

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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In re:
THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,
as representative of
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
et al.,
Debtors.¹

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS
(Jointly Administered)

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In re:
THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,
as representative of
PUERTO RICO PUBLIC BULDINGS
AUTHORITY,
Debtor.

PROMESA Title III

No. 19 BK 5523-LTS
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ORDER (A) EXTENDING DEADLINES FOR FILING
PROOFS OF CLAIM AND (B) APPROVING FORM AND MANNER OF NOTICE THEREOF

Upon the *Urgent Motion (A) to Extend Deadline for Filing Proofs of Claim and (B) to Approve Form and Manner of Notice Thereof* (Docket Entry No. 13398 in Case No. 17-

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor’s respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (“COFINA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

3283 and Docket Entry No. 87 in Case No. 19-5523, the “Motion”²), dated June 10, 2020, of the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA”) for entry of an order establishing an extended deadline for filing proofs of claim against PBA; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to PROMESA section 306(a); and it appearing that venue in this district is proper pursuant to PROMESA section 307(a); and the Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of PBA, its creditors, and other parties in interest; and the Court having found that, based upon the relief requested by the Motion, no other or further notice is required; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted to the extent set forth herein.
2. The General Bar Date for claimants to submit proofs of claim either electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery, as defined and set forth in the *Order (A) Establishing Deadlines and Procedures for Filing Proofs of Claim and (B) Approving Form and Manner of Notice Thereof* (Docket Entry No. 55 in Case No. 19-5523), shall be extended to **4:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) on July 29, 2020** (the “Third Extended Bar Date”).
3. In light of closures necessitated by the spread of COVID-19, Puerto Rico-based Collection Centers for claimants to file proofs of claim by hand delivery will not open prior to June 15, 2020. Claimants who wish to file their proofs of claim before June 15, 2020 are encouraged to file electronically or by mail.

² All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

4. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2002, PBA, through Prime Clerk, is authorized and directed to cause a copy of a notice, substantially in the form of **and incorporating the redlined changes in** the notice attached hereto as Attachment 1, to be published once, as soon as practicable under the circumstances after the entry of this Order, in (a) *El Nuevo Día* in Spanish (primary circulation is in Puerto Rico), (b) *San Juan Star* in English (primary circulation is in Puerto Rico), (c) *El Diario* and *El Nuevo Herald*, both in Spanish (primary circulation is in New York and Miami, respectively), and (d) *The Bond Buyer*.

5. PBA, through Prime Clerk, is authorized and directed to cause no less than fourteen radio advertisements, alerting listeners of the Third Extended Bar Date, to be aired as soon as practicable under the circumstances following entry of this Order for a seven-day period, on (a) WMEG FM (contemporary hit radio) in Spanish and (b) WKAQ AM (Spanish language talk radio) in Spanish.

6. The Debtors, through Prime Clerk, are further authorized and directed to cause a copy of a notice, substantially in the form of the Reminder Notice attached to the Bar Date Order as Exhibit 1-A, to be published in the periodicals identified in paragraph 4 on a date that is no fewer than fourteen (14) days prior to the Third Extended Bar Date.

7. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to or arising from the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

8. This Order resolves Docket Entry No. 13398 in Case No. 17-3283 and

Docket Entry No. 87 in Case No. 19-5523.

Dated: June 11, 2020

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
United States District Judge

Attachment 1

Form of Publication Notice

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NOTICE OF EXTENDED DEADLINES FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM

DEADLINE EXTENSION

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**TO ALL CREDITORS OF THE DEBTORS, AND TO OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST,
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

On September 27, 2019, the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Oversight Board”) filed a voluntary petition under section 304(a) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”),² initiating a Title III case under PROMESA (a “Title III Case”) for the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA”), Federal Tax ID No. 3801, Case No. 19 BK 5523. **You may be a creditor of PBA, and you may be required to file a proof of claim (“Proof of Claim”).**

The deadline to file a proof of claim has been extended to July 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (Atlantic Time).

If you have already filed a Proof of Claim, no further action is required unless directed by court order, notice, or otherwise.

Key Points

- In a Title III proceeding under PROMESA, creditors may be required to file claim forms stating the amount of money owed to them as of the day the Title III proceeding was filed. This document explains how to file claims.
- **Many creditors in the Title III Cases are not required to file a claim.** For more information, please refer to the Claims Agent’s website at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/puertorico/>, call the Claims Agent at (844) 822-9231 (toll free for U.S. and Puerto Rico) or (646) 486-7944 (for international callers), available 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) (Spanish available), or email at puertoricoinfo@primeclerk.com.
- **If you are not required to file a claim, you do not need to complete and return a claim form**, and you will still keep your rights to vote on a plan of adjustment and receive payments under the plan. A plan of adjustment is a document that explains how a Debtor proposes to pay the amounts it owes to its creditors. Once filed, this plan will be available for creditors to review. Who gets to vote on the plan will be determined at a later date. The amount you may receive under the plan also will be determined later.
- **If you are required to file a claim against any of the Debtors**, the deadline to do so has been extended to **July 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., Atlantic Standard Time**. To obtain a form that you may use to file your claim, refer to the contact information below.
- Claims may be filed:

² PROMESA is codified at 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

- **electronically** by filing on the Claims Agent's website at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/puertorico/EPOC-Index>,
 - **by first class mail**, at the following address: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Claims Processing Center, c/o Prime Clerk, LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232,
 - **by overnight courier**, at the following address: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Claims Processing Center, c/o Prime Clerk, LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232, or
 - **by hand delivery**, at any of the following locations:
 - Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Claims Processing Center, c/o Prime Clerk, LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232
 - Citi Towers, 250 Ponce de León Ave., Suite 503, Hato Rey, San Juan, PR 00918;
 - 151 Calle de San Francisco, 2nd Floor, San Juan, PR 00901;
 - Bianca Convention Center, Carr 2 KM 143, Floor 1, Añasco, PR 00610;
 - Oceana HUB Center, 2 Calle Acerina, Caguas, PR 00725;
 - Joe's Blue, MCS Building, 880 Tito Castro Avenue, 1st Floor, Ponce, PR 00716-4732.³
- PLEASE NOTE THAT, in light of the Governor's May 21, 2020 executive order addressing the situation regarding COVID-19, the collection centers at which claimants may file proofs of claim by hand delivery will not open prior to June 15, 2020. **Please call (844) 822-9231 before proceeding to one of these locations to confirm whether the location is open.** Claimants are encouraged to file proofs of claim electronically or by mail.

After reading this notice, if you require additional information, you may contact the Claims Agent at (844) 822-9231 (toll free for U.S. and Puerto Rico) or (646) 486-7944 (for international callers), available 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) (Spanish available), or by email at puertoricoinfo@primeclerk.com. Please note that the people answering the phone number are not able to provide legal advice. If you have questions about your legal rights, including whether you need to file a claim, you should talk to an attorney.

³ PBA reserves the right to amend the locations accepting proofs of claim by hand delivery.