

# **EXHIBIT 1**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

In the matter of the application of

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ~~(and U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (each separately~~ as Trustee, Securities Administrator, Paying Agent, and/or Calculation Agent under various Pooling and Servicing Agreements),

~~Petitioner~~ Petitioners,

for judicial instructions pursuant to CPLR Article 77.

Index No. 656028/2021

Justice Andrew S. Borrok  
Part 53

~~FIRST~~ SECOND AMENDED  
PETITION

~~Petitioner~~ Petitioners U.S. Bank National Association and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, solely in ~~its~~ their capacities as trustee, securities administrator, paying agent, and/or calculation agent (as named in such role or as successor to the named party, the “~~Petitioner~~ Petitioners”) for the ~~seventy-seven~~ sixty-six residential mortgage-backed securitization trusts (“RMBS”) listed on Exhibit A hereto (including any individually designated loan groups therein, the “Subject Trusts”), ~~files~~ file this ~~first~~ second amended petition (the “Petition” or “Second Amended Petition”) pursuant to Article 77 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules (“CPLR”) seeking instruction concerning the interpretation and application of certain provisions of the contracts governing the Subject Trusts (the “Governing Agreements”). This Second Amended Petition modifies the list of Subject Trusts to ~~add the “Group II Certificates” of SACO I 2005-10 (as that term is defined in Exhibit B (SACO I 2005-10 PSA)) (“SACO I 2005-10 (Grp. II))”,<sup>1</sup> and revises~~ omit reference to the eleven RMBS previously at issue in this proceeding pursuant to the first amended petition (the “First Amended Petition”)

<sup>1</sup> ~~Petitioner is not seeking instruction concerning the “Group I Certificates” for SACO I 2005-10 (as defined in Exhibit B (SACO I 2005-10 PSA)) because the issues raised herein are not expected to impact the Group I Certificates due to amounts owed to the insurer of certain Group I Certificates.~~

(NYSCEF No. 33),<sup>1</sup> but which have since been severed from this action following entry of certain Partial Severance Orders and Partial Final Judgments related to these RMBS (NYSCEF Nos. 171, 258), and to revise certain aspects of the ~~original petition (NYSCEF No. 1) (the “Original First Amended Petition”)~~. A redline comparing the Second Amended Petition to the ~~Original First Amended~~ Petition is attached as Exhibit 1 to the affirmation of Nidhi Nina Yadava filed contemporaneously herewith.

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. In ~~its~~their respective roles for each of the Subject Trusts, ~~Petitioner is~~Petitioners are responsible for calculating and distributing payments to investors, known as “**certificateholders**,” from the collections derived from the mortgage loans held in the Subject Trusts. Certificateholders own designated classes of “**certificates**” that are entitled to distributions in a specific order set forth in payment provisions in the Governing Agreements. These provisions are commonly referred to as “**waterfalls**,” and the Governing Agreements contain three distinct waterfalls that govern distributions: (i) the “**interest**” waterfall, (ii) the “**principal**” waterfall, and (iii) the “**Excess Cashflow**” waterfall.

2. This Petition concerns issues regarding (i) the manner in which distributions are calculated and applied under the waterfalls after the aggregate outstanding principal balances of the Class A, Class M, and/or Class B classes of certificates (the “**Primary Classes**”) are reduced to zero, and (ii) the treatment of borrower payments of deferred or forborne principal, interest, and/or other amounts on mortgages that have been subject to servicer modifications in connection

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<sup>1</sup> The First Amended Petition was preceded by an original petition dated as of October 18, 2021 (the “**Original Petition**”) (NYSCEF No. 1) which was accompanied by an original order to show cause entered as of November 16, 2021 (the “**Original Order to Show Cause**”) (NYSCEF No. 30).

with a default or a reasonably foreseeable default (as determined by servicers), which is a subsidiary issue that has the potential to impact issue (i).

***Issues Related to Distributions of Funds  
After Primary Classes' Principal Balances Are Reduced to Zero***

3. Each of the Subject Trusts issued Class A, Class M, and/or Class B classes, *i.e.*, the Primary Classes. *See, e.g.*, Exhibit C (SACO I 2006-4 Pooling and Servicing Agreement (“PSA”), § 6.01.<sup>2</sup> These classes of certificates have priority payment rights at varying levels with respect to the funds collected over the life of the Subject Trusts. *See generally id.* § 5.04(a). The Subject Trusts also issued Class C, CE, or B-IO classes (referred to herein as the “Class C Classes” or “Class C”), which may be entitled to specified funds in certain circumstances. *See generally id.*

4. Distributions to the Primary Classes under the principal and interest waterfalls are calculated based upon the outstanding principal balances of each Primary Class. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(1)-(2).

5. Distributions to the Class C Classes are generally limited to certain amounts that may be distributable under the Excess Cashflow waterfall, and the economic interests of the Class C Classes are tied to the “**overcollateralization**” structure of the Subject Trusts. *See generally id.* § 5.04(a)(3).

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<sup>2</sup> Although certain of the Governing Agreements use varying terminology for particular concepts, they are materially similar with respect to the issues addressed in the Petition unless otherwise noted. To the extent this Petition cites particular definitions or provisions from the Governing Agreements, unless otherwise noted it uses SACO I 2006-4 as an exemplar, and the pooling and servicing agreement for this transaction, dated March 1, 2006, is attached hereto as Exhibit C. Because the total volume of the relevant contracts is many thousands of pages in length, **Petitioner is** Petitioners are prepared to provide the Court with electronic versions of each Subject Trust’s pooling and servicing agreement in a format to be specified by the Court.

6. Under the overcollateralization structure, the initial aggregate unpaid principal balance of the mortgage loans held in each Subject Trust exceeded the initial aggregate principal balance of the Subject Trust's Primary Classes. *See* Exhibit D (SACO I 2006-4 Remittance Report, Apr. 2006) at 2, 5; *see also* Exhibit E (SACO I 2006-4 Prospectus Supplement) ("**Pro Supp**") at S-9. At any given time, the current amount of overcollateralization is equal to the excess aggregate unpaid principal balance of the mortgage loans over the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Primary Classes. *See* PSA § 1.01 (Definition of Overcollateralization Amount). This excess, if any, may fluctuate, and it is intended as a credit enhancement for the Primary Classes insofar as the collateral in the Subject Trusts was generally expected to generate more cashflow than needed to satisfy interest and principal amounts owed to the Primary Classes. *See* Exhibit E (Pro Supp) at S-8 to S-9. This feature was specifically intended to insulate the Primary Classes from incurring "**realized losses.**" *Id.* at S-17.

7. If on any payment date the level of overcollateralization in a Subject Trust exceeds the amount of overcollateralization required under the Governing Agreements, funds may be distributed under the Excess Cashflow waterfall (in addition to any required distributions made under the interest and principal waterfalls). *See* PSA, §§ 1.01 (Definition of Excess Cashflow), 5.04(a)(3). Excess Cashflow may be distributed to certain Primary Classes as reimbursement for prior realized losses or interest shortfalls incurred by such Primary Classes, and thereafter any remaining funds constituting Excess Cashflow may be distributed to the Class C Classes, which are in a subordinate position in the Excess Cashflow waterfall. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(3).

8. As a result of defaults on the mortgage loans, the Primary Classes have incurred substantial realized losses, which have also eroded the overcollateralization in the Subject Trusts. *See* Exhibit F (Selected Aggregate Subject Trust Data). Indeed, the individual

overcollateralization for each Subject Trust has generally not reached levels high enough to permit distributions under the Excess Cashflow waterfall, and such distributions have been very limited since issuance. *See id.* As of the September 2021 payment period, the Subject Trusts currently have \$~~191,245,983~~173,938,232 in aggregate overcollateralization, and the amount of overcollateralization (which, for certain of the Subject Trusts, is determined with respect to particular loan groups) ranges from \$12,599 to \$19,614,369.<sup>3</sup> *See id.*

9. Due to both principal payments and the application of realized losses, the Primary Classes' principal balances will eventually be reduced to zero and some already have been reduced to zero. *See id.* It is expected that when the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Primary Classes for a Subject Trust is reduced to zero, there will be some amount of assets remaining in the Subject Trusts (or, for Subject Trusts where this has already occurred, there are in fact assets remaining). *See id.* It is also expected that certain of the Primary Classes will have outstanding unreimbursed realized losses and/or interest shortfalls at that time (or presently have losses and/or shortfalls for applicable Subject Trusts where the Primary Classes have already reached an aggregate principal balance of zero). *See id.*

10. The Governing Agreements, however, are unclear as to whether collections on the mortgage loans should be distributed under the principal or Excess Cashflow waterfalls when the Primary Classes' principal balances are reduced to zero ("**Post-Zero Balance Collections**"). This gives rise to various questions concerning how ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners should administer the waterfalls here, which ultimately may impact whether, and to what extent, the Primary Classes or Class C Classes are entitled to distributions of Post-Zero Balance Collections.

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<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all statements in this Petition concerning the Subject Trusts' current economics are as of the September 2021 payment period.

11. In addition, the Governing Agreements include a “**Retired Class Provision**” that may arguably prohibit distributions to the Primary Classes after such classes’ principal balances have been reduced to zero. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a). As a result, the Retired Class Provision may prevent distributions of Post-Zero Balance Collections to the Primary Classes regardless of whether Post-Zero Balance Collections are construed to come within the principal or Excess Cashflow waterfalls. *See id.* This may potentially result in distributions to the Class C Classes, even though certain Primary Classes have substantial outstanding realized losses. *See id.* It is unclear whether the Retired Class Provision should have this effect given the structure of the Subject Trusts, and this particular provision is subject to an ongoing dispute among interested parties in a different matter concerning some of the Subject Trusts. Additionally, **Petitioner** ~~has~~Petitioners have received correspondence from investors asserting that the Retired Class Provision should not be applied to prevent distributions of Excess Cashflow to Class A classes, and should also not be applied to prevent increases to the balances of such classes in certain circumstances.

***Issues Related to Treatment of Collections of Deferred Payments on Modified Mortgage Loans***

12. The servicers for the mortgage loans in the Subject Trusts periodically authorize loan modification agreements with borrowers under which borrowers may be permitted to defer scheduled payments of principal or payments of interest or other amounts.

13. Servicers typically include all amounts that are deferred under modification agreements in a non-interest-bearing component of the mortgage loan’s principal balance (“**Deferred Principal Amounts**”), and generally report and treat Deferred Principal Amounts as losses on the mortgage loans, *i.e.*, as a “**loan-level loss.**” It is a common industry practice for servicers to treat such amounts as losses even though most of the Governing Agreements do not expressly call for treating Deferred Principal Amounts as losses. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of

Realized Loss). This practice reflects the possibility that borrowers may ultimately not pay back Deferred Principal Amounts that are due on modified loans, and, at least in part, has been influenced by government guidance stemming from the 2008 financial crisis, as discussed *infra* ¶¶ 70-76.

14. In some instances, however, borrowers may eventually pay Deferred Principal Amounts according to a schedule set forth in the applicable modification agreement, which often provides that Deferred Principal Amounts are due at the end of the term of the loan or over some set period of time. When this happens, servicers reduce the non-interest-bearing principal balance associated with the modified loan in the amount of any borrower payments corresponding to Deferred Principal Amounts (“**Deferred Principal Collections**”).

15. With respect to the certificates, servicer treatment of Deferred Principal Amounts as loan-level losses may reduce overcollateralization and may result in the application of realized losses to the Primary Classes, if there is insufficient overcollateralization to provide a buffer for such realized losses when applied. *See id.* § 5.05(a); *see also id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Applied Realized Loss Amount). If a realized loss is applied to one or more Primary Classes, ~~Petitioner~~ Petitioners are required to reduce, or write down, the certificate principal balance of the particular Primary Classes to which the loss is applied. *See id.* §§ 5.05(b), 1.01 (Definitions of Applied Realized Loss Amount, Certificate Principal Balance). Additionally, if Deferred Principal Collections are distributed to one or more Primary Classes, ~~Petitioner is~~ Petitioners are required to reduce the certificate principal balance of the particular Primary Classes that received such distributions to account for a principal payment. *See id.* §§ 1.01 (Definition of Certificate Principal Balance), 5.04(a)(2).

