entitled to Vote. The officer of the Corporation who has charge of the stock ledger of the Corporation shall prepare and make, at least ten days before every meeting of stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting, arranged in alphabetical order, and showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder. Such list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder, for any purpose germane to the meeting, during ordinary business hours, for a period of at least ten days prior to the meeting, either at a place within the city where the meeting is to be held, which place shall be specified in the notice of the meeting, or, if not so specified, at the principal office of the Corporation. The list shall also be produced and kept at the time and place of the meeting during the entire time of the meeting, and may be inspected by any stockholder of the Corporation who is present.

<u>Section 7. Stock Ledger</u>. The stock ledger of the Corporation shall be the only evidence as to who are the stockholders entitled to examine the stock ledger, the list required by Section 6 of this Article II or the books of the Corporation, or to vote in person or by proxy at any meeting of stockholders.

Section 8. Stockholder Nominations and Other Business.

(a) No nominations for director shall be made at and no other business shall be brought before any meeting of stockholders unless it has been properly brought before the meeting in accordance with the

procedures set forth in these By-Laws; <u>provided, however</u>, that nothing in this Section 8 shall be deemed to preclude discussion by any stockholder of any business properly brought before such meeting.

- (b) To be properly brought before an annual meeting, director nominations and other business must be (i) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof), (ii) properly brought before the annual meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof), or (iii) brought before the annual meeting by any stockholder of the Corporation who is a stockholder of record on the date of the giving of the notice provided for in this Section 8 and on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at such annual meeting and who complies with the procedures set forth in this Section 8. In addition to any other applicable requirements, for director nominations or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the Secretary of the Corporation. To be properly brought before an annual meeting, any such other business also must be a proper subject for action by stockholders, provided that the law of Delaware shall govern whether such business is a proper subject for action by stockholders.
- (c) To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day nor later than the close of business on the sixtieth (60th) day prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within thirty (30) days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder in order to be timely must be so received no earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such special meeting and no later than the close of business on the later of the sixtieth (60th) day prior to such special meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the day on which the date of such annual meeting was publicly announced. In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.
 - (d) To be in proper written form, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary must set forth:
 - (i) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director: (A) all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), (B) such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected, and (C) all information necessary for the Corporation's Board of Directors to determine if each such nominee would qualify as an independent director, as determined under the Corporation's corporate governance guidelines or any applicable exchange listing rules;
 - (ii) as to any business other than director nominations that such stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting: (A) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting, (B) the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, and (C) any material interest in such business of such stockholder and the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) if any, on whose behalf the business is being proposed;
 - (iii) as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or other business is being proposed: (A) the name and address of such

stockholder as they appear in the Corporation's records, and the name and address of such beneficial owner, (B) the number of shares of the Corporation which are owned of record by such stockholder and such beneficial owner as of the date of the notice, (C) the stockholder's agreement to notify the Corporation in writing within five business days after the record date for the meeting of the number of shares of the Corporation owned of record by the stockholder and such beneficial owner as of the record date for the meeting, and (D) a representation that such stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the annual meeting to bring such nomination or business before the meeting;

