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Nuveen Mortgage Opportunity Term Fund (JLS)
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Nuveen Funds Response to ISS Proxy Advisory Services' Request March 15, 2017

Nuveen Funds Response ISS Proxy Advisory Services has indicated that it would require more information before recommending that shareholders of the following Nuveen Funds vote for members of the Funds' Audit Committee in connection with the election of Trustees: Nuveen Mortgage Opportunity Term Fund (JLS) Nuveen Mortgage Opportunity Term Fund 2 (JMT) Any such recommendation would be based on a determination by ISS Proxy Advisory Services that the Funds' Audit Committee did not approved an excessive amount of non-audit fees paid to each Fund's auditor, which could have increased the potential for conflicts of interest. Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (NFAL), each Fund's investment adviser, is providing additional detail to assist ISS Proxy Advisory Services in making such determination.

Nuveen Funds Response, Cont. NFAL believes the Audit committee acted appropriately in approving the non-audit related services in question for the following reasons: Both of the Funds have unique circumstances within the Nuveen Fund complex that require a higher than normal level of non-audit services be performed. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) is uniquely or more qualified than other firms to perform the non-audit services in question on behalf of the Funds. While the fees paid to PwC by each Fund for non-audit services may appear out of proportion, the overall amount of non-audit fees paid to PwC by the Funds is de minimis compared to the overall audit fees paid by the complex to PwC. The Audit Committee has taken into account PwC's expertise in the areas requiring additional services and, together with the overall amount of audit-related fees paid to PwC by the Nuveen Funds complex, has determined that the use of PwC to perform these services was and is in the best interests of each Fund and their shareholders. This determination was made with full disclosure of all facts and in accordance with each Fund's Audit Committee Charter and applicable SEC and NYSE rules and regulations.

Nuveen Mortgage Opportunity Term Fund (JLS) Nuveen Mortgage Opportunity Term Fund 2 (JMT) Nuveen Mortgage Opportunity Term Fund (JLS) Nuveen Mortgage Opportunity Term Fund 2 (JMT) The Funds invest primarily in mortgage-backed securities (MBS) The tax accretion of discount on MBS that have significant principal repayments differs from financial statement reporting purposes. The Funds engaged PwC's Financial Modeling group to assist in the calculation of discount accruals on a tax basis and the basis adjustments associated with sales of MBS, both of which are based on factors not readily available. When the Funds were launched in 2009/2010, only one other accounting firm provided the necessary services. The other firm's modeling contained significant assumptions and estimates when compared to modeling performed by PwC's Financial Modeling group, thereby making PwC uniquely qualified to perform those services. For JLS, the \$88,339 of non-audit related fees incurred in fiscal year 2016 as reported in the Funds' proxy statements were comprised of the following: \$82,890 related to the discount calculations (recurring); and \$5,449 related to annual excise tax review (recurring). For JMT, the \$86,269 of non-audit related fees incurred in fiscal year 2016 as reported in the Funds' proxy statements were comprised of the following: \$80,820 related to the discount calculations (recurring); and \$5,449 related to annual excise tax review (recurring). Based on the foregoing and a determination that such services would not impair PwC's independence with respect to the Funds, the Audit Committee approved the use of PwC for such non-audit services.