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**Petrou Comments: Election Impact on Big Bank Break-Up Agenda**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Karen Shaw Petrou, managing partner of Federal Financial Analytics, has provided the following in response to requests for comment on the election’s impact on the financial-regulatory outlook:

“With the Obama victory, the Romney ‘replace and repeal’ agenda is scuttled in favor of an ‘operationalize and finalize’ one. This doesn’t, though, mean just a slog through the hundreds of rules awaiting completion. Mr. Obama’s win comes of course in the context of a new Senate, one in which advocates of big-bank break-up have gained a new edge. I think one of the first areas of genuine bipartisanship will be an alliance of the most liberal Democrats – newly-elected Elizabeth Warren combining with Sen. Sherrod Brown and others – with very conservative Republicans like Sen. Richard Shelby and many House Republicans. Progressive Democrats don’t agree with populist Republicans on much but their shared belief that big banks remain too big to fail. I think this will be among the most aggressive reform items on Congress’s agenda early in the new year, one with considerable political potential.”

Requests for interviews may be made via return e-mail or by calling 202-589-0880 and asking for Arezou Rafikian.

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