- (iv) as to the stockholder giving the notice or, if the notice is given on behalf of a beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination or other business is being proposed, as to such beneficial owner: (A) the number of shares of the Corporation which are beneficially owned by such stockholder or beneficial owner as of the date of the notice, and the stockholder's agreement to notify the Corporation in writing within five business days after the record date for the meeting of the number of shares of the Corporation beneficially owned by such stockholder or beneficial owner as of the record date for the meeting, (B) a description of all agreements, arrangements or understandings with respect to the nomination or other business between or among such stockholder or beneficial owner and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons), including without limitation any agreements that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 5 or Item 6 of Exchange Act Schedule 13D (regardless of whether the requirement to file a Schedule 13D is applicable to the stockholder or beneficial owner) and the stockholder's agreement to notify the Corporation in writing within five business days after the record date for the meeting of any such agreement, arrangement or understanding in effect as of the record date for the meeting, (C) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options, hedging transactions, and borrowed or loaned shares) that has been entered into as of the date of the stockholder's notice by, or on behalf of, such stockholder or beneficial owner, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss, manage risk or benefit from changes in the share price of any class of the Corporation's capital stock, or increase or decrease the voting power of the stockholder or beneficial owner with respect to shares of stock of the Corporation, and (D) the stockholder's agreement to notify the Corporation in writing within five business days after the record date for the meeting of any such agreement, arrangement or understanding in effect as of the record date for the meeting; and
- (v) a representation whether the stockholder or beneficial owner, if any, intends or is part of a group that intends to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Corporation's outstanding capital stock required to elect the nominee or approve the item of business and/or otherwise to solicit proxies from stockholders in support of such nomination(s) or other business.
- (e) The foregoing notice requirements of this Section 8 shall not apply to a stockholder if the stockholder has notified the Corporation of his or her intention to present a stockholder proposal at an annual meeting only pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act and such proposal has been included in a proxy statement that has been prepared by the Corporation to solicit proxies for such annual meeting.
- (f) These By-Laws shall not prevent the consideration and approval or disapproval at the annual meeting of the reports of officers and committees, but in connection with such reports no new business shall be acted upon at such annual meeting unless brought before the meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 8.

- (g) Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders called at the direction of the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, or a majority of the Board of Directors and at which directors are to be elected pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting (i) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof), or (ii) by any stockholder of the Corporation who is a stockholder of record at the date of the giving of the notice provided for in this Section 8 and on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting and who timely complies with the procedures set forth in this Section. To be considered timely, the notice required by paragraph (d) of this Section 8 must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation no earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such special meeting and no later than the close of business on the later of the sixtieth (60th) day prior to such special meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the day on which the date of such special meeting was publicly announced. In no event shall the public announcement of adjournment or postponement of a special meeting commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.
- (h) The Chairman shall determine the order of business and the procedures at any stockholder meeting, including procedures for the manner of voting and the conduct of discussion as seem to the Chairman in order and not inconsistent with these By-Laws. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Chairman shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination or any other business proposed to be brought before the meeting was proposed in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section (including whether the stockholder or beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or other business is being proposed solicited (or is part of a group which solicited) or did not so solicit, as the case may be, proxies in support of such stockholder's nominee or proposal in compliance with such stockholder's representation as required by clause (d)(v) of this Section). Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, unless otherwise required by law, such nomination shall be disregarded and such proposed business shall not be transacted unless the stockholder provides the information required under clauses (d)(iii)(B) and (d)(iv)(A)-(C) of this Section to the Corporation within five business days following the record date for a meeting and appears in person or by proxy at the meeting to present the nomination or proposed business. If the Chairman determines that the nomination or other business was not properly brought before the meeting in accordance with these By-Laws, the Chairman shall so declare and such nomination shall be disregarded and such proposed business shall not be conducted, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Corporation.

ARTICLE III -- DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number of Directors. Subject to the provisions of the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation, the number of directors of the Corporation shall be fixed from time to time by a majority vote of the directors then in office. The Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of independent directors, as determined under the Corporation's corporate governance guidelines or any applicable exchange listing rules.

Section 2. Election of Directors. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, each director shall be elected by the majority of the votes cast with respect to the nominee at any meeting for the election of directors at which a quorum is present, provided that if as of a date that is ten (10) days in advance of the date the Corporation files its definitive proxy statement (regardless of whether or not thereafter revised or supplemented) with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a meeting at which directors are to be elected the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected based upon nominations then expected to be made by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof) or to be brought before the meeting by a stockholder who has given notice thereof, the

directors shall be elected by the vote of a plurality of the shares represented in person or by proxy at any such meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors. For purposes of this Section, a majority of the votes cast means that the number of shares voted "for" a director must exceed the number of votes cast "against" that director, without regard to abstentions. For elections at which the majority vote standard applies, the Nominations, Governance and Compensation Committee will establish procedures under which any currently serving director shall offer to tender his or her resignation which resignation shall be effective only if (a) he or she is not reelected, and (b) the resignation is accepted by the Board. The Nominations, Governance and Compensation Committee will make a recommendation to the Board on whether to accept or reject any such resignation, or whether other action should be taken with respect to any such director who is not re-elected. The Board will act on the Committee's recommendation and publicly disclose its decision and the rationale behind it within 90 days from the date of the certification of the election results. Any director may resign at any time upon notice to the Corporation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if the time be not specified, upon the receipt thereof and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Directors need not be stockholders of the Corporation.