16. From time to time, servicers may also remit collections representing recoveries on previously recognized loan-level losses for loans subject to a liquidation or final disposition, as indicated in servicer reporting, and these types of recoveries are defined as “**Subsequent Recoveries.**” *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Subsequent Recoveries); *see also id.* § 3.04 (“The Master Servicer . . . shall account fully to the Trustee for any funds received by the Master Servicer or that otherwise are collected by the Master Servicer as . . . Subsequent Recoveries in respect of any such Mortgage Loan.”). The Governing Agreements require ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners to increase, or “**write-up,**” the balance of the Primary Classes in the amount of Subsequent Recoveries remitted by the Servicer. *See id.* § 5.04(b); *see also id.* § 1.01 (Definitions of Certificate Principal Balance, Subsequent Recoveries). This is done to account for the prior application of a realized loss to the certificates stemming from the underlying loan-level loss on liquidated or disposed-of loans.

17. But, the Governing Agreements for the vast majority of the Subject Trusts do *not* define Subsequent Recoveries to include amounts collected that relate to Deferred Principal Amounts or previously reported losses resulting from loan modifications. *See id.* And, Subsequent Recoveries are the only designated amounts for which write-ups may be applied under the Governing Agreements—*i.e.*, if an amount is not a Subsequent Recovery, there is no express mechanism requiring the application of a write-up for such amount. Consistent with these aspects of the Governing Agreements for such Subject Trusts, ~~Petitioner does~~Petitioners do not treat Deferred Principal Collections as Subsequent Recoveries, and ~~does~~do not apply write-ups to the Primary Classes when Deferred Principal Collections are distributed. There are, however, four Subject Trusts where the Governing Agreements are slightly different with respect to this issue: (i) three of the Subject Trusts have a definition of Subsequent Recoveries that includes “amounts

received” with respect to “a Mortgage Loan that has been modified which resulted in a Realized Loss,” and (ii) one Subject Trust has no reference to Subsequent Recoveries. *See* Exhibit G (Subsequent Recovery Concepts for the Subject Trusts). In total, then, ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two of the ~~seventy-seven~~sixty-six Subject Trusts do not define Subsequent Recoveries to include collections stemming from modification-related realized losses, such as Deferred Principal Collections. *See id.*

18. The treatment of Deferred Principal Collections may materially impact the amount of funds distributed to any particular class of certificates in the future. The aggregate mortgage loan balance for a Subject Trust, as reported by servicers each period, necessarily reflects a decrease for any Deferred Principal Amounts included in a non-interest-bearing balance for a modified loan, due to servicers treating such amounts as loan-level losses. Such losses decrease the aggregate mortgage loan balance at the time of modification. When Deferred Principal Collections are subsequently received and distributed to certificateholders in a later period, such amounts decrease the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Primary Classes—because no write-up is applied. But, in the period of such distributions, servicers do not apply a downward adjustment to the collateral balance due to the fact that a loan-level loss was previously recognized for the related Deferred Principal Amounts. As a result, distributions of Deferred Principal Collections may increase the amount by which the aggregate principal balance of the mortgage loans (which, again, *are not reduced* for such amounts) exceeds the Primary Classes’ aggregate outstanding principal balance (which, again, *are reduced* for such amounts). This necessarily may lead to increases in overcollateralization. Additionally, if Deferred Principal Collections do not result in the application of write-ups to the Primary Classes, such classes will approach a zero dollar principal balance more quickly than they otherwise would if write-ups were applied. *See*

PSA § 1.01 (Definition of Certificate Principal Balance). All of this has the potential to increase Post-Zero Balance Collections and may impact which classes of certificates receive future distributions.

19. Although ~~Petitioner's~~Petitioners' practice is consistent with the terms of the Governing Agreements for the aforescribed ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two Subject Trusts, ~~Petitioner anticipates~~Petitioners anticipate that certain interested parties may argue that Deferred Principal Collections should be included in Subsequent Recoveries, or that write-ups should otherwise be applied for such amounts. Other interested parties may take the opposite view. ~~Petitioner notes~~Petitioners note that in a different case concerning waterfall issues, certain investors filed a counter-petition opposing the inclusion of Deferred Principal Collections in Subsequent Recoveries, but asserting that Deferred Principal Collections should nevertheless result in the application of write-ups to certain classes of certificates. *See infra* ¶¶ 31-34.

20. ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners cannot predict the amount of Deferred Principal Collections servicers ultimately may remit to the Subject Trusts in the future. However, servicers have reported hundreds of millions of dollars in loan-level losses associated with Deferred Principal Amounts for active mortgage loans, and thus Deferred Principal Collections could potentially be substantial depending upon the rate at which borrowers repay Deferred Principal Amounts. The more substantial Deferred Principal Collections are, the more substantial the impact may be on Post-Zero Balance Collections.

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21. All of these issues expose ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners to potential conflicting claims concerning the proper method to distribute funds under the Subject Trusts' Governing Agreements, and ~~Petitioner expects~~Petitioners expect that these issues may ultimately impact distributions in

excess of \$~~191~~173 million in aggregate. *See* Exhibit F. Judicial instruction is necessary to ensure that ~~Petitioner is~~Petitioners are able to make distributions without the prospect of after-the-fact challenges that may encumber trust funds or result in claw-backs or disputes. This proceeding will provide all interested parties with the opportunity to appear and be heard, and will result in a resolution of all relevant issues such that ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners may distribute the funds at issue with finality.

### OTHER WATERFALL CASES

22. Although this Petition raises novel questions regarding the administration of waterfall provisions, courts have previously addressed, and continue to address, payment distribution issues with respect to hundreds of “legacy” era RMBS transactions, including many of the Subject Trusts.

23. Certain of the Subject Trusts have been included in both (i) court-approved settlements with respect to asserted or unasserted claims concerning alleged breaches of representations and warranties regarding mortgage loans and/or violations of loan servicing obligations under various provisions of the Governing Agreements, and (ii) post-settlement, follow-on judicial instruction proceedings concerning the administration and distribution of settlement payments for such court-approved settlements.

24. In the largest such proceeding concerning distribution issues (“**JPM II**”), U.S. Bank and other petitioners filed a petition under CPLR Article 77 for judicial instruction as to the administration and distribution of billions of dollars in settlement funds. *See In re Wells Fargo Bank et al.*, No. 657387/2017, Decision and Order at 1-2 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. Feb. 13, 2020) (Dkt. No. 843).

25. On February 13, 2020, the court in JPM II issued a 46-page order (the “**JPM II Trial Court Order**”) providing judicial instruction as to the administration and distribution of the

JPM II settlement funds. *Id.* Various parties in the JPM II proceeding appealed the JPM II Trial Court Order to the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department. *See In re Wells Fargo Bank et al.*, No. 2020-02716, Opinion at 1 (1st Dep't, Aug. 19, 2021) (Dkt. No. 111). The First Department issued an opinion affirming the JPM II Trial Court Order on August 19, 2021. *See id.* (the "**JPM II Appellate Opinion**"). Two parties subsequently filed motions before the First Department seeking reargument or permission to appeal to the New York Court of Appeals, and those motions were denied on November 16, 2021. *See In re Wells Fargo Bank et al.*, No. 2020-02716, Order (1st Dep't, Nov. 16, 2021) (Dkt. No. 127). These same parties ~~have since~~subsequently filed motions before the New York Court of Appeals seeking permission to appeal. ~~Their motions remain pending as of the filing date of this Amended Petition, and these motions have since been denied on the grounds that the order sought to be appealed from did not finally determine the proceeding.~~

26. Numerous RMBS trusts that were initially included in JPM II are no longer at issue in the proceeding, as appearing parties have mutually resolved the settlement payment administration and distribution issues for certain trusts with court approval. *See, e.g., In re Wells Fargo Bank et al.*, No. 657387/2017, Partial Severance Order and Partial Final Judgment (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. Mar. 30, 2020) (Dkt. No. 289). Nevertheless, as of the date of this Second Amended Petition, ~~sixty-two~~nineteen trusts are still at issue in JPM II, including ~~twenty-two~~seventeen of the Subject Trusts.

27. Certain issues raised in JPM II relate to issues raised in the present Petition. JPM II, however, involves only the administration and distribution of a particular settlement payment, including pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement at issue, *see* JPM II Trial Court Order at 1-4, whereas the present Petition involves the administration and distribution of mortgage loan

collections in the ordinary course (*i.e.*, outside of a settlement context) pursuant to the terms of the Governing Agreements.

28. Additionally, following the issuance of the JPM II Trial Court Order, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (“**Wells Fargo**”), as payment administrator for certain RMBS trusts (other than the Subject Trusts), filed a petition under CPLR Article 77 seeking judicial instruction regarding waterfall administration issues for thirty-six RMBS trusts (the “**2021 Wells Fargo Art. 77**”). *See In re Wells Fargo Bank*, No. 154984/2021, Verified Petition (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. May 21, 2021) (Dkt. No. 1); *see also id.*, Second Amended Verified Petition (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. July 16, 2021) (Dkt. No. 55). The RMBS trusts at issue were issued around the same time as the Subject Trusts, and the trusts have the same sponsor as the Subject Trusts, *i.e.*, Bear Stearns. *See id.* ¶¶ 6-8 nn 4-6.

29. In the 2021 Wells Fargo Art. 77, the applicable contracts contain language that limits the application of write-ups to Class M and Class B classes. *Id.* ¶ 21. Notwithstanding this language, Wells Fargo has historically applied Subsequent Recovery write-ups to Class A classes, in addition to Class M and Class B classes. *Id.* ¶ 6. However, the JPM II Trial Court Order ruled that, in the context of the settlement at issue, such write-ups could only be applied to the Class M and Class B classes. *Id.* ¶ 4. As a result, Wells Fargo changed its practices to begin applying Subsequent Recovery write-ups to only the Class M and Class B classes. *Id.* ¶ 6, 9.

30. Following its practice change, Wells Fargo apparently received correspondence from certain investors demanding that it revert to its historical practice, and received correspondence from other investors demanding that it maintain its practice change consistent with the JPM II Trial Court Order. *Id.* ¶¶ 10, 37. Wells Fargo’s petition seeks instruction concerning

whether it should follow the JPM II Trial Court Order with respect to this issue, or whether it should revert to its historical practice. *See id.* ¶¶ 37, 39.

31. That matter, however, goes beyond the above issues. Following the filing of the petition, certain investors filed a counter-petition regarding whether Deferred Principal Collections should be treated as Subsequent Recoveries for four RMBS trusts at issue. *In re Wells Fargo Bank*, No. 154984/2021, Amended Counter-Petition and Answer of Deer Park Road Management Co., LP and Related Funds (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. Aug. 25, 2021) (Dkt. No. 121) (the “**Deer Park Counter-Petition**”). The counter-petition asserts that the treatment of Deferred Principal Collections may impact the core issues raised in Wells Fargo’s petition. *See id.*

32. At least seventeen interested parties have now appeared in the matter, in addition to Wells Fargo and counter-petitioners. These parties take various positions concerning the issues raised in the petition and counter-petition.

33. Some parties, including Wells Fargo, assert that Deferred Principal Collections should be treated as Subsequent Recoveries, which, under the logic of the JPM II Trial Court Order, would prevent Subsequent Recovery write-ups from being applied to the Class A classes. *See In re Wells Fargo Bank*, No. 154984/2021, Wells Fargo Answer to Deer Park Counter-Petition at 5-6 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. Sept. 3, 2021) (Dkt. No 167).

34. Other parties, such as the counter-petitioners, assert that Deferred Principal Collections should not be treated as Subsequent Recoveries, but nevertheless argue that Deferred Principal Collections should result in the application of write-ups under the loss mechanics of the applicable contracts. *See, e.g.*, Deer Park Counter-Petition ¶¶ 56, 66-68. According to these parties, this would permit the application of write-ups to Class A classes for Deferred Principal Collections, and would be consistent with Wells Fargo’s long-standing course of performance,

prior to its practice change. *Id.* ¶¶ 75-76. Some of these same parties, including counter-petitioners, also advance an alternative argument in the event the court holds that write-ups should not be applied under the loss mechanics of the applicable contracts. *See id.* ¶ 90. This argument posits that if the court holds as much, no write-ups could be applied for any Deferred Principal Collections because such amounts are not Subsequent Recoveries and thus cannot result in Subsequent Recovery write-ups. *Id.* Absent any write-ups under the loss mechanics or Subsequent Recovery provisions for the applicable contracts, these parties argue that Deferred Principal Collections should be distributed without any corresponding write-ups and that doing so would increase overcollateralization in the deals. *See id.* ¶ 96-97. According to these parties, this would then lead to eventual Excess Cashflow distributions to reimburse Class A classes. *Id.* ¶ 102.

35. The above cases do not resolve the issues raised in the Petition, but relate to this matter. As a result, ~~Petitioner has~~Petitioners have filed this proceeding as related to both *In re Wells Fargo Bank et al.*, No. 657387/2017, and *In re Wells Fargo Bank*, No. 154984/2021.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

36. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under CPLR Articles 4 and 77 to entertain a special proceeding to determine any matter relating to any express trust. The Subject Trusts are all express trusts within the meaning of CPLR Article 77.

37. The laws of the State of New York govern the rights and obligations of ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners and the certificateholders under the Governing Agreements. Additionally, upon information and belief, many certificateholders are citizens of New York.

38. Venue is proper in this Court under CPLR § 503 because, upon information and belief, certain of the certificateholders reside in New York County, or if no such holder resides in New York County, because ~~Petitioner designates~~Petitioners designate New York County as the place of trial.

### SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE PROGRAM

~~39.~~ After filing the Original Petition to commence this proceeding (NYSCEF No. 1), the Court approved Petitioner's proposed order to show cause (NYSCEF No. 30) (the "**Original Order to Show Cause**"). The Original Order to Show Cause required Petitioner to, among other things, complete a notice program concerning this proceeding, and that program has now been completed. Contemporaneously herewith, Petitioner is filing a proposed Order to Show Cause (the "**Proposed Order to Show Cause**") that includes a proposed supplemental notice program. Petitioner expects that some certificateholders or other interested parties may seek to be heard with respect to the Amended Petition following the original and supplemental notice programs.

### BACKGROUND

#### *Overview of the Subject Trusts' Structure*

~~40~~39. Each Subject Trust holds or owns residential mortgage loans that may consist of a single "**loan group**" or multiple loan groups. See PSA at 1 ("Preliminary Statement").<sup>4</sup> On or around the dates the Subject Trusts were created, they issued various classes of certificates that were sold to investors to finance the purchase of the mortgage loans held in the Subject Trusts. See *id.* § 6.01.

~~41~~40. The certificates represent an undivided interest in, or are otherwise secured by, the proceeds derived from the mortgage loans and any other assets in the Subject Trusts. See, e.g., *id.* at Exhibit A-1. The priority of a certificate's entitlement to proceeds depends upon the class to which such certificate belongs. See *id.* § 5.04(a).

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<sup>4</sup> For ease of reference, the **Amended** Petition generally refers to Subject Trusts and loan groups interchangeably.

[4241](#). The classes of certificates issued by the Subject Trusts include, among others, two types of classes potentially at issue here:

- a. **Primary Classes**. The Class A, Class M, and/or Class B classes constitute the Primary Classes for the Subject Trusts. They have various levels of priority interests in the cashflow from borrower payments and other proceeds on the mortgage loans, and each Primary Class has a separate aggregate certificate principal balance equal to the amount of principal distributions such class is entitled to receive. *See id.* §§ 1.01 (Definition of Certificate Principal Balance), 5.04(a). Where a Subject Trust has multiple loan groups, the Class A classes generally are entitled to cashflow derived from only a single loan group, *e.g.*, Class I-A is entitled to cashflow from loan group I and Class II-A is entitled to cashflow from loan group II. *See, e.g.*, Exhibit N (BSABS 2007-HE7 PSA) § 6.04(a)(2). Depending on the Subject Trust, the Class M and/or Class B classes may be entitled to cashflow derived from all loan groups, or may be entitled to cashflow derived from only a single designated loan group. *Compare id.* § 6.04(a)(2)(A)(ii)-(x) (Class M classes receive “any remaining Principal Distribution Amount in respect of all Loan Groups”) *with* Exhibit B (SACO I 2005-10 PSA) § 6.04(b)(2)(A)(ii)-(vii) (Class II-M classes receive “the remaining Group II Principal Distribution Amount.”)
- b. **Class C Classes**. The Class C Classes represent qualified interests which may be entitled to excess proceeds from the Subject Trusts if certain conditions are satisfied. *See generally* PSA § 5.04(a)(3). Each Class C Class has a notional balance equal to the current aggregate balance of the mortgage loans, and a

separate certificate principal balance equal to the amount of overcollateralization in the Subject Trust. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definitions of Certificate Notional Amount, Certificate Principal Balance, Uncertificated Principal Balance). Neither balance is representative of the actual distributions the Class C Classes may be entitled to receive. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(3). Where a Subject Trust has multiple loan groups, there may be multiple Class C classes that may be entitled to cashflow derived from only a single loan group, *e.g.*, Class I-C may be entitled to excess proceeds from loan group I and Class II-C may be entitled to excess proceeds from loan group II. *See* Exhibit B (SACO I 2005-10 PSA) § 6.04(b)(3)(F). Or, there may be a single Class C class that may be entitled to excess proceeds derived from all loan groups, *e.g.*, Class C may be entitled to excess proceeds from loan groups I and II together. *See* Exhibit N (BSABS 2007-HE7 PSA) § 6.04(a)(4)(G).

[4342](#). The Subject Trusts also issued certain other classes that are not at issue here, such as Class IO, Class P, and/or Class PO classes.

[4443](#). The Governing Agreements describe how funds flow “into” and “out of” each Subject Trust. First, proceeds from the mortgage loans flow into the Subject Trusts via servicer remittances of collections from borrowers. *See* PSA § 4.01. Second, funds flow out of the Subject Trusts as monthly distributions to certificateholders and other amounts to specified transaction parties, including ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners, to pay administrative and certain other expenses. *See id.* § 5.04(a). These distributions are governed by the waterfall provisions, and typically are made on or about the twenty-fifth day of each month as stated in the Governing Agreements. *See id.*; *see also id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Distribution Date).

### *Overcollateralization Structure*

[4544](#). The Subject Trusts each have an overcollateralization structure that provides credit enhancement to the Primary Classes. *See, e.g.*, Exhibit E (Pro Supp) at S-1, S-14 to S-15, S-17; JPM II Trial Court Order at 25.

[4645](#). The overcollateralization structure operates using three key concepts that appear in the Governing Agreements for each of the Subject Trusts: “**Overcollateralization Amount**,” “**Overcollateralization Target Amount**,” and “**Overcollateralization Release Amount**.” *See* PSA, § 1.01 (defining terms).<sup>5</sup>

[4746](#). The Overcollateralization Amount equals the excess, if any, of the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loans (as reported by servicers) over the aggregate principal balance of the Primary Classes. *See* PSA § 1.01 (Definition of Overcollateralization Amount). The Overcollateralization Amount for a Subject Trust functionally represents a surplus in mortgage assets beyond that which is needed to pay the principal amounts owed to the Primary Classes, which is one aspect of credit enhancement tied to overcollateralization. *See id.*; *see also* Exhibit E (Pro Supp) at S-1, S-17.

[4847](#). When each Subject Trust closed, it had an initial required Overcollateralization Amount (generally equal to the Overcollateralization Target Amount). *See* Exhibit D (SACO I 2006-4 Remittance Report, Apr. 2006) at 5; *see also* Exhibit E (Pro Supp) at S-9. The Overcollateralization Amounts for the Subject Trusts were intended to be maintained over time,

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<sup>5</sup> For Subject Trusts with multiple loan groups, each loan group may have a separate overcollateralization structure, or, alternatively, all of the loan groups may be subject to a single overcollateralization structure. *Compare* Exhibit B (SACO I 2005-10 PSA) § 1.01 (multiple loan group trust with “Group I Overcollateralization Amount” and “Group II Overcollateralization Amount”) *with* Exhibit N (BSABS 2007-HE7 PSA) § 1.01 (multiple loan group trust with single “Overcollateralization Amount”).

through the waterfall payment structure described *infra* ¶¶ 52-62. However, the Overcollateralization Amounts for the Subject Trusts decreased as a result of loan-level losses, and also have experienced periodic increases. As an example, the Overcollateralization Amount for SACO I 2006-4 has fluctuated as follows: (i) the initial Overcollateralization Amount was \$25,955,332 (Exhibit D (SACO I 2006-4 Remittance Report, Apr. 2006) at 5); (ii) the Overcollateralization Amount reached \$0.00 by September 2011 (Exhibit H (SACO I 2006-4 Remittance Report, Sept. 2011) at 8); and (iii) the Overcollateralization Amount was \$3,231,291 as of September 2021 (Exhibit I (SACO I 2006-4 Remittance Report, Sept. 2021) at 6).

4948. The Overcollateralization Target Amount is the Overcollateralization Amount that is expected to be maintained during the life of each Subject Trust—*i.e.*, it represents the targeted amount of surplus mortgage assets over the principal amounts owed to the Primary Classes. *See* PSA § 1.01 (Definition of Overcollateralization Target Amount). It is equal to a specified percentage of the aggregate mortgage loan principal balances. *See id.* It may be reduced if collateral is performing in a manner sufficient to provide a specified level of credit enhancement to the Primary Classes, based on certain performance tests and other conditions. *See id.* If the collateral is not performing in such a manner, then the Overcollateralization Target Amount equals the target for the immediately prior payment period. *See id.* Many of the Subject Trusts fall into this latter category, and, as a result, the Overcollateralization Target Amounts of such Subject Trusts have been fixed for some time at an amount equal to the target from a prior period. SACO I 2006-4 is one such Subject Trust. It has an Overcollateralization Target Amount equal to \$25,954,290 (Exhibit I (SACO I 2006-4 Remittance Report, Sept. 2021) at 6), and this target has been fixed for approximately 10 years (*see* Exhibit H (SACO I 2006-4 Remittance Report, Sept. 2011) at 8).

~~50~~49. The Overcollateralization Release Amount equals the amount, if any, by which the Overcollateralization Amount exceeds the Overcollateralization Target Amount. *See* PSA § 1.01 (Definition of Overcollateralization Release Amount). If there is any Overcollateralization Release Amount in a particular payment period, funds equal to the Overcollateralization Release Amount are distributed as certain excess proceeds under the waterfalls. *See id.* §§ 1.01 (Definition of Excess Cashflow), 5.04(a)(3). Distributions of the Overcollateralization Release Amount are intended to reduce overcollateralization to a level that matches the Overcollateralization Target Amount. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Overcollateralization Release Amount). Such distributions, then, keep overcollateralization in line with the intended credit enhancement for the Subject Trusts. *See id.* However, for the Subject Trusts, the Overcollateralization Amounts have not exceeded the Overcollateralization Target Amounts for many years, and thus there generally have been no (or limited) funds distributed as Overcollateralization Release Amounts for some time. SACO I 2006-4 is also an apt illustration of this issue—its current Overcollateralization Amount (\$3,231,291) is roughly \$22,723,000 below its Overcollateralization Target Amount (\$25,954,290), and it has not had Excess Cashflow distributions for approximately 10 years. *See supra* ¶¶ ~~48-49~~47-48.

