



November 11, 2015

Minutes of the Telbor Committee meeting held on November 10, 2015

Committee members present:	Roy Stein (Bank of Israel Research Department – Committee Chairperson) Zahi Elias (banks' representative) Sharon Lavi (Tel Aviv Stock Exchange)
Committee member absent:	Ketty Cohen (Bank of Israel Market Operations Department)
Other participants:	Ran Abraham (Mizrahi-Tefahot Bank) Ian Klotnick (Israel Discount Bank) Michal Rot-Levy (Bank Hapoalim) Zach Sharon (Bank Leumi)
Absent:	Liraz Refaely (First International Bank)

The issues that were discussed:

1. At the Committee's meeting in April 2015, it was decided that beginning in May, the spread would be narrowed to 4 basis points (± 2), both for loan and deposit transactions for overnight as well as for interest rate derivative transactions, for a period of half a year (until the end of November 2015). The decision was intended to maintain the effectiveness of the commitment to execute transactions on the basis of Telbor quotes, even in an interest rate environment very near to zero and with market participants assessing that the short term interest rate will change only moderately, if at all. At the current meeting, it was decided to defer by a half a year the date set for the period to end (until the end of May 2016). In addition, it was decided that if one of the contributor banks demands to end it immediately, due to a change in the interest rate environment—and particularly due to an increase in uncertainty regarding the development of the short term interest rate—it is to submit a request to Committee representatives, and the Committee will discuss it and publish its decision within 2 business days after the decision is reached. Should the Committee decide to approve the request, the decision will go into effect already on the next business day, and the obligating spread will return to 6 basis points, ± 3 .
2. The attached Appendix presents the dates in 2016 on which the Telbor interest rate will not be fixed. These dates were determined by the rule formulated by the Committee (see the Rules and Definitions Documents, on the Bank of Israel website).

Appendix

Dates in 2016 on which the Telbor rate will not be fixed, in addition to Saturdays and Sundays

Date			
Day	Month	Day of week	Observance
1	January	Friday	Holiday abroad
24	March	Thursday	Purim (outside of Jerusalem)
29	April	Friday	Last day of Passover
12	May	Thursday	Independence Day
3	October	Monday	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) 1 st day
4	October	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) 2 nd day
11	October	Tuesday	Yom Kippur eve
12	October	Wednesday	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
17	October	Monday	Sukkot
24	October	Monday	Shmini Atzeret
26	December	Monday	Holiday abroad