<u>Section 3. Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors resulting from an increase in the number of directors or otherwise, may be filled by a majority vote of the directors then in office, even if the directors in office constitute fewer than a quorum.

<u>Section 4. Duties and Powers</u>. The business of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors, which may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute or by the Certificate of Incorporation or by these By-Laws directed or required to be exercised or done by the stockholders.

Section 5. Meetings. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may hold meetings, both regular and special, either within or without the State of Delaware. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and at such place as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the Secretary (a) at the direction of (i) the Chairman or (ii) the Chief Executive Officer, if the Chief Executive Officer is a member of the Board of Directors, or (b) at the written request of a majority of the entire Board of Directors. Notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors, stating the place, date and hour of the meeting, shall be given to each director either by mail not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the date of such meeting, or by telephone, telegram, facsimile transmission or any other lawful means not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the date of such meeting. A waiver of such notice by any director or directors, in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed the equivalent of such notice.

Section 6. Quorum. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, at all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the entire Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

<u>Section 7. Actions of Board</u>. Unless otherwise provided by the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if all of the members of the Board of Directors or

committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing, and the writing or writings, setting forth the action so taken, are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee.

Section 8. Meetings by Means of Conference Telephone. Unless otherwise provided by the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors or such committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section 8 shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 9. Committees. The Board of Directors may designate one or more standing or ad hoc committees. The Corporation shall cause the charter of any standing committee the Board of Directors creates to be made publicly available on the Corporation's website or in filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Each standing committee shall consist of one or more of the directors of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may designate one or more directors as alternate members of any standing committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of any such standing committee. In the absence or disqualification of a member of a standing committee, and in the absence of a designation by the Board of Directors of an alternate member to replace the absent or disqualified member, the member or members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not he or they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board of Directors to act at the meeting in the place of any absent or disqualified member. Any standing committee, to the extent allowed by law and provided in the resolution establishing such standing committee, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. Each standing committee shall keep regular minutes and report to the Board of Directors when required.

Section 10. Compensation. The directors may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors and may be paid a fixed sum or a fixed number of shares of the Corporation's stock or other compensation for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors and/or as compensation for service as director. No such payment shall preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore. Members of special or standing committees may be allowed like compensation for attending committee meetings.

Section 11. Interested Directors. No contract or transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its directors or officers, or between the Corporation and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board of Directors or committee thereof which authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose if (a) the material facts as to his or their relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Directors or the committee, and the Board of Directors or committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative votes of a majority of the disinterested directors, even though the disinterested directors be less than a quorum; or (b) the material facts as to his or their relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, and the contract or transaction is specifically approved in good faith by vote of the stockholders; or (c) the contract or transaction is fair as to the Corporation as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified, by the Board of Directors, a committee thereof or the stockholders. Common or interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorizes the contract or transaction.

ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS

Section 1. General. The officers of the Corporation shall be chosen by the Board of Directors and shall be a Chief Executive Officer, a General Counsel, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors, in its discretion, may also choose a President and one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers and other officers. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws. The officers of the Corporation need not be stockholders or directors of the Corporation.