~~51~~50. The Subject Trusts' overcollateralization structure is ultimately effectuated through various definitions and components of the waterfalls and is deeply intertwined with the manner in which funds are distributed to certificateholders.

#### *The Waterfalls*

~~52~~51. The waterfall provisions set out rules for the order and priority of monthly payments to the various classes of certificates. *See generally* PSA, § 5.04(a). As noted *supra* ¶ 1, the waterfalls fall into three distinct groups appearing in sequential order in the Governing

Agreements: (1) the interest waterfall; (2) the principal waterfall; and (3) the Excess Cashflow waterfall.

*Interest Waterfall*

~~53~~52. Interest collected on the mortgage loans first goes to pay certain expenses, including servicing fees, and then is distributed through the interest waterfall to pay the interest amounts due to the Primary Classes, as well as unpaid interest shortfalls due to Class A classes, if any. *See* PSA §§ 1.01 (Definition of Interest Funds), 5.04(a)(1). In general, the amount of current interest due to be distributed to the respective Primary Classes is calculated by multiplying the applicable certificate principal balance by a specified pass-through interest rate. *See id.* §§ 1.01 (Definition of Current Interest), 5.04(a)(1). The Class C Classes do not receive distributions in the interest waterfall. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(1).

~~54~~53. If interest collections, net of specified expenses, exceed the current interest due to the Primary Classes (in addition to previous interest shortfalls due to Class A classes) in a particular period, this excess is deemed to be “**Excess Spread**.” *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Excess Spread). Excess Spread is not distributed under the interest waterfall. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(1). Rather, until the Overcollateralization Amount equals the Overcollateralization Target Amount, Excess Spread constitutes “**Extra Principal Distribution Amount**” that is distributed under the principal waterfall in order to increase the Overcollateralization Amount for the Subject Trusts. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Extra Principal Distribution Amount); *see also id.* § 5.04(a)(2). Specifically, applying such interest collections as principal payments causes the Primary Classes’ certificate principal balances to decrease without a corresponding reduction in the aggregate principal balance of the mortgage loans, thereby increasing overcollateralization. *See id.*; *see also* Exhibit E (Pro Supp) at S-17. Additionally, if the Overcollateralization Amount equals the Overcollateralization

Target Amount in a particular period following the application of Excess Spread (through Extra Principal Distribution Amount), any “**Remaining Excess Spread**” is not distributed as Extra Principal Distribution Amount and is instead treated as Excess Cashflow. *See* PSA §§ 1.01 (Definition of Remaining Excess Spread), 5.04(a)(1). The Subject Trusts were intentionally structured to generate Excess Spread to support the overcollateralization structure.<sup>6</sup>

*Principal Waterfall*

~~554~~554. The principal waterfall dictates the rules for distributing (i) principal collections on the mortgage loans, and (ii) any Extra Principal Distribution Amount derived from Excess Spread (to the extent needed to increase overcollateralization). *See* PSA § 5.04(a)(2). These amounts are used to pay principal owed to the Primary Classes based on their outstanding certificate principal balances and payment priority. *See id.* A Primary Class receives distributions only until the class’s certificate principal balance is reduced to zero. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(2)(A)(i) (“To the Class A Certificates, the Principal Distribution Amount for such Distribution Date . . . until the Certificate Principal Balance thereof is reduced to zero.”).

~~5655~~5655. Class A is the Primary Class with the most senior payment priority and thereby the first class entitled to principal distributions; Class M is junior in priority to Class A and is the next Primary Class entitled to principal distributions; and, where present, Class B is junior to Class M (and Class A) and is the next, and last, Primary Class entitled to principal distributions. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(2).

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<sup>6</sup> *See* Exhibit E (Pro Supp) at S-9 “(We expect the mortgage loans to generate more interest than is needed to pay interest on the Class A, Class M and Class B Certificates and . . . [i]nterest payments received in respect of the mortgage loans in excess of the amount that is needed to pay interest on the Class A, Class M and Class B Certificates . . . will be used to reduce the total principal balance of such certificates until a required level of overcollateralization has been achieved.”).

~~57~~56. The operative provisions controlling which Primary Classes are entitled to receive principal distributions are contingent on certain performance “triggers”—there is typically a “pre-trigger” waterfall (in effect when a deal is performing as expected relative to certain specified metrics) and a “post-trigger” waterfall (in effect when a deal is underperforming relative to certain specified metrics). *See id.* § 5.04(a)(2)(A), (B).

~~58~~57. For most of the Subject Trusts, the post-trigger principal waterfall is in effect. Under this waterfall, the classes constituting the Primary Classes are not entitled to principal distributions until the classes senior to them have had their principal paid in full—*i.e.*, Class A must be paid in full before Class M can receive any principal payments, and Class M must be paid in full before Class B can receive any principal payments. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(2)(A). Some small number of Subject Trusts are under pre-trigger principal waterfalls, which generally permit specified concurrent principal distributions to the Class A, Class M, and/or Class B classes regardless of the whether the senior classes (*e.g.*, Class A classes) are paid in full. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(2)(B).

~~59~~58. The Subject Trusts also typically have multiple classes comprising Class A, Class M, and Class B classes, such that there may be, for example, a Class A-1, Class A-2, Class M-1, Class M-2, and so forth. *See id.* at 5. The payment priority within these multiple classes varies depending on the specific Subject Trust. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(2).

~~60~~59. The descriptions in the preceding paragraphs may slightly vary for certain of the Subject Trusts, *e.g.*, some Subject Trusts do not have any Class B classes (*see, e.g.*, Exhibit J (BSABS 2007-HE3 PSA)), but it is generally accurate for all Subject Trusts.

*Excess Cashflow Waterfall*

~~61~~60. The last waterfall is the Excess Cashflow waterfall. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a)(3). Under the Governing Agreements, Excess Cashflow is defined as the sum of any Remaining Excess Spread and any Overcollateralization Release Amount. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Excess Cashflow). No other amounts are included in the definition of Excess Cashflow. *See id.*

~~62~~61. To the extent there is any available Excess Cashflow in a particular period, the Excess Cashflow waterfall provides for distributions to first reimburse realized losses and/or interest shortfalls for certain Primary Classes (among certain other distributions not at issue here). *See id.* § 5.04(a)(3). Thereafter it provides for specified distributions to Class C Classes, typically in the second-to-last position in the Excess Cashflow waterfall. *See id.* Due to the level of historical losses on the collateral in the Subject Trusts, there have been very limited distributions of Excess Cashflow to date, as noted *supra* ¶ 8.

***Adjustments to Certificate Principal Balances as a Result of Realized Losses, Payments,  
and Subsequent Recoveries***

~~63~~62. There are two mechanisms by which a Primary Class's certificate principal balance can be reduced:

- a. Each time a Primary Class receives a distribution of principal, the Governing Agreements require the corresponding certificate principal balance to be reduced in the amount of such principal payment. *See* PSA § 1.01 (Definition of Certificate Principal Balance).
- b. The Primary Classes may also incur realized losses when loan-level losses exceed current overcollateralization, thereby reducing the principal balances of the Primary Classes. *See id.* § 5.05. This is explained in detail in the following paragraphs. *See infra* ¶¶ 64-65.

[6463](#). If realized losses are incurred in a particular period, the Governing Agreements set out specific instructions for how such losses must be allocated to the various classes and interests. *See* PSA, § 5.05. Under these instructions, realized losses first are applied to reduce any Excess Spread, and then are allocated to the Class C Classes. *See id.* § 5.05(a). Functionally, this means that realized losses first reduce any existing Overcollateralization Amounts in the Subject Trusts. *See id.* Because the Class C certificate principal balance equals the Overcollateralization Amount, as explained *supra* ¶ [4241](#)(b), any reduction in the Overcollateralization Amount equates to a corresponding reduction in such Class C principal balance. In this way, the Overcollateralization Amount, and correspondingly the Class C Classes, functions as a first-loss position that absorbs realized losses before they reach the Primary Classes. *See* PSA, § 5.05(a); *see also* Exhibit E (Pro Supp) at S-17. This is another way in which overcollateralization provides credit enhancement for the Primary Classes. *See id.*

[6564](#). However, if realized losses stemming from loan-level losses exceed the Overcollateralization Amount in a particular period, any excess losses are allocated to the Primary Classes. *See* PSA, § 5.05(a). To the extent realized losses are allocated to the Primary Classes, they are generally allocated in reverse order of payment priority such that Class B classes take losses first, then Class M classes take losses, and finally Class A classes take losses. *See id.* Realized losses, when applied, also reduce the principal balance for the applicable Primary Class, reducing the distributions such class would otherwise be entitled to under the principal waterfall. *See id.* §§ 1.01 (Definition of Certificate Principal Balance), 5.05(a)-(b).

[6665](#). In some instances, after a Subject Trust's certificates incur a realized loss, the trust may later recover amounts that are related to such losses. These recoveries, typically where a realized loss stems from a liquidated loan, are referred to as Subsequent Recoveries, as noted *supra*

¶ 16. *See* PSA § 1.01 (Definition of Subsequent Recoveries). For distribution purposes, the recovered amounts are usually characterized by servicers as principal collections. If any amounts qualify as a Subsequent Recovery, ~~Petitioner is~~ Petitioners are required to increase, or write-up, the certificate principal balance of the Primary Classes in the order of highest payment priority, up to the amount of outstanding realized losses incurred by such classes. *See id.* §§ 1.01 (Definitions of Realized Loss, Subsequent Recoveries, Certificate Principal Balance), 5.04(b). Subsequent Recoveries are the only amounts for which the Governing Agreements expressly require the application of write-ups.

6766. Subsequent Recovery write-ups also reduce the amount of outstanding realized losses incurred by a particular class. *See id.* § 5.04(b). For example, consider a situation where \$1 in Subsequent Recoveries is distributed, and a Class A class has \$1 in realized losses and a Class M class has \$1 in realized losses. In this scenario, the Class A class would be written up by \$1 to account for the Subsequent Recovery, as it has higher payment priority than the Class M class, and the Class A class would have \$0.00 in outstanding realized losses following the application of the write-up. *See id.*

6867. Under the Governing Agreements, a Primary Class with an outstanding principal balance of zero may be ineligible to receive any further distributions, as follows:

- a. The waterfall provisions provide that the allocation of principal is made based upon, and only to the extent of, the current outstanding certificate principal balance. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(2); *see also supra* ¶ 5554. If the certificate principal balance is zero, distributions may not be permitted pursuant to the terms of these waterfall provisions. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a)(2). Likewise, current interest is calculated based on the outstanding certificate principal balance, and thus any

zero-balance Primary Classes cannot receive current interest payments. *See id.*

§ 1.01 (Definition of Current Interest); *see also supra* ¶ [5352](#).

