

Article Title: ARCHIVE | Criteria | Corporates | General: Expanding The Scope Of Counterparty Criteria To Corporate And Government Ratings Data: (EDITOR'S NOTE: — This criteria article is no longer current. It has been superseded by "Counterparty Risk Framework Methodology And Assumptions," published on Nov. 29, 2012. This criteria article is a supplement to "Counterparty And Supporting Obligations Methodology And Assumptions," published Dec. 6, 2010, and "Counterparty And Supporting Obligations Update," published Jan. 13, 2011.)

1. Standard & Poor's Ratings Services is expanding the scope of its criteria for counterparty and supporting obligations. This update addresses the counterparty risk principle described in "Principles Of Credit Ratings," published Feb. 16, 2011, on RatingsDirect, on the Global Credit Portal.

SCOPE AND UPDATE OF THE CRITERIA

2. The counterparty replacement framework, and the link between the rating on a security and the rating on a counterparty, as described in "Counterparty And Supporting Obligations Methodology And Assumptions," published Dec. 6, 2010, and supplemented by "Counterparty And Supporting Obligations Update," published Jan. 13, 2011, applies to financial counterparties in corporate and government issues possessing structured finance characteristics. Examples of corporate and government issues that this criteria applies to include equipment trust certificates, project finance transactions, insurance catastrophe bonds, and structured energy transactions (including gas pre-pay financings) globally.

IMPACT ON OUTSTANDING RATINGS

3. The changes outlined in this criteria update are not expected to change ratings.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TRANSITION

4. These criteria are effective immediately.

APPENDIX

5. Standard & Poor's published "Expanding The Scope Of Counterparty Criteria To Corporate And Government Ratings" on Feb. 17, 2011. We received no substantive feedback from the market.

RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

Counterparty And Supporting Obligations Update, Jan. 13, 2011

Counterparty And Supporting Obligations Methodology And Assumptions, Dec. 6, 2010

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