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June 22, 1959

CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

(Including Quarterly Review of Corporate Security Financing)

During the week ending June 19, large public security financing included the expiration of subscription rights for a \$23 million corporate issue and State and local government issues amounting to \$42 million. The calendar for this week includes a larger volume of security offerings. Corporations are expected to sell large issues with total proceeds of \$130 million while State and local government issues totaling \$70 million are scheduled for sale.

Bond yields - Changes in yields on outstanding bonds were mixed again last week. Yields on corporate bonds changed only slightly and those on U. S. Government obligations remained stable. State and local government bond yields, however, increased sharply.

Mortgage and bond yields - Yields increased sharply last month on both mortgages and corporate bonds. FHA mortgage yields increased 6 basis points to 5.64 per cent, slightly above the peak reached in late 1957. Yields on new corporate bonds increased even more, however, and the spread between bond and mortgage yields narrowed to 83 basis points, the smallest spread since mid-1957.

Stock prices - Stock prices continued to decline last week in reduced trading volume. Standard and Poor's index of 500 common stocks closed at 57.13 on June 19 -- .16 lower than a week earlier. The volume of trading averaged 2.6 million shares a day -- the smallest volume since last August.

Corporate Security Offerings in the First Quarter 1959

Net proceeds for new capital - Corporations sold \$2.2 billion of security issues to obtain new capital in the first quarter this year, about 30 per cent less than a year earlier. Most major groups of issuers sold a smaller volume of offerings in the past quarter than in the corresponding months of 1958.

Electric, gas and water utilities were the most important group of issuers during the first three months, offering securities with proceeds of \$813 million. This volume was one-fourth below the heavy volume in 1958 and one-sixth below the volume in the comparable period of 1957.

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Corporate Security Offerings for New Capital by Type of Business of Issuer 1st Quarter 1955-1959

(Net proceeds in millions of dollars)

	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955
All corporate offerings	2,216	3,139	3,445	2,102	2,164
Manufacturing Primary iron and steel Primary nonferrous metals Paper Foods Chemicals Electrical machinery Nonelectrical machinery Fabricated metal products Beverages Other transportation equipment Textiles and apparel Rubber products Printing Other 2/	363 633 555 38 314 33 255 19 17 15 7 6 4 3	514 23 64 76 3 67 43 58 4 1 4 6 1 160	1,297 106 308 48 17 51 18 91 23 36 24 6 4	606 15 61 63 24 48 13 53 2 4 14 68 40 4	752 36 9 22 36 47 22 44 30 5 2 1 10 4 484
Electric, gas and water utilities	813	1,091	981	451	487
Communication	105	867	428	141	53
Railroad	52	95	112	85	53
Other transportation	234	90	90	49	39
Commercial and other	181 .	46	67	85	123
Mining	32	53	83	46	78
Financial and real estate Sales and consumer finance cos. Other	435 205 230	382 240 142	387 208 179	638 455 183	580 438 142

^{1/} Less than \$500,000. 2/ Includes small volume of foreign issues not further classified in the manufacturing group.

Note .-- Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source .-- Securities and Exchange Commission and Federal Reserve.

Security issues of financial and real estate companies, with total proceeds of \$\delta\]j5 million, were one-eighth above the corresponding quarter of 1958. A moderate decline in offerings made by sales and consumer finance companies was more than offset by an increased volume of issues by banks and other financial companies. Unlike last year, when one large issue by General Notors Acceptance Corporation accounted for over one-half of the proceeds of all sales and consumer finance company offerings, there were no issues by these companies of over \$75 million in the first quarter.

New issue volume by manufacturing companies was the third most important category, with proceeds of \$363 million. This volume was 30 per cent smaller than that-of the first quarter of 1958 and the smallest volume of security sales by manufacturing companies since the first quarter of 195h. The volume of securities sold was moderate for all types of manufacturing industries. Industries selling a larger volume of issues this year than last included iron and steel, fabricated metal products, foods and beverages. Nonferrous metal, machinery and chemical manufacturers sold a smaller volume of issues this first quarter.

