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and the incentive should not be so large that it distracts the member from the purpose of the vote. If the board desires to use such incentives, the cost of the incentive should be included in the directors' deliberation and determination that the conversion is in the best interests of the credit union's members.

(3) The credit union should ensure that the incentive is available to every member that votes regardless of how or when he or she votes. All of the credit union's written materials promoting the incentive to the membership must disclose to the members, as required by §708a.12 of this part, that they have an equal opportunity to participate in the incentive program regardless of whether they vote for or against the conversion. The credit union should also design its incentives so that they are available equally to all members who vote, regardless of whether they vote by mail or in person at the special meeting.

PART 708b—MERGERS OF FEDER-ALLY-INSURED CREDIT UNIONS; VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OR CONVERSION OF INSURED STA-TUS

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§ 708b.1 Scope.

- (a) Subpart A of this partprescribes the procedures for merging one or more credit unions with a continuing credit union where at least one of the credit unions is federally-insured.
- (b) Subpart B of this partprescribes the procedures and notice requirements for termination of federal insurance or conversion of federal insurance to nonfederal insurance, including termination or conversion resulting from a merger.
- (c) Subpart C prescribes required forms for use in conversion of federal insurance to nonfederal insurance.
- (d) Nothing in this partrestricts or otherwise impairs the authority of the NCUA to approve a merger pursuant to section 205(h) of the Act.
- (e) This part does not address procedures or requirements that may be applicable under state law for a state credit union

§ 708b.2 Definitions.

- (a) Continuing credit union means the credit union that will continue in operation after the merger.
- (b) Convert, conversion, and converting, when used in connection with insurance, refer to the act of canceling federal insurance and simultaneously obtaining insurance from another insurance carrier. They mean that after cancellation of federal insurance the credit union will be nonfederally-insured.
- (c) Federally-insured means insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) through the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF).