

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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)

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. 12430 in Case No. 17-3283 and Docket Entry No. 56 in Case No. 19-5523, the “Motion”),² of Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA”) for entry of an order (this “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

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).

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

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 any objections to the relief requested herein having been resolved as set forth herein, or withdrawn or overruled on the merits; 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* [Case No. 19-5523, ECF No. 55], shall be extended to **4:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) on May 15, 2020** (the “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 before March 31, 2020. Claimants are encouraged to file their proofs of claim electronically or by mail.
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) *Caribbean Business* 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 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' proposed form of notice, as modified by the changes reflected in the redline attached hereto as **Attachment 1**, is approved.

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

Dated: March 18, 2020

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain
Honorable Judge Laura Taylor Swain
United States District Judge

Attachment 1

Form of Publication Notice

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*

Debtors.

PROMESA
Title III

Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF EXTENDED DEADLINES FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM

DEADLINE EXTENSION

**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 *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”),¹ 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 May 15, 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 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**

¹ PROMESA is codified at 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

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 **May 15, 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 by (a) electronically filing on the Claims Agent's website at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/puertorico/EPOC-Index>, or (b) mail or hand delivery to ~~the addresses provided in Section 6 of this document~~ [\[address\]](#).
- PLEASE NOTE THAT, in light of the Governor's March 15, 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 ~~until before~~ until before March 31, 2020. Claimants are encouraged to file proofs of claim electronically or by mail ~~until the opening of the collection centers on March 31, 2020~~.

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.