- b. For all of the Subject Trusts, the Governing Agreements also contain a separate Retired Class Provision that, on its face, prohibits distributions to zero-balance Primary Classes. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a). The Retired Class Provision states, in pertinent part, “[O]n any Distribution Date after the Distribution Date on which the Certificate Principal Balance of a Class of Class A, Class M or Class B Certificates has been reduced to zero, that Class of Certificates will be retired and will no longer be entitled to distributions . . . .” *Id.*

[6968](#). Distributions to the Class C Classes are generally contingent on whether there are available funds under the Excess Cashflow waterfall, and not based upon the current Class C notional balance or Class C certificate principal balance. *See id.* Additionally, the Retired Class Provision does not apply to Class C classes. *See id.*

#### ***Treatment of Deferred Principal Amounts and Deferred Principal Collections***

[7069](#). From time to time, servicers of the mortgage loans held in the Subject Trusts may authorize loan modification agreements, under which borrowers are permitted to defer payment on certain amounts due under the terms of the mortgage note. These modifications often involve the following features (among other things): (i) the servicer agrees to defer payment on Deferred Principal Amounts according to a loan modification agreement that includes such amounts in a new non-interest-bearing principal balance associated with the loan; (ii) the borrower is required to repay Deferred Principal Amounts at the end of the term of the loan or over some set period of time, according to the terms of the modification agreement; and (iii) in some instances borrowers make payments on Deferred Principal Amounts and these payments constitute Deferred Principal

Collections in reduction of the non-interest-bearing principal balance associated with the modified loans, though some borrowers may ultimately default and never pay back any Deferred Principal Amounts.<sup>7</sup>

~~71~~70. The incidence of loan modifications significantly increased following the 2008 financial crisis, and they have continued to be a loss mitigation tool regularly used by servicers through the COVID-19 pandemic.

~~72~~71. In 2009, the U.S. Department of Treasury implemented the “Home Affordable Modification Program,” or “HAMP,” in connection with the Troubled Asset Relief Program, 12 U.S.C. § 5211 *et seq.*

~~73~~72. In 2010, Treasury issued Supplemental Directive 10-05 concerning HAMP. *See* Exhibit K (Supplemental Directive 10-05, *Home Affordable Modification Program – Modification of Loans with Principal Reduction Alternative* (June 3, 2010)) (“**Supplemental Directive 10-05**”). For any securitized loans, this directive provided that “the servicer must report to the trustee or securities administrator any forbore principal as a realized loss,” and “the trustee or securities administrator must allocate any such reported forbore principal as a realized loss to the trust.” *See id.* at 10.

~~74~~73. Consistent with Supplemental Directive 10-05, servicers have generally treated Deferred Principal Amounts created through an authorized loan modification as losses on mortgage loans and this has resulted in Deferred Principal Amounts generally being passed through as realized losses to investors in RMBS trusts. Additionally, by law, the modification

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<sup>7</sup> Under some modification agreements, deferred amounts may be reduced or forgiven depending upon the terms of the modification agreement (*e.g.*, amounts that may initially be deferred could be forgiven depending upon the value of the underlying property at maturity or other contingencies set forth in the agreement). This Petition does not concern forgiven amounts given that such amounts should generally not result in future collections for the Subject Trusts.

practices set forth in the Treasury guidance were deemed “standard industry practice” for the purposes of loans subject to government modification programs. *See id.* at 11; *see also* 15 U.S.C. § 1639a(c) (providing that such loss mitigation programs “shall constitute standard industry practice for purposes of all Federal and State laws”).

~~75~~74. Beyond HAMP and other government programs, servicers may also authorize different types of loan modifications to reduce the potential of default—that is, servicers may authorize modifications not mandated or supported through any governmental program. These types of modifications increased substantially during the COVID-19 pandemic due to the economic pressure on certain borrowers. Servicers also generally report Deferred Principal Amounts related to these types of modifications as loan-level losses, and these amounts likewise result in realized losses to investors.

~~76~~75. For the Subject Trusts at issue, servicers have reported hundreds of millions of dollars in loan-level losses related to Deferred Principal Amounts in connection with loan modifications (consistent with the aforescribed industry practices), and these amounts have resulted in the application of realized losses to the Primary Classes.

~~77~~76. The Governing Agreements themselves vary with respect to what amounts may be treated as losses, breaking down in three different ways (*see* Exhibit L (Realized Loss Concepts for the Subject Trusts)):

- a. For ~~fifty-three~~forty-nine of the Subject Trusts, realized losses are generally limited to loan-level losses tied to mortgage loans for which the servicer has made a “**Final Recovery Determination**” (and certain other losses not relevant here). *See, e.g.*, PSA, § 1.01 (Definition of Realized Loss). A Final Recovery Determination relates to a “defaulted Mortgage Loan” or “REO Property” for

which the servicer has made a determination that it has collected all amounts that it “expects to be finally recoverable” in its “reasonable good faith judgment.” *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Final Recovery Determination). Realized losses, in turn, are equal to the outstanding amounts owed on the mortgage loan (principal, interest, and other amounts) less the “proceeds, if any, received . . . during the calendar month in which [the] Final Recovery Determination was made, net of [any servicer expenses].” *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Realized Loss).

- b. For four of the Subject Trusts, realized losses include loan-level losses tied to Final Recovery Determinations (and certain other losses not relevant here), as well as the “total amount of interest and principal which is forgiven with respect” to each mortgage loan “which is the subject of a Servicing Modification” and related servicing advances forgiven in connection with a modification. *See, e.g.*, Exhibit J (BSABS 2007-HE3 PSA), § 1.01 (Definition of Realized Loss).
- c. Finally, for ~~twenty~~thirteen of the Subject Trusts, realized losses include (i) loan-level losses tied to Final Recovery Determinations (and certain other losses not relevant here); (ii) forgiven principal and interest (and related advances) for modified mortgage loans; and (iii) the amount by which principal and interest “was reduced” in connection with a servicing modification. *See, e.g.*, Exhibit M (SACO I 2006-10 PSA), § 1.01 (Definition of Realized Loss).

7877. Under these terms, it appears that only the last cohort of Subject Trusts expressly includes Deferred Principal Amounts in the definition of realized losses, but, again, servicers

generally report all newly created Deferred Principal Amounts as loan-level losses for the Subject Trusts and this is now a long-standing industry practice. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 1639a(c); Exhibit K (Supplemental Directive 10-05) at 11.

~~79~~78. For some modified mortgage loans, the servicer may eventually collect Deferred Principal Collections with respect to Deferred Principal Amounts. Deferred Principal Collections reduce the non-interest-bearing principal balance associated with modified loans and are typically reported by servicers as unscheduled principal (and thus are included within principal distributable to certificateholders). To date, servicers have remitted tens of millions of dollars of Deferred Principal Collections to the Subject Trusts, and additional amounts will likely be collected over the coming years.

~~80~~79. While the Governing Agreements require that certain recoveries be treated as Subsequent Recoveries for purposes of administering distributions, Deferred Principal Collections generally do not fall within the definition of Subsequent Recoveries. The Governing Agreements break down in three different ways on this issue (*see* Exhibit G):

- a. For ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two of the Subject Trusts, Subsequent Recoveries are defined as “amounts received . . . specifically related to a Mortgage Loan that was the subject of a liquidation or final disposition of any REO Property prior to the related Prepayment Period that resulted in a Realized Loss.” *See, e.g.*, PSA, § 1.01 (Definition of Subsequent Recoveries).
- b. For three of the Subject Trusts, a Subsequent Recovery is more broadly defined to include “amounts received . . . specifically related to a Mortgage Loan that was the subject of a liquidation, a Mortgage Loan that has been modified which resulted in a Realized Loss or final disposition of any REO Property prior to the

related calendar month that resulted in a Realized Loss.” *See, e.g.*, Exhibit N (BSABS 2007-HE7 PSA), § 1.01 (Definition of Subsequent Recoveries).

- c. And, for one Subject Trust, there is no concept of Subsequent Recoveries. *See* Exhibit O (BSABS 2003-HE1 PSA), § 1.01 (Definitions).

~~8180~~. Given the above, Deferred Principal Collections do not constitute Subsequent Recoveries for the vast majority of the Subject Trusts. That is, for the ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two Subject Trusts referenced in paragraph ~~8079~~(a) *supra*, Subsequent Recoveries only include subsequently collected amounts related to a mortgage subject to a “liquidation” or “final disposition,” and modified mortgages do not fit that criterion. *See, e.g.* PSA, § 1.01 (Definition of Subsequent Recoveries). As a result, ~~Petitioner does~~Petitioners do not treat Deferred Principal Collections as Subsequent Recoveries for these ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two Subject Trusts. The effect of this is that Deferred Principal Collections do not result in write-ups being applied to the certificate principal balances of Primary Classes, whereas recoveries related to liquidated loans or loans subject to a final disposition—*i.e.*, Subsequent Recoveries—do result in write-ups. *See id.* §§ 1.01 (Definitions of Realized Loss, Subsequent Recoveries), 5.04(b).

#### *Current Economics of Subject Trusts*

~~8281~~. Due to both the payment of principal and the application of realized losses, the Primary Classes’ certificate principal balances have been reduced to or are nearing zero. *See* Exhibit F.

~~8382~~. When the Primary Classes’ aggregate outstanding certificate principal balance is equal to zero, the remaining mortgage loan balances in the Subject Trusts necessarily constitute Overcollateralization Amount. This is because Overcollateralization Amount, again, equals the current principal balance of the mortgage loans over the principal balance of the Primary Classes,

and the second part of this equation is zero when the Primary Classes have a zero dollar principal balance. *See supra* ¶ [4746](#). In this situation, to the extent principal or interest is collected on the remaining mortgage loans, this Petition refers to those collections as Post-Zero Balance Collections, as noted *supra* ¶ 10.

[8483](#). Although the certificates issued by the Subject Trusts have incurred substantial realized losses, they currently have outstanding Overcollateralization Amounts, totaling ~~\$191,245,983~~ [173,938,232](#) in overcollateralization across the Subject Trusts. *See* Exhibit F. The amount of overcollateralization is largely driven by the fact that there has been available Excess Spread to build overcollateralization in the Subject Trusts. Not only were the Subject Trusts specifically structured to generate Excess Spread, but the substantial amount of realized losses incurred by the Primary Classes—including through Deferred Principal Amounts—has also likely generated Excess Spread. Such losses decrease the certificate principal balances of the Primary Classes, and, by extension, the amount of current interest due on the Primary Classes. *See supra* ¶¶ ~~53-54~~ [52-53](#), [6564](#). This necessarily leads to more Excess Spread insofar as the mortgage interest collections are more likely to exceed the current interest due on such classes. *See supra* ¶ [5453](#).

[8584](#). Given the level of overcollateralization in the Subject Trusts, it is expected that there will be substantial Post-Zero Balance Collections for future periods after the Primary Classes are reduced to zero. Such amounts could be potentially in excess of ~~\$191~~ [173](#) million, *i.e.*, the aggregate amount of overcollateralization for the Subject Trusts.

[8685](#). The Petition categorizes the Subject Trusts into two groups based on their current economics (*see* Exhibit P (Subject Trust Group Designations)):

- a. “**Group I Subject Trusts**” have outstanding realized losses for Class A classes, Class M classes, and, to the extent applicable, Class B classes. *See* Exhibit F. There are ~~twenty-six~~seventeen Group I Subject Trusts. *See id.* For all of the Group I Subject Trusts, the Class A classes currently have an outstanding certificate principal balance, and no distributions of Post-Zero Balance Collections have been made. *See id.*
- b. “**Group II Subject Trusts**” have outstanding realized losses for Class M classes and, to the extent applicable, Class B classes, but Class A classes have either been paid in full with no realized losses or currently have no outstanding realized losses. *See id.* For three of the Group II Subject Trusts (SACO I 2005-WM1, SACO I 2005-6, and SACO I 2005-10 (Grp. II)), as of the September 2021 payment period, the Class A, Class M, and Class B classes have an aggregate certificate principal balance of zero, and some Post-Zero Balance Collections have been distributed for such Subject Trusts. *See id.* For the remaining Group II Subject Trusts, as of the September 2021 payment period, one or more of the Class A, Class M, or Class B classes have an outstanding certificate principal balance, and no Post-Zero Balance Collections have been distributed. *See id.*

8786. Exhibit F hereto provides the following information for each Subject Trust: (i) the Overcollateralization Amount and Overcollateralization Target Amount; (ii) the aggregate certificate principal balances of the Primary Classes; (iii) the aggregate amount of outstanding realized losses of the Primary Classes; and (iv) the aggregate amount of outstanding interest shortfalls of the Primary Classes. This information is from the September 2021 payment period.

Exhibit F also indicates whether a Subject Trust is a Group I Subject Trust or a Group II Subject Trust.

### **ISSUES FOR JUDICIAL INSTRUCTION**

~~8887~~. Due to the lack of clarity in the Governing Agreements and the potential for competing claims from interested parties, ~~Petitioner seeks~~Petitioners seek instructions for all of the Subject Trusts with respect to (1) (i) the proper allocation and distribution of Post-Zero Balance Collections under the waterfalls and (ii) the manner in which the Retired Class Provision should be applied. And, ~~Petitioner seeks~~Petitioners seek instruction for ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two of the Subject Trusts (2) ~~confirming that Petitioner~~as to whether Petitioners should continue ~~its~~their current practice of not treating Deferred Principal Collections as Subsequent Recoveries and not applying corresponding write-ups to the certificate principal balances of the Primary Classes in connection with such collections or apply an alternative treatment or application pursuant to a different method.

#### ***It Is Unclear Which Waterfall Provisions Govern Post-Zero Balance Collections***

~~8988~~. The vast majority of Post-Zero Balance Collections will be remitted by servicers to ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners as principal payments on the mortgage loans, and the remaining amounts will constitute interest collections. For both interest and principal amounts from Post-Zero Balance Collections, it is unclear which waterfall provisions should be applied.

#### ***Post-Zero Balance Collections Do Not Clearly Fit Within the Principal or Excess Cashflow Waterfalls***

~~9089~~. The Primary Classes' certificate principal balances will be zero when Post-Zero Balance Collections are available for distribution. *See supra* ¶¶ 10, ~~8382~~. Because the interest due to the Primary Classes is calculated by multiplying the applicable certificate principal balances by a specified pass-through rate, the interest due to the Primary Classes will also be zero—*i.e.*,

zero (each Primary Class's balance) multiplied by the specified rate will result in zero due in interest. *See supra* ¶ [5352](#).

[9190](#). With no current period interest due on Primary Classes, the interest portion of Post-Zero Balance Collections will likely constitute Excess Spread.<sup>8</sup> This Excess Spread will qualify as Extra Principal Distribution Amount because the Overcollateralization Amounts in the Subject Trusts are not expected to exceed the Overcollateralization Target Amounts. *See* PSA, § 1.01 (Definition of Extra Principal Distribution Amount). Extra Principal Distribution Amount, in turn, is treated as principal, and thus it appears that interest amounts stemming from Post-Zero Balance Collections come under the principal waterfall. *See id.* § 5.04(a).

[9291](#). Post-Zero Balance Collections constituting principal on the mortgage loans likewise appear to be treated as principal. *See id.* §§ 1.01 (Definition of Principal Funds), 5.04(a)(2). Accordingly, Post-Zero Balance Collections—both principal and interest amounts—facially come under the principal waterfall.

[9392](#). There is, however, no provision in the principal waterfall under which Post-Zero Balance Collections could actually be distributed. This is because the principal waterfall distributes funds to the Primary Classes only until each class's certificate principal balance is "reduced to zero." *Id.* § 5.04(a)(2); *supra* ¶ [5554](#). Because the Primary Classes will have principal balances of zero, it appears that such classes cannot receive distributions of Post-Zero Balance

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<sup>8</sup> Under the interest waterfalls, these amounts would first be used to reimburse any interest shortfalls owed to Class A classes (the Class M and B classes are not entitled to interest shortfall payments in the interest waterfall), but it is unlikely that any interest shortfalls will actually be owed to Class A classes when Post-Zero Balance Collections are distributed. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a)(1); *see also* Exhibit F. Thus, all of the interest amounts tied to Post-Zero Balance Collections will likely be Excess Spread. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Excess Spread).

Collections under the principal waterfall, even though all Post-Zero Balance Collections appear to constitute principal according to the terms of the Governing Agreements. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a)(2).

[9493](#). This outcome could, in theory, be avoided if the Primary Classes were written up from zero by an amount equal to Post-Zero Balance Collections for a particular period. Under the Governing Agreements, the only express mechanism for applying write-ups is through the application of Subsequent Recoveries. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Certificate Principal Balance). However, Subsequent Recoveries, as defined, generally relate to liquidated mortgage loans or other amounts, *see id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Subsequent Recoveries), whereas Post-Zero Balance Collections will be collections from performing mortgage loans that are active (or could potentially tie to Deferred Principal Collections that do not appear to qualify as Subsequent Recoveries, as discussed *infra* ¶¶ 121, 124-125). Post-Zero Balance Collections thus do not fit within the definition of Subsequent Recoveries, and will not, on their own, lead to increases in the balances of the Primary Classes.

[9594](#). This leaves the Excess Cashflow waterfall as the last possible distribution method, but it too does not clearly capture Post-Zero Balance Collections. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a)(3).

[9695](#). Excess Cashflow is comprised of only two components: Overcollateralization Release Amount and Remaining Excess Spread. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Excess Cashflow). Overcollateralization Release Amount and Remaining Excess Spread exist only in periods where the Overcollateralization Amount exceeds the Overcollateralization Target Amount, but, as noted already, that is not expected to happen for any of the Subject Trusts with respect to Post-Zero Balance Collections. *See supra* ¶ [9190](#). For this reason, it appears that Post-Zero Balance Collections may not meet the definition of Excess Cashflow.

[9796](#). Yet, this construction of the Excess Cashflow definition is potentially in tension with the “**Class C Distribution Amount**” in the Excess Cashflow waterfall, which is typically the second-to-last position therein. PSA, § 5.04(a)(3). The Class C Distribution Amount is defined as follows:

With respect to any Distribution Date, the sum of (i) the Current Interest for the Class C Interest for such Distribution Date, (ii) any Overcollateralization Release Amount for such Distribution Date and (iii) without duplication, any Subsequent Recoveries not distributed to the Class A, Class M and Class B Certificates on such Distribution Date; *provided, however that on any Distribution Date after the Distribution Date on which the Certificate Principal Balances of the Class A, Class M and Class B Certificates have been reduced to zero, the Class C Distribution Amount shall include the Overcollateralization Amount.*

*Id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Class C Distribution Amount) (emphasis added).

[9897](#). The above plainly states that the Class C Distribution Amount includes the entire Overcollateralization Amount—not just the amount exceeding the Overcollateralization Target Amount—for any periods after the Primary Classes are reduced to a zero dollar principal balance.

*Id.* In such periods, the Overcollateralization Amount should generally be equal to the aggregate balance of the remaining mortgage loans in the Subject Trusts. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Overcollateralization Amount). Again, the Overcollateralization Amount is the excess of the mortgage loan principal balances over the aggregate principal balance of the Primary Classes—because the Primary Classes will have a zero principal balance, the Overcollateralization Amount must equal the remaining principal balance of the mortgage loans. *See id.* This asset-based determination does not reflect the amount of proceeds that may be collected from the mortgage loans in a particular period, but instead appears to be a catchall that simply requires the Class C Distribution Amount to equal the total principal value of remaining assets. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definitions of Overcollateralization Amount, Class C Distribution Amount). As a result, the Class C Distribution Amount should almost always exceed the amount of Post-Zero Balance

Collections in a particular period insofar as collections from the assets generally should not exceed the total amount of the assets themselves. *See id.*

~~99~~98. This does not end the issues around Excess Cashflow though. The Class C Distribution Amount does not, as defined, dictate what is actually Excess Cashflow. *See id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Class C Distribution Amount). It is just an amount that may be payable from available Excess Cashflow, and what Excess Cashflow means is defined by its own terms, *see supra* ¶¶ ~~61~~60, ~~96~~95. But, there plainly is some tension between Excess Cashflow and the Class C Distribution Amount—the former does not appear to include Post-Zero Balance Collections, but the latter appears to be large enough that it could receive distributions of Post-Zero Balance Collections if available in the Excess Cashflow waterfall. *See id.*

~~100~~99. Taking all of this together, it is apparent that there is a lack of clarity in the Governing Agreements concerning whether Post-Zero Balance Collections should be distributed under the principal waterfalls or Excess Cashflow waterfalls.

*Whether the Principal or Excess Cashflow Waterfalls Are Used  
May Impact Which Certificateholders Ultimately Receive Post-Zero Balance Collections*

~~101~~100. If Post-Zero Balance Collections were distributed under the principal waterfall, it appears that such amounts would largely flow to the Primary Classes. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(2). Indeed, the Primary Classes are generally the only classes that have a right to payment under the principal waterfalls, and certain of the Primary Classes have substantial outstanding losses that will likely exceed Post-Zero Balance Collections. *See id.*; *see also* Exhibit F. But, again, it appears that principal distributions to the Primary Classes could only happen if the certificate principal balances of the Primary Classes were written up after they reached zero and thereby made eligible to receive distributions of Post-Zero Balance Collections. *See supra* ¶¶ ~~93-94~~92-93.

~~102~~101. If Post-Zero Balance Collections were instead distributed under the Excess Cashflow waterfall, Post-Zero Balance Collections would be distributed in a very different manner. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a)(3).

~~103~~102. The Excess Cashflow waterfall generally provides for reimbursement of outstanding realized losses to the Class A classes, and this position is near the top of the waterfall. *See id.*<sup>9</sup> For Group I Subject Trusts, the Class A classes have outstanding realized losses and thus the Class A classes may be entitled to receive Post-Zero Balance Collections as loss reimbursement under the Excess Cashflow waterfall. *See id.*; *see also* Exhibit F.

~~104~~103. For the Group II Subject Trusts, the Class M and/or Class B classes are the only Primary Classes that have outstanding realized losses. *See* Exhibit F. But, the Excess Cashflow waterfalls do not provide for reimbursement of realized losses for such classes, and only provide them with reimbursement of interest shortfalls. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a)(3). As a result, these classes may be entitled to receive Post-Zero Balance Collections as reimbursement of interest shortfalls under the Excess Cashflow waterfall. *See id.* But, there appears to be no avenue for the Class M and/or Class B classes to receive reimbursement for realized losses through Excess Cashflow because the Excess Cashflow waterfall does not expressly provide for such reimbursement. *See id.*

~~105~~104. Any Excess Cashflow that is not allocated to reimburse the Primary Classes' outstanding realized losses or interest shortfalls would largely proceed to the next steps

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<sup>9</sup> SACO I 2005-WM1 and SACO I 2005-6 do not provide for reimbursement of outstanding realized losses to the Class A classes under the Excess Cashflow waterfall. However, this difference in structure is immaterial because, as noted *supra* ¶ ~~86~~85(b), the Class A classes for both of these Subject Trusts have already been paid in full.

in the Excess Cashflow waterfall, and may ultimately result in distributions to the Class C Classes.

*See id.*

~~106~~105. All of these possible distributions, however, may be impacted by the Retired Class Provision, and the impact of that provision may be substantial.

*The Retired Class Provision Presents Further  
Questions Regarding Post-Zero Balance Collections*

~~107~~106. For the Subject Trusts, the Retired Class Provision facially appears to prohibit any distributions to a Primary Class once that class's certificate principal balance has been reduced to zero, and it may also prevent the application of write-ups to such classes. *See id.* § 5.04(a). It is, however, unclear if the Retired Class Provision should be applied in that manner.