Section 2. Election. The Board of Directors at its first meeting held after each annual meeting of stockholders shall elect the officers of the Corporation who shall hold their offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors; and all officers of the Corporation shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified, or until their earlier resignation or removal. The Chief Executive Officer elected by the Board of Directors may be removed at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors; any other officer may be removed at any time by the Chief Executive Officer after consultation with the Board of Directors or any appropriate Committee thereof. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Corporation shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The salaries of all officers of the Corporation shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Voting Securities Owned by the Corporation. Powers of attorney, proxies, waivers of notice of meeting, consents and other instruments relating to securities owned by the Corporation may be executed in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation by the Chief Executive Officer or the General Counsel or such other authorized officer of the Corporation, and any such officer may, in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, take all such action as any such officer may deem advisable to vote in person or by proxy at any meeting of security holders of any corporation in which the Corporation may own securities and at any such meeting shall possess and may exercise any and all rights and powers incident to the ownership of such securities and which, as the owner thereof, the Corporation might have exercised and possessed if present. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, from time to time confer like powers upon any other person or persons.

<u>Section 4. Chairman of the Board of Directors</u>. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall also perform such other duties and may exercise such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to him by these By-Laws or by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Board of Directors, have general supervision of the business of the Corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. He shall execute all bonds, mortgages, contracts and other instruments necessary for the conduct of the business of the Corporation, except where required or permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except that the other officers of the Corporation may sign and execute documents when so authorized by these By-Laws, the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer. In the absence or disability of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and the Board of Directors. The Chief Executive Officer shall also perform

such other duties and may exercise such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to him by these By-Laws or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. President and Vice Presidents. At the request of the Chief Executive Officer or in his absence, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, a President or a Vice President as designated by the Board of Directors shall perform the duties of the Chief Executive Officer, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chief Executive Officer. Each President and Vice President shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer from time to time may prescribe.

Section 7. General Counsel. The General Counsel shall (a) be the principal consulting officer of the Corporation for all legal matters; (b) be responsible for and direct all counsel, attorneys, employees and agents in the performance of all legal duties and services for and on behalf of the Corporation; (c) perform such other duties and have such other powers as are ordinarily incident to the office of the General Counsel; and (d) perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Chief Executive Officer or by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of stockholders and record all the proceedings thereat in a book or books to be kept for that purpose; the Secretary shall also perform like duties, when required, for the committees of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the stockholders and special meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or Chief Executive Officer, under whose supervision he shall be. If the Secretary shall be unable or shall refuse to cause to be given notice of all meetings of the stockholders and special meetings of the Board of Directors, and if there be no Assistant Secretary, then either the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer may choose another officer to cause such notice to be given. The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of the Corporation and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, if there be one, shall have authority to affix the same to any instrument requiring it, and when so affixed, it may be attested by the signature of the Secretary or by the signature of any such Assistant Secretary. The Board of Directors may give general authority to any other officer to affix the seal of the Corporation and to attest the affixing by his signature. The Secretary shall see that all books, reports, statements, certificates and other documents and records required by law to be kept or filed are properly kept or filed, as the case may be.

Section 9. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors, at its regular meetings, or when the Board of Directors so requires, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give the Corporation a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the Corporation.

<u>Section 10. Assistant Secretaries</u>. Except as may be otherwise provided in these By-Laws, Assistant Secretaries, if there be any, shall perform such duties and have such powers as from time to time

may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, or the Secretary, and in the absence of the Secretary or in the event of his disability or refusal to act, shall perform the duties of the Secretary, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Secretary.

Section 11. Assistant Treasurers. Assistant Treasurers, if there be any, shall perform such duties and have such powers as from time to time may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, or the Treasurer, and in the absence of the Treasurer or in the event of his disability or refusal to act, shall perform the duties of the Treasurer, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Treasurer. If required by the Board of Directors, an Assistant Treasurer shall give the Corporation a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the Corporation.

Section 12. Other Officers. Such other officers as the Board of Directors may choose shall perform such duties and have such powers as from time to time may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may delegate to any other officer of the Corporation the power to choose such other officers and to prescribe their respective duties and powers.

Section 13. Employee Conduct. No officer or employee shall engage, directly or indirectly, in any personal business transaction or private arrangement for personal profit which accrues from or is based upon his official position or authority or upon confidential information which he gains by reason of such position or authority, and each officer and employee shall reasonably restrict his personal business affairs so as to avoid conflicts of interest with his official duties. No officer or employee shall divulge confidential information to any unauthorized person, or release any such information in advance of authorization for its release, nor shall he accept, directly or indirectly, any valuable gift, favor or service from any person with whom he transacts business on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 14. Outside or Private Employment. No officer or employee shall have any outside or private employment or affiliation with any firm or organization incompatible with his concurrent employment by the Corporation, nor shall he accept or perform any outside or private employment which the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation determines will interfere with the efficient performance of his official duties.