New capital offerings by communications companies totaled \$105 million, about one-twelfth the record volume last year which included a \$713 million convertible debenture by AT&T. New financing by transportation companies (other than railroads) and commercial and other companies was in larger volume than a year earlier, while new issues by railroads and mining companies were in smaller volume.

Total gross proceeds - Gross proceeds from corporate offerings, which include refunding issues and costs of flotation, were \$2.3 billion in the first quarter of 1959, 30 per cent below the volume a year earlier. Refunding of outstanding securities issues was very small -- \$47 million as compared with \$134 million in the first three months of 1958 when interest rates were much lower.

Publicly-offered issues totaled \$1.4 billion, two-fifths less than in 1958, while private placements amounted to nearly \$900 million, one-tenth larger. Public offerings represented 62 per cent of total proceeds; in first quarter 1958 they had accounted for 76 per cent. In contrast, the proportionate share of privately-placed issues increased from 24 per cent to 38 per cent.

The volume of common stock financing was substantially larger this year than last, but debt and preferred stock financing was smaller bebt financing was relatively much less important this year than last, accounting for 72 per cent of total offerings; in the first quarter last year these offerings had accounted for 86 per cent of the total. Convertible bond issues accounted for 8 per cent of all debt offerings, much less than last year when the large AT&T issue was sold.

Table 2

Total Corporate Security Offerings by Type of Issue
1st Quarter 1955-1959

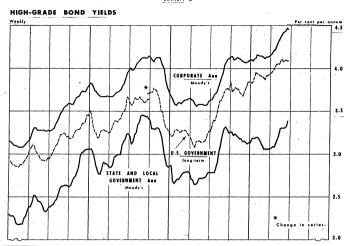
(Gross proceeds in millions of dollars)

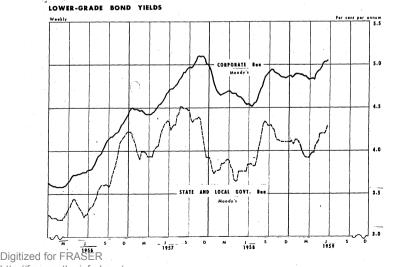
Type of issue	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955
Total corporate offerings	_ 2,311	3,318	3 , 5 5 8	2,250	2,530
Type of offering Public Private	1,425 887	2,521 797	2,626 932	1,201 1,048	1,739 791
Type of security Bonds and notes Public Private	1,662 787 875	2,846 2,067 779	2,706 1,798 908	1,706 683 1,024	1,662 894 768
Preferred stock	138	182	98	191	111
Common stock	511	289	753	352	. 758

Note, -- Details may not add to totals due to rounding. Source. -- Securities and Exchange Commission.

More detailed information concerning recent capital market developments is presented in the attached exhibits.

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Tables for Exhibit A

Hiph-grade Bond Yields

Date	Corporate	U. S. Govt.	State and local govt.	Spread between U. S. Govt. and		
Aa	Aaa <u>l</u> /	long-term 2/	Aaa 3/	Corporate Aaa	State and local Aaa	
	. *	(Per cent)		•		
1954 - Low 1957 - High 1958 - High Low 1959 - High Low	2.85 (4/23) 4.14 (9/27) 4.13 (10/10) 3.55 (5/2) 4.47 (6/12) 4.09 (1/9)	2.45 (8/6) 3.76 (10/18) 3.84 (12/26) 3.07 (4/25) 4.11 (5/22)	1.90 (9/2) 3.45 (8/29) 3.31 (9/11) 2.64 (5/1) 3.39 (6/18)	.30 .60 .51 .22	.30 .47 .72 .34	
May 22 May 29 June 5 June 12 June 19 p/	4.09 (1/9) 4.39 4.42 4.44 4.47 4.46	3.83 (1/2) 4.11 4.08 4.10 4.09 4.09	3.06 (3/20) 3.31 3.31 3.32 3.39	.16 .28 .34 .34 .38 .37	.65 .80 .77 .79 .77	

