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Date:	December 14, 2023
Subject:	Arlington Asset Investment Corporation - Contract Adjustment Option Symbol: 12/14/2023 - AAIC remains AAIC 12/15/2023 - AAIC becomes EFC1 Date: 12/14/2023
Contract Adjustment	
Date:	December 14, 2023
Option Symbol:	12/14/2023 - AAIC remains AAIC (with adjusted deliverable described below) 12/15/2023 - AAIC changes to EFC1
Strike Divisor:	1
Contracts Multiplier:	1
New Multiplier:	100 (e.g., a premium of 1.50 yields \$150; a strike of 5 yields \$500.00)
New Deliverable Per Contract:	1) 36 Ellington Financial Inc. (EFC) Common Shares 2) Cash in lieu of 0.19 fractional EFC shares 3) \$9.00 cash (\$0.09 x 100)
	Note: Once determined the cash in lieu of fractional share portion of the option deliverable remains fixed and does not vary with price changes of any security.
CUSIP:	EFC: 28852N109

## **Pricing**

Until the cash in lieu amount is determined, the underlying price for EFC1 will be determined as follows:

EFC1 = 0.3619 (EFC) + 0.09

## **Delayed Settlement**

The EFC component of the EFC1 deliverable will settle through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC). OCC will delay settlement of the cash portion of the EFC1 deliverable until the cash in lieu of fractional EFC shares is determined. Upon determination of the cash in lieu amount, OCC will require Put exercisers and Call assignees to deliver the appropriate cash amount.

## **Background**

On December 12, 2023, Shareholders of Arlington Asset Investment Corporation (AAIC) voted concerning the proposed merger with Ellington Financial Inc. (EFC). The merger was approved and subsequently consummated before the open on December 14, 2023. As a result, each existing AAIC Class A Common Share will be converted into the right to receive 0.3619 EFC Common Shares plus \$0.09 Cash. Cash will be paid in lieu of fractional EFC shares.

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