ARTICLE V - STOCK

Section 1. Form and Execution of Certificates. Certificates for the shares of stock of the Corporation shall be issued only to the extent as may be required by applicable law or as otherwise authorized by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and if so issued shall be in such form as is consistent with the Certificate of Incorporation and applicable law. Otherwise, evidence of stock ownership shall be by electronic format. Any such certificate shall be signed by, or in the name of the Corporation by, the Chairman of the Board, or by the Chief Executive Officer, or by the President or any Vice President and by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, certifying the number of shares owned by him or her in the Corporation. Any or all of the signatures on the certificate may be a facsimile. In case any officer, transfer agent, or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon a certificate shall have ceased to be such officer, transfer agent, or register before such certificate is issued, it may be issued with the same effect as if he or she were such officer, transfer agent, or registrar at the date of issue.

Section 2. Lost Certificates. The Board of Directors or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary may direct a new certificate to be issued in place of any certificate theretofore issued by the Corporation alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate of stock to be lost, stolen or destroyed. When authorizing such issue of a new certificate, the Board of Directors or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary may, in its or their discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance thereof, require the owner of such lost, stolen or destroyed certificate, or his legal representative, to advertise the same in such manner as the Board of Directors shall require and/or to give the Corporation a bond in such sum as it may direct as indemnity against any claim that may be made against the Corporation with respect to the certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

<u>Section 3. Transfers</u>. Transfers of record of shares of stock of the Corporation shall be made only upon its books by the holders thereof, in person or by attorney duly authorized, and with regard to certificated shares, upon the surrender of a certificate or certificates for a like number of shares, properly endorsed.

Section 4. Record Date. In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or any adjournment thereof, or entitled to express consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, or entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights, or entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock, or for the purpose of any other lawful action, the Board of Directors may fix, in advance, a record date, which shall not be more than sixty days nor less than ten days before the date of such meeting, nor more than sixty days prior to any other action. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

Section 5. Registered Owners. The Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its books as the owner of shares to receive dividends, and to vote as such owner, and to hold liable for calls and assessments a person registered on its books as the owner of shares, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by law.

ARTICLE VI -- NOTICES

Section 1. Notices. Whenever written notice is required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, to be given to any director, member of a committee or stockholder, such notice may be given by mail, addressed to such director, member of a committee or stockholder, at his address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid, and such notice shall be deemed to be given at the time when the same shall be deposited in the United States mail. Notice may also be given personally or by facsimile, telegram, telex, cable, or any other lawful means.

<u>Section 2. Waivers of Notice</u>. Whenever any notice is required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, to be given to any director, member of a committee or stockholder, a waiver thereof in writing, signed, by the person or persons entitled to said notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent thereto.

ARTICLE VII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Dividends. Dividends upon the capital stock of the Corporation, subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, if any, may be declared by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting, and may be paid in cash, in property, or in shares of the capital stock. Before payment of any dividend, there may be set aside out of any funds of the Corporation available for dividends such sum or sums as the Board of Directors from time to time, in its absolute discretion, deems proper as a reserve or reserves to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any property of the Corporation, or for any proper purpose, and the Board of Directors may modify or abolish any such reserve.

Section 2. Acquisition of Common Stock by the Corporation. Unless approved by holders of a majority of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation then entitled to vote at an election of directors, the Corporation shall not take any action that would result in the acquisition by the Corporation, directly or indirectly, from any one person or "group" (as defined in Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) of one percent or more of the shares of Common Stock then outstanding, in one or a series of related transactions, at a price in excess of the prevailing market price of such stock, other than pursuant to a tender offer made to all holders of Common Stock or to all holders of less than 100 shares of Common Stock.