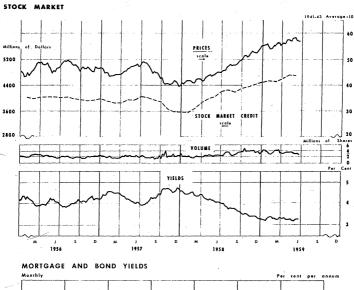
Lower-grade Bond Yields

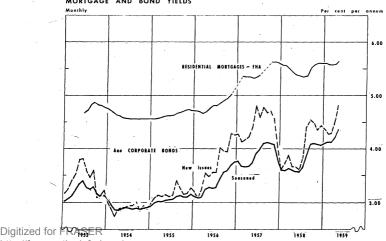
Date	Corporate	State and	Spread Asa an	between d Baa
	Baa <u>1</u> /	Baa 1/ local govt. Baa 2/		State and local govt.
		(Per cent)		
1954 - Low 1957 - High 1958 - High Low 1959 - High Low	3.44 (12/31) 5.10 (11/29) 4.96 (1/3) 4.51 (7/11) 5.04 (6/19) 4.83 (4/17)	2.93 (8/5) 4.51 (8/29) 4.34 (9/11) 3.64 (5/1) 4.29 (6/18) 3.92 (3/26)	.52 1.27 1.28 .77 .77	.96 1.21 1.11 .93 .98 .86
May 22 May 29 June 5 June 12 June 19 <u>p</u> /	4.97 5.01 5.03 5.03 5.04	4.20 4.20 4.20 4.23 4.29	.58 .59 .59 .56 .58	.89 .89 .89 .91

p/ Preliminary.
1/ Weekly average of daily figures. Average term of bonds included is 25-26 years. 2/ Weekly average of daily figures. The series includes bonds due or callable in 10 years or more.

^{3/} Thursday figures. Only general obligation bonds are included; average term is 20 years.

Note .-- Highs and lows are for individual series and may be on different dates for different series.





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Stock Market

		Common	Trading	Stock	market cust	omer credit
Date	Stock price	stock	volume 3/		Customers'	
24.00		yields 2/	(millions	Total	debit bal-	
	L	(per cent)	of shares)	1	ances 4/	"others" 5/
				(Milli	ons of doll	ars)
1953-1958 - High Low	54.11 (12/24/58) 22.95 (9/18/53)	3.30 6.25	4.9	4,492	3,285 1,314	1,317 669
1959 - High	58.68 (5/29)	3.16		r/4,721	3,401	1,332
Low	54.37 (2/6)	3.34	2.6	4,527	3,253	1,210
April	57.10	3.25		r/4,721	3,401	1,320
May	57.96	3.20	3.4	4,711	3 , 385	1,326
June 5	57.51	3.23	3.0	n.a.	n.a.	1,324
June 12	57.29	3.24	3.1	n.a.	n.a.	1,320
June 19 p/	57.13	3.25	2.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

n.a. -- Not available. p/ Preliminary.

1/ Standard and Poor's composite index of 500 common stocks, weekly closing prices, 1941-43-10. Honthly data are averages of daily figures rather than of Fridays' only. Highs and lows are for Fridays' data only.

2/ Standard and Poor's composite stock yield based on Wednesday data converted to weekly closing prices by Federal Reserve. Yields shown are for dates on which price index reached its high or low.

3/ Averages of daily trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange.

4/ End of month figures for member firms of the New York Stock Exchange which carry margin accounts; excludes balances secured by U. S. Government obligations.

5/ Wednesday figures for weekly reporting member banks. Excludes loans for purchasing or carrying U. S. Government securities at banks in New York and Chicago. Weekly reporting banks account for about 70 per cent of loans to others. For further detail see <u>Bulletin</u>.

Mortgage and Bond Yields 1/

Date	FHA	Aaa corpo bonds l		Spread beta	
	mortgages 2/	New 3/	Seasoned 4/	FHA mortgages	Seasoned bond
1953-1958 - High Low 1959 - High Low	5.63 (11/57 4.56 (2/55) 5.64 5.57) 4.81 (6/5 2.74 (3/5 4.81 4.29	7) 4.12 (9/5 4) 2.85 (4/5 4.37 4.12	7) 1.96 4) .54 1.29 .83	.90 12 .44 .15
1958 - Dec. 1959 - Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May	5.60 5.60 5.58 5.57 5.58	4.44 4.36 4.29 4.30 4.53 4.81	4.08 4.12 4.14 4.13 4.23 4.37	1.16 1.24 1.29 1.27 1.05	.36 .24 .15 .17 .30

I Meither mortgage nor bond yields take into account servicing costs which are much higher for mortgages thun bonds. Generally, bonds pay interest seni-annually; mortgages, monthly. Mortgage yields, if computed as equivalent to a semiannual interest investment, would be slightly higher than given in the table.