*JPM II and ~~Petitioner's~~Petitioners' Practice*

~~108~~107. JPM II is instructive on this front. The JPM II settlement agreement specified that the settlement funds were to be treated as Subsequent Recoveries, which may result in a write-up of the Primary Classes' certificate principal balances. JPM II Trial Court Order at 7. The petitioners in JPM II, including U.S. Bank National Association, requested guidance with respect to whether the Retired Class Provision prevents both (i) distributions to zero-balance classes, and (ii) the application of Subsequent Recovery write-ups to zero-balance classes. *Id.* at 36. This guidance was requested specifically with respect to the administration of the settlement funds at issue. *Id.* at 3.

~~109~~108. The interested parties in JPM II took conflicting positions on this issue. One group of parties took the position that the Retired Class Provision should be applied to prevent both write-ups and distributions. *Id.* at 37. Another group of parties, in contrast, took the position that the Retired Class Provision should be applied such that it would not bar write-ups, and thus would allow "post-write-up distributions." *Id.* The former position would potentially lead to the

applicable settlement funds being paid to Class C classes instead of Class A, Class M, and Class B classes, whereas the latter position would generally result in the opposite.

~~110~~109. The JPM II Trial Court Order ultimately held that the Retired Class Provision prevents distributions to zero-balance classes, but does not preclude the application of write-ups to such classes. *Id.* at 37-39. The court explained that this would either result in the distribution of settlement funds to zero-balance Class A, Class M, and Class B classes following the application of write-ups, or, for certain trusts, it would result in potential future distributions of routine collections to such classes following the application of any write-ups applied in connection with the settlement funds. *See id.*

~~110~~110. The court also provided the following explanation to buttress its decision:

In so holding, the court notes that the Settlement Agreement compensates investors for losses in connection with the mortgage loans, as it settles all claims regarding the sale of mortgage loans to the Trusts and the servicing of those loans, including claims for breaches of representations and warranties and for failure to notify the Trustees of such breaches. The write-up provisions of the Trusts are consistent with the purpose of the Settlement Agreement, as they permit write-ups of zero balance certificates to the extent of previously allocated realized losses.

*Id.* at 39 (internal citation omitted).

~~111~~111. The JPM II Appellate Opinion affirmed the JPM II Trial Court Order, but provided slightly different reasoning with respect to this issue. It specifically stated the following concerning the Retired Class Provision:

The retired class provisions merely provide that once a certificate has been paid in full and formally retired, it is no longer entitled to receive distributions that it might have otherwise received under the waterfall. The zero-balance certificates here have neither been fully repaid nor withdrawn from the market pursuant to the procedures set forth in the relevant governing agreements; rather, they have outstanding losses and are still actively traded. The provisions make clear that certificates are only considered “retired” when the trustee has undertaken certain affirmative steps to accomplish that end—*e.g.*, paying off the certificates and withdrawing them from circulation; the mere reduction of the certificate balances to zero is insufficient.

JPM II Appellate Opinion at 8.

~~113~~112. This seems to suggest that any classes that have outstanding realized losses are not subject to the strictures of the Retired Class Provision. *See id.* But, as noted *supra* ¶ 25, two parties ~~have~~ filed motions for permission to appeal to the New York Court of Appeals. One of those parties ~~is challenging~~challenged the ruling on the Retired Class Provision, as it did in the First Department, arguing that the Retired Class Provision should “prohibit[] *any* distributions after the balance has been reduced to zero” and “prohibit[] any distributions on *any* subsequent distribution date, not just on those dates where the balance is temporarily zero.” *In re Wells Fargo Bank et al.*, No. 2020-02716, HBK Parties’ Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Permission to Appeal to the Court of Appeals at 18 (1st Dep’t, Sept. 30, 2021) (Dkt. No. 114).

~~114~~113. For routine distributions for the Subject Trusts, ~~Petitioner’s~~Petitioners’ general practice is to apply the Retired Class Provision to prevent both distributions *and* write-ups to zero-balance Primary Classes.<sup>10</sup> This general practice differs from the JPM II Appellate Opinion and JPM II Trial Court Order, though appears to be consistent with the position of the aforementioned party seeking further review of the JPM II Appellate Opinion (and certain other parties in JPM II). *See id.*

~~115~~114. Here, the manner in which the Retired Class Provision is applied has the potential to substantially impact Post-Zero Balance Collections and the treatment of such amounts.

*The Retired Class Provision and Possible  
Principal Distributions of Post-Zero Balance Collections*

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<sup>10</sup> For most of the Subject Trusts, ~~Petitioner uses its~~Petitioners use their general practice as described herein. For a small number of Subject Trusts, ~~Petitioner has~~Petitioners have applied the Retired Class Provision to permit (i) write-ups to zero-balance Primary Classes, and (ii) distributions to such Primary Classes following the application of any write-ups. This application of the Retired Class Provision is consistent with the rulings in JPM II.

~~116~~115. As discussed *supra* ¶¶ ~~93-94~~92-93, Post-Zero Balance Collections can only be distributed as principal if the certificate principal balances of the Primary Classes are increased when they reach zero, and the Governing Agreements do not appear to provide an express mechanism to accomplish this. But, even if there were a mechanism to accomplish this, ~~Petitioner's~~Petitioners' general practice is to apply the Retired Class Provision to prohibit write-ups to zero-balance Primary Classes. The Retired Class Provision could thus operate as an additional barrier to any principal distributions, unless it is construed to permit write-ups. While such a construction would be consistent with the JPM II Trial Court Order and JPM II Appellate Opinion, those decisions may be subject to further review. And, they relate only to the administration of a one-time settlement payment, and run counter to ~~Petitioner's~~Petitioners' course of performance with respect to ~~its~~their general practice.

*The Retired Class Provision and Possible  
Excess Cashflow Distributions of Post-Zero Balance Collections*

~~117~~116. If Post-Zero Balance Collections are treated as Excess Cashflow, the Retired Class Provision could also alter the application of the Excess Cashflow waterfall.

~~118~~117. For the Group I Subject Trusts, the Class A classes are ostensibly entitled to reimbursement for realized losses under the Excess Cashflow waterfall, *see supra* ¶ ~~103~~102, but the Retired Class Provision facially prevents all distributions to zero-balance Primary Classes, *see* PSA, § 5.04(a). This arguably may prevent Class A classes from receiving reimbursement for realized losses from any Post-Zero Balance Collections that are treated as Excess Cashflow. If the Retired Class Provision were applied in this manner (and Post-Zero Balance Collections were considered to be Excess Cashflow), then Post-Zero Balance Collections would flow further down the Excess Cashflow waterfall and would largely be distributed to the Class C Classes. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(3).

~~119~~118. A similar issue exists with respect to the Group II Subject Trusts. Although the Group II Subject Trusts do not provide for reimbursement of realized losses for Class M and Class B classes, those classes are entitled to reimbursement for unpaid interest shortfalls and there are currently interest shortfall amounts outstanding for most of these Subject Trusts. *See id.* § 5.04(a)(3); *see also* Exhibit F. If the Retired Class Provision were applied in a manner that prevented such reimbursements (and, again, Post-Zero Balance Collections were considered to be Excess Cashflow), then most or all Post-Zero Balance Collections would flow to Class C Classes for the Group II Subject Trusts. *See* PSA, § 5.04(a)(3).

~~120~~119. Notably, the reasoning of the JPM II Trial Court Order would appear to preclude Excess Cashflow distributions to zero-balance Primary Classes, as it held that the “Retired Class provisions . . . expressly prohibit distributions to zero balance classes.” JPM II Trial Court Order at 38. This would also be consistent with ~~Petitioner’s~~Petitioners’ course of performance with respect to ~~its~~their general practice. The JPM II Appellate Opinion, however, would seem to permit such distributions because it opined that the Retired Class Provision “merely provide[s] that once a certificate has been paid in full and formally retired, it is no longer entitled to receive distributions.” JPM II Appellate Opinion at 8. In other words, Excess Cashflow distributions would be available to Primary Classes if they were not paid in full—thus, such classes may not be “retired” under the logic of the JPM II Appellate Opinion. *See id.* But, this would be inconsistent with ~~Petitioner’s~~Petitioners’ general practice with respect to the Retired Class Provision, and, again, JPM II only concerns the administration of a one-time settlement payment and the decisions rendered therein may be subject to further review, *see supra* ¶¶ 24-27, ~~108~~107, ~~116~~115.

***The Governing Agreements for Most of the Subject Trusts Do Not Include Deferred Principal Collections in Subsequent Recoveries, and***

*This Treatment of Deferred Principal May Impact Post-Zero Balance Collections*

~~121~~120. For the vast majority of the Subject Trusts, the Governing Agreements do not include Deferred Principal Collections in the definition of Subsequent Recoveries, the only designated amounts for which write-ups may be applied under the Governing Agreements. *See supra* ¶¶ 17, ~~66, 80-81, 94~~. ~~Petitioner treats~~65, 79-80, 93. Petitioners treat Deferred Principal Collections accordingly, and ~~does~~do not apply write-ups to the Primary Classes in connection with such collections.

~~122~~121. This treatment of Deferred Principal Collections has the potential to materially increase the amount of overcollateralization in the Subject Trusts, and, correspondingly, the amount of Post-Zero Balance Collections. As a result, ~~Petitioner expects~~Petitioners expect certain certificateholders may argue that Deferred Principal Collections should be included in Subsequent Recoveries. Indeed, a group of investors filed a counter-petition concerning this issue in the 2021 Wells Fargo Art. 77. *See supra* ¶ 34. For these reasons, ~~Petitioner requires~~Petitioners require judicial confirmation ~~that it~~whether they should (i) continue ~~its~~their current practice of ~~(ix)~~ not treating Deferred Principal Collections as Subsequent Recoveries and ~~(ii)~~ not applying corresponding write-ups to the certificate principal balances of the Primary Classes in connection with such collections, or (ii) apply an alternative treatment or application pursuant to a different method.

*~~Petitioner's~~Petitioners' Treatment of Deferred Principal Collections Is Consistent with the Governing Agreements*

~~123~~122. For three of the Subject Trusts, Subsequent Recoveries are defined to include: “amounts received by the Master Servicer . . . specifically related to a Mortgage Loan that was the subject of a liquidation, *a Mortgage Loan that has been modified which resulted in a Realized Loss* or final disposition of any REO Property prior to the related calendar month that

resulted in a Realized Loss.” *See, e.g.*, Exhibit N (BSABS 2007-HE7 PSA), § 1.01 (Definition of Subsequent Recoveries) (emphasis added). Under current industry practice, loan modifications generally result in loan-level losses for Deferred Principal Amounts, and, beyond this, at least one of the aforementioned Subject Trusts requires amounts related to loan modifications to be treated as losses. *See, e.g., id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Realized Loss); *see also* 15 U.S.C. § 1639a(c); Exhibit K (Supplemental Directive 10-05). Thus, Deferred Principal Collections appear to come within Subsequent Recoveries insofar as Deferred Principal Collections are amounts tied to a modification “which resulted in a Realized Loss.” *See, e.g.*, Exhibit N (BSABS 2007-HE7 PSA), § 1.01 (Definition of Subsequent Recoveries). ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners accordingly ~~is~~are not seeking guidance on these three Subject Trusts with respect to the treatment of Deferred Principal Collections. Additionally, there is one Subject Trust with no concept of Subsequent Recoveries, and ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners likewise ~~is~~are not seeking guidance on that Subject Trust. *See* Exhibit O (BSABS 2003-HE1 PSA), § 1.01 (“Definitions”).

