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<u>AGENDA</u>

FEDERAL OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. and continuing on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Special Topic: Monetary Policy Options at the Effective Lower Bound
 - A. Staff report. (See background memo dated July 18, 2018.)
 - **B.** Opportunity for Committee participants to comment. (See questions distributed with background memo on July 18, 2018.)
- 2. Financial developments and open market operations.
 - A. Staff report on market developments and operations.
 - **B.** Action to ratify the open market transactions for the System account since the June meeting.
- **3.** Economic and financial situation.
 - A. Staff report.
 - **B.** Opportunity for Committee participants to comment on financial stability issues. (See documents distributed July 23, 2018.)
 - C. Committee discussion of economic developments and outlook.
- 4. Current monetary policy.
 - A. Staff comments.
 - **B.** Committee discussion.
 - C. Action to adopt directive and statement.
- **5.** Confirmation of the date for the next meeting (Tuesday–Wednesday, September 25–26, 2018).