2/ Based on File field-office opinions about average bid prices in the private secondary market for new-home mortgages for immediate delivery. Since late 1955, data relate only to 25-year mortgages with downpayments of 10 per cent or more, weighted by probable volume of transactions. Yields computed by FRB, assuning 25-year mortgages are paid off in 12 years. Bashed lines indicate periods of adjustment to changes in the contractual interest rate.

3/ First National City Bank of New York. Averages of offering yields of all new issues of publicly-sold bonds rated Ana, As or A by Hoody's Investors Service (except scrial and convertible issues and offerings of natural gas and foreign companies) weighted by size of issue. Yields on As and Alssues are first adjusted to an Asa basis by the spread between yields of outstanding bonds in these categories and these on ana-rated bonds. The series reflects changes in industrial comp osition, maturity, type, etc. of new offerings.

4/ Moody's Inventors Service. Monthly averages of daily data. See Exhibit B.

Exhibit E

Long-term Corporate and State and Local Government Security Offerings and Placements

(In millions of dollars)

	1		New c	apital		
		Corporate		S	tate and lo	
	1959	1958 <u>r</u>	/ 1957	1959	1958	1957
January February March	840 745 631	728 85 7 1 , 553	1,060 1,065 1,320	636 856 6կկ	812 953 511	742 572 506
April May June	p/826 e/750 e/850	1,140 597 887	931 765 1 , 453	927 p/580 e/800	798 895 551	765 546 393
July August September		1,107 540 1,114	1,003 924 973		806 403 651	529 584 431
October November December		862 518 920	1,090 789 1,076		456 474 435	698 633 698
1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	2,216 <u>e</u> /2,426	3,139 2,623 2,760 2,300	3,445 3,149 2,899 2,954	2,136 <u>e</u> /2,307	2,276 2,244 1,860 1,365	1,820 1,704 1,544 2,029
lst half Three quarters Year	<u>e</u> /4,622	5,762 8,522 10,823	6,594 9,493 12,447	<u>e</u> /4,443	4,520 6,380 7,746	3,524 5,069 7,099
	Excluding	finance c	ompanies 4/	1		
1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	2,011 <u>e</u> /2,176	2,899 2,586 2,731 2,213	3,237 2,889 2,582 2,810			•
Year		10,429	11,518			

p/ Preliminary.

Estimated. p/ Preliminary. r/ Revised. Securities and Exchange Commission estimates of net proceeds.

Investment Bankers Association of America estimates of principal amounts. Includes \$718.3 million AT&T convertible debenture issue.

^{4/} Total new capital issues excluding offerings of sales and consumer finance companies.

Exhibit F

Other Security Offerings 1

(In millions of dollars)

		,		Long-	tarm		
		Foreig	gn governme		Fe	deral agenc	v 3/
		1959	1958	1957	1959	ederal agend	1957
January February March		77 59 2	197 54 	84 49 30	199 175	1,163 251 	72
April May June		56	139 200 120	123 48 42		523 	125
July August September			9 5 17	28 7 30		164 	215
October November December			57 123 74	60 1		220 	100
Year			995	507		2,321	572
				Short-	term		
		State and	local gove	rnment 4/	Fed	eral agency	3/
January February March		190 428 295	233 460 273	326 455 147	359 500 489	371 208 144	638 430 505
April May June	-	<u>p</u> /497	357 354 264	205 337 153	486 675	209 161 329	336 469 501
July August September		•	289 423 369	272 272 252		437 206 330	224 370 512
October November December			231 415 243	303 94 459		454 114 137	1,238 255 116
Year			3,910	3,274		3,098	5,543

p/ Preliminary.
1/ Data presented in this exhibit differ from those in Exhibit E in that refunding issues, as well as new capital issues, are included. Long-term securities are defined as those maturing in more than one year.

