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Section 3856, Financial Instruments

This Section has been amended to provide relief to debt modification accounting and hedge accounting during the reform of benchmark interest rates (IBOR reform). Specifically, the amendments:

- (a) provide an optional expedient to account for debt modifications that are related to IBOR reform as a continuation of the existing contract and not as an extinguishment; and
- (b) require qualifying hedging relationships to continue upon a change in certain critical terms related to IBOR reform.

These amendments are effective for fiscal years ending on or after February 1, 2022. Earlier application is permitted, including in financial statements not yet authorized for issue.

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