

**IN THE 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)

**STATEMENT OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE
OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO IN SUPPORT OF URGENT JOINT MOTION OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, PUERTO RICO HIGHWAYS AND
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER
AUTHORITY, AND FINANCIAL ADVISORY AUTHORITY FOR ORDER
CONCERNING RECEIPT AND USE OF ANTICIPATED FEDERAL DISASTER
RELIEF FUNDS AND PRESERVING RIGHTS OF PARTIES**

The Official Committee of Retired Employees of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “**Retiree Committee**”) hereby submits this statement in support of the *Urgent Joint Motion of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, and the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority*

¹ The Debtors in these jointly-administered PROMESA Title III Cases, along with each Debtor’s respective Title III Case number listed as a bankruptcy case number due to software limitations and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are: (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 (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (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 (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric and Power Authority (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747) (Title III case numbers are listed as bankruptcy case numbers due to software limitations).

for Order Concerning Receipt and Use of Anticipated Federal Disaster Relief Funds and Preserving Rights of Parties [Docket No. 1444] (the “**Motion**”).

The Retiree Committee fully supports the Motion. Most of the Retiree Committee’s 160,000 constituents live on the Island and have personally experienced the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. These retirees, like all of the citizens of Puerto Rico, face continuing challenges as a result of the damage Hurricane Maria caused to Puerto Rico’s infrastructure—lack of power, limited or no access to clean water, and limited or no cell and internet service, among others. As set forth in the Motion, the President has declared Puerto Rico a “state of emergency” and a “major disaster.” Puerto Rico and its citizens are in dire need of the Federal Disaster Relief Funds that are the subject of this Motion. The Retiree Committee urges this Court to grant the Motion.

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Respectfully submitted,

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