^{2/} Includes securities offered in the United States by foreign governments and their subdivisions and by international organizations. Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

^{3/} Issues not guaranteed by the U. S. Government. Source: long-term, Securities and Exchange Commission; short-term, Federal Reserve.

^{4/} Principally tax and bond anticipation notes, warrants or certificates and Public Digit Housing Authority notes. In some instances PAA notes included may have a somewhat longer term than one year. Source: Bond Buyer.

Large Long-term Public Security Issues for New Capital (Other than U. S. Treasury) $\underline{1}/$

Proceeds of Large Issues Offered.

(Millions of dollars)

Month	Corporate	State and local government	Other <u>2</u> /	
1958 - May	356	505	164	
June	281	195	86	
July	771	275	41	
August	209	109		
September	825	288	18	
October	259	172	209	
November	227	259	100	
December	305	229	79	
1959 - January	369	335	174	
February	340	551	35	
March	215	369	176	
April	359	563	20	
May	342	258	50	

Large Individual Issues Offered June 1 through 19

Issuer	Type <u>3</u> /	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net inter- est cost	Offering yield	Rating	
CORPORATE							
Pub. Service Elec. & Gas	lst&ref.mtg			5 1/8	5.00	Аa	
Florida Power Corp. Florida Power & Light Co. Duke Power Co. Consolidated Nat. Gas Co.	Com.stk. 1st mtg. be Pfd. stk. Cap. stk.	ds. 25.0 25.1	1989	5	4.95	Aa	
Virginia Elec. & Pwr. Co. STATE AND LOCAL COVERNMENT	Com. stk.	23.4					
Los Angeles Co. Flood Con-							
trol Dist., California	G.C.		1961-89	3.94	2.40-4.00,	/ Aa	
Memphis, Tennessee Pennsylvania State Hwy. &	G.O.	10.0	1960-89	3.51	2.30-4.204	/ Aa	
Bridge Authority	RevUt.		1961-79/6	7 3.55	2.60-3.65	Aa	
New York, New York	G.O.		1960-74		2.40-3.69	A	
State of Maryland State of California	G.O.		1962-74		2.50-3.25		
Port of New York Authority	G.O. RevUt.		1961-85/8 1960 -7 9/68		2.50-4.00 2.50-4.15	Aa A	

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Large Individual Issues Offered June 1 through 19 (Cont'd)

Issuer	Type <u>3</u> /	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net inter- est cost	Offering yield	Rating
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)						
State of Connecticut Yonkers, New York	RevS.T. G.O.	62.5 11.6	1964 - 97/69 1960 - 79	4.30 3.96	3.25-4.25 2.50-4.10	A A
OTHER						
None						

n.a. -- Not available.

2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and

4/ 1/4s of 1989 not publicly reoffered.

¹/ Includes corporate and other security offerings of \$15 million and over; State and local government security offerings of \$10 million and over.

Development issues and non-guaranteed issues by Federal agencies. 3/ In the case of State and local government securities, G.O. denotes general obligations; Rev.-Ut., revenue obligations secured only by income from public utilities; Rev.-Q.Ut., revenue bonds secured only by revenue from quasi-utilities; Rev.-S.T., revenue bonds secured by revenue from specific taxes only; Rev.-Rent., revenue bonds secured solely by lease payments.

Forthcoming Large Long-term Public Security Offerings for New Capital (Other than U. S. Treasury) $\underline{1}/$

Expected Proceeds from Forthcoming Large Issues

late of	Durin	g mónth foll date shown	owing	Su	ibsequent to date shown	
computation	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2/	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2
1958 - May 29	266	177	36	464	208	36
June 30	768	225		1,048	235 125	
July 31 Aug. 29	161 785	55 241		381 914	435	
Sept. 30 Oct. 31	113 204	295 258		216 326	524 675	
Nov. 28	301	229	71	401	683	71
Dec. 31 1959 - Jan. 30	210 270	261 551	75 45	370 365	51.5 856	75 45
Feb. 27 Mar. 31	198 396	. 292 550	20	279 476	481 761	20
Apr. 30	246	254	50	346	517	50
May 29	287	247		332	761	