<u>Section 3. Disbursements</u>. All checks or demands for money and notes of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

Section 4. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 5. Corporate Seal</u>. The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, the year of its organization and the words "Corporate Seal, Delaware". The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or reproduced or otherwise.

Section 6. Exclusive Forum. Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine shall be a state or federal court located within the state of Delaware, in all cases subject to the court's having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of this Article VII, Section 6.

ARTICLE VIII -- INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Power to Indemnify in Actions, Suits or Proceedings other than those by or in the Right of the Corporation. Subject to Section 3 of this Article VIII, the Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was a director or officer of the Corporation serving at the request of the Corporation as a director or officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in

settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Power to Indemnify in Actions, Suits or Proceedings by or in the Right of the Corporation. Subject to Section 3 of this Article VIII, the Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was a director or officer of the Corporation serving at the request of the Corporation as a director or officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 3. Authorization of Indemnification. Any indemnification under this Article VIII (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director or officer is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 or Section 2 of this Article VIII, as the case may be. Such determination shall be made (a) by a majority vote of the directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, even though less than a quorum, or (b) if there are no such directors, or if such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (c) by the stockholders. To the extent, however, that a present or former director or officer of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding described above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith, without the necessity of authorization in the specific case.

Section 4. Good Faith Defined. For purposes of any determination under Section 3 of this Article VIII, a person shall be deemed to have acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, to have had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, if his action is based on the records or books of account of the Corporation or another enterprise, or on information supplied to him by the officers of the Corporation or another enterprise in the course of their duties, or on the advice of legal counsel for the Corporation or another enterprise or on information or records given or reports made to the Corporation or another enterprise by an independent certified public accountant or by an appraiser or other expert selected with reasonable care by the Corporation or another enterprise. The term "another enterprise" as used in this Section 4 shall mean any other corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise of which such person is or was serving at the

request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent. The provisions of this Section 4 shall not be deemed to be exclusive or to limit in any way the circumstances in which a person may be deemed to have met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 1 or 2 of this Article VIII, as the case may be.

Section 5. Indemnification by a Court. Notwithstanding any contrary determination in the specific case under Section 3 of this Article VIII, and notwithstanding the absence of any determination thereunder, any director or officer may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Delaware for indemnification to the extent otherwise permissible under Sections 1 and 2 of this Article VIII. The basis of such indemnification by a court shall be a determination by such court that indemnification of the director or officer is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth in Sections 1 or 2 of this Article VIII, as the case may be. Neither a contrary determination in the specific case under Section 3 of this Article VIII nor the absence of any determination thereunder shall be a defense to such application or create a presumption that the director or officer seeking indemnification has not met any applicable standard of conduct. Notice of any application for indemnification pursuant to this Section 5 shall be given to the Corporation promptly upon the filing of such application. If successful, in whole or in part, the director or officer seeking indemnification shall also be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting such application.

Section 6. Expenses Payable in Advance. Expenses incurred by a director or officer in defending or investigating a threatened or pending action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation, upon the determination by the Board of Directors, in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article VIII, provided the Corporation approves in advance counsel selected by the director or officer (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld).

Section 7. Non-exclusivity of Indemnification and Advancement of Expenses. The rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by or granted pursuant to this Article VIII shall be a contract right and shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under the Certificate of Incorporation or any By-Law, agreement, contract, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or pursuant to the direction (howsoever embodied) of any court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, it being the policy of the Corporation that indemnification of the persons specified in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article VIII shall be made to the fullest extent permitted by law. The provisions of this Article VIII shall not be deemed to preclude the indemnification of any person who is not specified in Sections 1 or 2 of this Article VIII but whom the Corporation has the power or obligation to indemnify under the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or otherwise.

Section 8. Insurance. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was a director or officer of the Corporation serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power or the obligation to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article VIII.

<u>Section 9. Certain Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Article VIII, references to "the Corporation" shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any

constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors or officers, so that any person who is or was a director or officer of such constituent corporation, or is or was a director or officer of such constituent corporation serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article VIII with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued. For purposes of this Article VIII, references to "fines" shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and references to "serving at the request of the Corporation" shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director or officer with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner "not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation" as referred to in this Article VIII.

