## Oppenheimer MANAGEMENT CORPORATION



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National Credit Union Administration Washington, D.C. 20456

Attn:

Mr. Steven R. Bisker

Assistant General Counsel

RE:

Oppenheimer GNMA Fund

To the National Credit Union Administration:

On behalf of Oppenheimer GNMA Fund (formerly Oppenheimer Federal Mortgage Trust), a registered open-end investment management company (the "Fund"), I have reviewed the Fund's prospectus and statement of additional information with respect to Sections 107(7) and (8) of the Federal Credit Union Activis. C. Sections 1757 (7) and (8)) and Part 703 of the National Credit Union Administration Rules and Regulations (12 C.F.R. Part 703), which are the pertinent provisions regulating federal credit union ("FCU") investments and deposits. I am of the opinion that the Fund is a legal investment for FCU's for the reasons set forth below. The Fund requests the National Credit Union Administration ("NCUA") to concur in this opinion.

The Fund recognizes that the NCUA has previously opined that investments in mutual funds are permissible for FCU's if all of the investments and investment practices of the fund are legal it made directly by an FCU. As set forth on page 3 of the Fund's prospectus under the heading "Introduction," and as permitted by 12 U.S.C. Section 1757(7), the Fund will invest exclusively in debt obligations and mortgage-backed securities assued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including collateralized mortgage obligations for which the underlying collateral is guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. The Fund will at all times have at least 65% of its assets invested in mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association (commonly known as "Ginnie Maes") which are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

As to the Fund's investment policies, examined below in the order in which they appear in the Prospectus, all such investment policies are authorized activities for a FCU as set forth in 12 C.F.R. Part 703 and 12 U.S.C. Sections 1757(7) and (8).

- 1. As discussed on page 4 of the Prospectus, the Fund may purchase mortgage-backed securities on a "when-issued" basis, and may purchase or sell such securities on a delayed "forward delivery" basis. Delivery and payment normally take place a number of days after the date of the commitment to purchase or sell but not to exceed 120 days). This is within the scope of 12 C.F.R. Part 703.3(b) that a FCU may enter into a cash forward agreement to purchase or sell a security, provided that the period from the trade date to the settlement date does not exceed 120 days).
- 2. The Fund's repurchase transactions also cussed at pages 4-5 of the Prospectus, are of the "investment-type" permitted for FCU's pursuant to 12 C.F.R. Part 703.3(1), whereby the FCU purchasing the security shall, among other possibilities, take physical possession of the security. In its repurchase transactions, the Fund purchases a security (normally a U.S. Treasury obligation) and simultaneously agrees to resell it to the vendor (either a commercial bank or broker-dealer) on an agreed-upon future date. Pending such repurchase, the Fund holds the security (and/or securities which may be substituted for it under the repurchase agreement) as collateral for the timely payment of the repurchase price.

3 The Fund may lend its portfolio securities (see page 5 of the Prospectus) if the loan is collateralized in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements and if, after any loan, the value of the securities loaned does not exceed 25% of the value of its assets; this satisfies the applicable 12 C.F.R. Section 703.3(c).

In addition, the Fund engages in none of the prohibited activities set forth in 12 C.F.R. 703.4. In particular, the Fund cannot buy or sell futures contracts, nor can it engage in short sales.

Accordingly, the Fund is of the Opinion that it is a permitted investment for Federal credit unions, and asks the National Credit Union Administration to concur in this Opinion.

Sincerely,

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