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of June 19

Issuer	Туре	Amount (millions f dollars)	Approximate date of offering	
CORPORATE				
Spiegel, Inc.	Conv. sub. deb.	15.4	June 22 (rights expire)	
Philadelphia Electric Co.	Com. stk.	29.1	June 23 (rights expire)	
Philip Morris, Inc.	S.F. deb.	40.0	June 23	
Northern Illinois Gas Co.	lst mtg. bds.	20.0	June 24	
Long Island Lighting Co.	1st mtg. bds.	25.0	June 25	
International Recreation Corp.	Com. stk.	17.2		
United States Plywood Corp.	Conv. sub. deb.			
*Pennsylvania Electric Co.	lst mtg. bds.			
Commerce Oil Refining Corp.	Deb., bds. & comm	on 45.0	Summer	
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT				
Florida State Bd. of education	Rev.	12.0	June 23	
Los Angeles Dept. of Wtr. & Pwr., California	kevUt.	15.0	June 24	
	RevUt.	22.8		
Birmingham, Alabama Territory of Hawaii	G.O.	19.8		
State of New York	G.O.	50.0	June 30	
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Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of June 19 (Cont'd)

Issuer	Туре	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)			
*Maryland State Roads Commission	RevUt.	25.0	June 30
Jefferson Parish S. D. No. 1, La.	G.O.	10.0	July 2
*State of Ohio	RevS.T.	31.0	July 15
*University of California	RevQ.Ut.	18.0	July 17
*Territory of Hawaii	RevUt.	12.5	July 21
California Toll Bridge Authority Grant Co. Public Utility Dist. No.2,	RevUt.	34.0	July 28
Washington	RevUt.	200.0	July
*Michigan Highway Department	RevS.T.	50.0	July
Chesapeake Bay Ferry Commission	RevUt.	144.0	Summer
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	G.O.	120.0	Summer
New York Thruway Authority	RevUt.	50.0	Summer
OTHER			
*Montreal, Canada	S.F. deb.	20.0	June 30
Municipality of Metro. Toronto, Can.	S.F. deb.	33.2	July 1

*--Included in table for first time.

 $^{1\!\!/}$ Includes corporate and other issues of \$15 million and over; State and local government issues of \$10 million and over.

^{2/} Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development issues and non-guaranteed issues by Federal agencies.

Note.--Deletions for reasons other than sale of issue: None.

Exhibit I

Yields on New and Outstanding Electric Power Bonds, Rated Aa and A 1/

Aa-rated offering yields A-rated offering yields						
Date	Actual (ner cent)	Amount above easoned yields (basis points)	Actual	Amount above		
1952 - 1958 High Low	5.00 (9/14/5 2.93 (3/31/5		5.50 (11/7, 3.00 (3/17,	/57) 123 /54) - 15		
1958 - May June July August September October November December	3.87 3.87 4.072/ 4.472/ *4.44	18 17 28 18 23	4.07 4.162/ 	6 15 		
1959 - Jan. 7 20 28 Feb. 18 Mar. 11 25 26 31	4.60 4.65 4.352/ 4.402/ 4.43 4.43	34 40 4 11 9 9	4.75 ² /	23		
Apr. 3 15 16 29	4.60 4.59 4.55 <u>2</u> /	22 21 7	4.67	18		
May 1 13 14 20	4.95 4.95	38 34	4.85 5.06	17 13		
21 26 June 4	5.00 4.95	38 29	5.13	27		
17			4.923/	7		

^{*--}Single observation, not an average.

2/ Provides for a 5-year period during which issue may not be called for refunding at a lower coupon rate. Monthly averages so marked include one or more issues with such a provision. Other issues have no such provision. Digitized for FM/Provides for a 7-year period during which issue may not be called for

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L/ Covers only 30-year first mortgage bonds, as reported in Moody's Bond Survey. Except where indicated, the actual yield figure and the amount above seasoned yields are averages of offerings during the indicated period and of the differences between these new offering yields and yields on seasoned issues of similar quality for the same day. Average maturity for the seasoned issues varies from 26 to 28 years.