Section 10. Survival of Indemnification and Advancement of Expenses; Amendments. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by the Corporation pursuant to this Article VIII shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person. Any repeal or modification of this Article VIII shall be prospective only and shall not in any way diminish or adversely affect the rights of any director or officer in effect hereunder at the time of any act or omission occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

Section 11. Limitation on Indemnification. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Article VIII to the contrary, except for proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification (which shall be governed by Section 5 hereof), the Corporation shall not be obligated to indemnify any director or officer in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person unless such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized or consented to by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Section 12. Indemnification of Employees and Agents. The Corporation may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors, provide rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses to employees and agents of the Corporation similar to those conferred in this Article VIII to directors and officers of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX -- AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments. These By-Laws of the Corporation may be altered, amended, changed, added to or repealed in whole or in part, or new By-Laws may be adopted, by the stockholders or the Board of Directors, provided, however, that notice of such alteration, amendment, repeal or adoption of new By-Laws is provided before the date on which the meeting of stockholders at which such shall become effective or be voted on, as the case may be. For purposes of this Article IX, filing such alteration, amendment, repeal or new By-Laws with the Securities and Exchange Commission and/or the principal securities exchange on which the common stock of the Corporation is traded shall be deemed to provide notice thereof. All such amendments must be approved by either the holders of a majority of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon or by a majority of the entire Board of Directors.

SLM CORPORATION COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS (Dollars in thousands)

			Y	ears Ended				Nine Mor Septer	
	2009	2010		2011		2012	2013	2013	2014
Income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)	\$ (123,671)	\$ (122,669)	\$	87,848	\$	341,871	\$ 416,528	\$ 319,734	\$ 289,570
Add: Fixed charges	169,719	146,256		107,896	_	84,708	91,182	 66,549	 68,406
Total earnings	\$ 46,048	\$ 23,587	\$	195,744	\$	426,579	\$ 507,710	\$ 386,283	\$ 357,976
Interest expense	\$ 167,055	\$ 143,927	\$	105,385	\$	82,911	\$ 89,085	\$ 64,967	\$ 67,842
Rental expense, net of income	2,664	2,329		2,511		1,797	2,097	 1,582	564
Total fixed charges	169,719	146,256		107,896	\$	84,708	91,182	66,549	68,406
Preferred stock dividends	_	_		_		_	_	_	8,078
Total fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	\$ 169,719	\$ 146,256	\$	107,896	\$	84,708	\$ 91,182	\$ 66,549	\$ 76,484
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges ^{(1) (2)}	_	_		1.81		5.04	5.57	5.80	5.23
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends ^{(1) (2) (3)}				1.81		5.04	5.57	5.80	4.68

⁽¹⁾ For purposes of computing these ratios, earnings represent income (loss) before income tax expense plus fixed charges. Fixed charges represent interest expensed and capitalized plus one-third (the proportion deemed representative of the interest factor) of rents, net of income from subleases.

⁽²⁾ Due to a pre-tax loss from operations of \$123,671 for the year ended December 31, 2009, the ratio coverage was less than 1:1. We would have needed to generate \$123,671 million of additional earnings in the year ended December 31, 2009 for the ratio coverage to equal 1:1.

⁽³⁾ Due to a pre-tax loss from operations of \$122,669 for the year ended December 31, 2010, the ratio coverage was less than 1:1. We would have needed to generate \$122,669 million of additional earnings in the year ended December 31, 2010 for the ratio coverage to equal 1:1.

Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Raymond J. Quinlan, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of SLM Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Raymond J. Quinlan

Raymond J. Quinlan
Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)
October 22, 2014

Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Steven J. McGarry, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of SLM Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ STEVEN J. MCGARRY

Steven J. McGarry
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)
October 22, 2014

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of SLM Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Raymond J. Quinlan, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ RAYMOND J. QUINLAN

Raymond J. Quinlan
Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)
October 22, 2014

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of SLM Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Steven J. McGarry, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ STEVEN J. MCGARRY

Steven J. McGarry
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)
October 22, 2014