

7.9(3) The term “franchise” shall have the same meaning as set forth in 24 CFR Chapter XX, Section 3500.15(c) as of April 1995.

7.9(4) The term “affiliate relationship” means the relationship among business entities where one entity has effective control over the other by virtue of a partnership or other agreement or is under common control with the other by a third entity or where an entity is a corporation related to another corporation as parent to subsidiary by an identity of stock ownership.

7.9(5) The term “beneficial ownership” means the effective ownership of an interest in a provider of settlement services or the right to use and control the ownership interest involved even though legal ownership or title may be held in another person’s name.

7.9(6) The term “direct ownership” means the holding of legal title to an interest in a provider of settlement services except where title is being held for the beneficial owner.

7.9(7) The term “control” as used in the definition of “affiliate relationship” means that a person:

- a.* Is a general partner, officer, director, or employer of another person;
- b.* Directly or indirectly or acting in concert with others, or through one or more subsidiaries, owns, holds with power to vote, or holds proxies representing more than 20 percent of the voting interests of another person;
- c.* Affirmatively influences in any manner the election of a majority of the directors of another person; or
- d.* Has contributed more than 20 percent of the capital of the other person.