~~124~~123. For the remaining ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two Subject Trusts, the Governing Agreements contain different terminology concerning Subsequent Recoveries and Deferred Principal Collections (*see* Exhibit L):

- a. ~~Twenty~~Thirteen of the Subject Trusts contain language that expressly requires amounts related to modifications to be treated as losses. *See, e.g.* Exhibit M (SACO I 2006-10 PSA), § 1.01 (Definition of Realized Loss). ~~Fifty-three~~Forty-nine do not include express language requiring such amounts to be treated as losses, *see, e.g.* SACO I 2006-4 PSA, § 1.01 (Definition of Realized Loss), but, again, industry practice is to treat Deferred Principal Amounts as loan-level losses.

b. However, all ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two of the remaining Subject Trusts contain Subsequent Recovery definitions that only narrowly include amounts “specifically related to a Mortgage Loan that was the subject of a liquidation or final disposition of any REO Property prior to the related Prepayment Period that resulted in a Realized Loss.” *See, e.g., id.* § 1.01 (Definition of Subsequent Recoveries). There is no reference to amounts collected in connection with realized losses resulting from loan modifications. *See, e.g., id.* As such, for these Subject Trusts, Subsequent Recoveries do not expressly include Deferred Principal Collections. *See, e.g., id.* And, Subsequent Recoveries are the only designated amounts that result in the application of write-ups under the Governing Agreements, meaning that there is no other express mechanism that would permit the application of write-ups for Deferred Principal Collections. *See supra* ¶¶ 17, ~~66~~65, ~~94~~93.

~~125~~124. Consistent with the Governing Agreements for the above ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two Subject Trusts, ~~Petitioner does~~Petitioners do not treat Deferred Principal Collections as Subsequent Recoveries, nor ~~does Petitioner~~do Petitioners apply write-ups to Primary Classes in connection with such collections.

*~~Petitioner Expects~~Petitioners Expect Interested Parties May Take Conflicting Positions on ~~Petitioner's~~Petitioners' Treatment of Deferred Principal Collections Given the Impact on Post-Zero Balance Collections and Overcollateralization*

~~126~~125. Whether future Deferred Principal Collections are not treated as Subsequent Recoveries under ~~Petitioner's~~Petitioners' current practice (the “**Non-SR Approach**”), or, alternatively, are treated as Subsequent Recoveries (the “**SR Approach**”) may have a significant impact on payments to all certificateholders.

~~127~~126. These potential impacts can be illustrated as follows. Imagine a mortgage loan securitization with the following attributes: (i) an aggregate outstanding mortgage loan principal balance of \$100, (ii) \$100 in aggregate certificate principal balance for the Primary Classes, (iii) \$5 of current-period loan-level losses, and (iv) \$10 of new Deferred Principal Collections in the current period. Under standard servicer reporting, the ending aggregate mortgage loan principal balance reported by the servicer will always be \$95. While the servicer will reduce the aggregate mortgage loan principal balance by \$5 to account for the current-period loan-level loss, it will *not* further reduce the balance by the \$10 of Deferred Principal Collections. This is because it applied a loan-level loss for the associated Deferred Principal Amounts in a prior period.

~~128~~127. If the Non-SR Approach were used, the \$10 in Deferred Principal Collections would reduce the certificate principal balance of the Primary Classes to \$90, to account for the distribution of principal to the Primary Classes. The principal balance of the mortgage loans would be reduced by the \$5 loan-level loss to \$95. The mortgage loan principal balance (\$95) would thus exceed the Primary Classes' principal balance (\$90) in the amount of \$5, meaning the deal would have \$5 in overcollateralization. Additionally, the \$5 loan-level loss would not be applied as a realized loss to the Primary Classes due to the overcollateralization.

~~129~~128. If the SR Approach were used, the \$10 in Deferred Principal Collections would again reduce the certificate principal balance of the Primary Classes to \$90, to account for the distribution of principal to the Primary Classes. The principal balance of the mortgage loans would, again, be reduced by the \$5 loan-level loss to \$95. However, the Primary Classes would also receive a \$10 write-up of principal as a result of treating the Deferred Principal Collections as Subsequent Recoveries. Thus, their \$90 principal balance would be increased by \$10 to ultimately

equal \$100. The Primary Classes' principal balance would then exceed the mortgage loan balance, meaning there would be no overcollateralization. With no overcollateralization, the \$5 loan-level loss would be applied as a realized loss to the Primary Classes, reducing their principal balance to \$95. The Primary Classes' principal balance (\$95) would thus equal the mortgage loan principal balance (\$95), such that there would be no overcollateralization in the deal following the distribution and application of losses.

~~130~~129. Taking this together, the Non-SR Approach would yield \$5 in overcollateralization and the Primary Classes' principal balance would be \$90, whereas the SR Approach would yield no overcollateralization and the Primary Classes' principal balance would be \$95. The former would cause the Primary Classes to move closer to a zero balance and increase overcollateralization—meaning that Post-Zero Balance Collections may ultimately be higher when the Primary Classes eventually reach zero. The latter would essentially do the opposite in that it would leave the Primary Classes with a higher principal balance that equals the principal balance of the mortgage loans, thereby decreasing the likelihood of any overcollateralization or Post-Zero Balance Collections.

~~131~~130. Although this is just a hypothetical, it plainly illustrates that the Non-SR Approach may increase Post-Zero Balance Collections and overcollateralization in the Subject Trusts. This, in turn, could increase potential distributions to Class C Classes depending upon how the issues raised *supra* ¶¶ ~~89-120~~88-119 are addressed, or, at the very least, it could increase the amount in controversy for such issues. Additionally, the Non-SR Approach may have other impacts beyond those in the hypothetical.

~~132~~131. In light of the above, ~~Petitioner expects~~Petitioners expect that some certificateholders may argue that Deferred Principal Collections ought to be included in

Subsequent Recoveries so that there is a symmetry between amounts treated as realized losses and the application of write-ups. This interpretation would reduce Post-Zero Balance Collections and overcollateralization, and would prevent, or at least reduce, possible distributions to Class C Classes. Certificateholders may argue that overcollateralization—and possible Class C distributions—were never intended to result from the distribution of Deferred Principal Collections, and that this outcome must be prevented, especially given that there are substantial realized losses outstanding on the Primary Classes.

~~133~~132. The opposite position may be taken by certificateholders that stand to benefit from increased Post-Zero Balance Collections and increased overcollateralization. These certificateholders would likely rely upon the definition of Subsequent Recoveries for support. In particular, they may point to the fact that many (though not all) of the Governing Agreements for the Subject Trusts expressly contemplate applying realized losses with respect to loan-level losses resulting from servicing modifications, while simultaneously omitting later collections related to such modifications from the definition of Subsequent Recoveries. Such interested certificateholders would also likely rely on ~~Petitioner's~~Petitioners' long-standing course of performance for support.

~~134~~133. All of this could potentially place ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners in the middle of certificateholders with competing claims—and this is not just an academic concern. The 2021 Wells Fargo Art. 77 illustrates as much. There, Wells Fargo is treating Deferred Principal Collections as Subsequent Recoveries and is advocating in favor of that approach. *See In re Wells Fargo Bank*, No. 154984/2021, Wells Fargo Answer to Deer Park Counter-Petition at 5-6 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. Sept. 3, 2021) (Dkt. No. 167). Certain parties appear to be aligned with Wells Fargo's position, at least in some respects. *See id.*, Solula, LLC's and La Verdad Holdings, LLC's

Verified Answer to Second Amended Petition and Amended Counter-Petition at 3-4 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty. Sept. 3, 2021) (Dkt. No. 157). Other parties, in contrast, assert that Deferred Principal Collections should not be treated as Subsequent Recoveries, but should still result in write-ups under the applicable contracts. *See, e.g.*, Deer Park Counter-Petition ¶¶ 56, 66-68. Additionally, various parties advance an alternative argument in which they assert that Deferred Principal Collections should not result in any write-ups at all, and should instead increase overcollateralization and eventually cause Excess Cashflow distributions to reimburse losses of the Class A classes for the deals at issue. *See id.* ¶ 90. Some of these positions appear to align with the manner in which ~~Petitioner treats~~Petitioners treat Deferred Principal Collections, but there clearly are conflicting views among the parties. Here, ~~Petitioner expects~~Petitioners expect that certificateholders may take similar conflicting positions, especially considering the possible impacts on Post-Zero Balance Collections.

#### **NEED FOR JUDICIAL INSTRUCTION**

~~135~~134. As explained herein, there are significant questions concerning the interpretation of the Governing Agreements with respect to (i) the manner in which distributions of Post-Zero Balance Collections should be applied under the waterfalls and (ii) the treatment of Deferred Principal Collections. The resolution of these issues will determine which certificateholders will receive distributions of the funds in question.

~~136.~~ ~~Petitioner expects~~135. Petitioners expect that certificateholders—the direct economic beneficiaries of the transactions—may have opposing views concerning how these questions should be resolved. Accordingly, judicial instructions are necessary to address these questions and facilitate the administration of these aspects of the waterfalls.

~~137~~136. An Article 77 proceeding in this Court is the most appropriate forum to permit all interested parties to appear and be heard in an orderly and efficient process and to facilitate and provide a resolution in the form of a uniform final judgment.

**THE COURT-APPROVED ESCROW ARRANGEMENT AND**

**THE NEED TO ADD SACO 12005-10 (GRP. II) TO THE ARRANGEMENT**

~~138~~137. One of the primary purposes of this proceeding—to obtain instructions from this Court concerning the manner in which distributions with respect to Post-Zero Balance Collections are applied under the waterfalls—would be frustrated if such funds were distributed to certificateholders without the benefit of instructions from this Court. Distributing these funds under any of the mutually exclusive approaches described herein would be effectively irreversible. This is because it would be impractical if not impossible for ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners to claw-back distributed funds and then redistribute such funds according to whatever approach is ordered by the Court.

~~139~~138. In light of the foregoing, the Original Order to Show Cause—as proposed by ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners and as entered by the Court—approved an escrow arrangement that has now been implemented with respect to the Subject Trusts covered in the Original Petition.

~~140~~139. Under the original escrow arrangement, ~~Petitioner is~~Petitioners are required to cause Post-Zero Balance Collections,<sup>11</sup> net of any expenses and other fees payable under the Governing Agreements, to be maintained on deposit, escrowed in a subaccount of the distribution

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<sup>11</sup> Deferred Principal Collections may be included within Post-Zero Balance Collections, and thus certain Deferred Principal Collections may be included in escrowed funds. However, the Original Order to Show Cause does not direct ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners to hold in escrow any Deferred Principal Collections that do not constitute Post-Zero Balance Collections—*i.e.*, with respect to any Deferred Principal Collections where the Class A, Class M, and/or Class B classes are outstanding, ~~Petitioner is~~Petitioners are continuing to apply and distribute such amounts consistent with its existing practices.

account associated with each Subject Trust covered in the Original Petition, *i.e.*, segregated by such Subject Trust, until the Court enters a final order concerning the appropriate distribution of these funds and directing such distributions in accordance therewith. For example, for the eleven RMBS trusts subject to the prior Partial Severance Orders (NYSCEF Nos. 171, 258), the Partial Severance Orders, in part, included orders terminating the escrow arrangement with respect to these eleven RMBS trusts and mandating that Petitioners distribute the corresponding escrowed funds in accordance with the terms of the Partial Severance Orders.

~~141~~140. With respect to each Subject Trust covered in the Original Petition, in the first period in which the aggregate certificate principal balance of the Class A, Class M, and, if applicable, Class B classes is equal to zero, ~~Petitioner is~~Petitioners are required to distribute any principal amounts or current interest owing to such classes according to the Governing Agreements until each such class's principal balance is reduced to zero and then must hold any remaining funds in escrow. In all periods thereafter, any collections remitted to ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners must be held in escrow, net of any expenses and other fees payable under the Governing Agreements.

~~142~~141. Escrow of these funds is appropriate in these circumstances because the Governing Agreements contain no express provision permitting ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners to retain funds that have been deposited into a distribution account. Generally, under the Governing Agreements, funds deposited in such accounts must be distributed to certificateholders on the applicable distribution date.

~~143~~142. The original escrow arrangement requires that amounts in the escrow accounts be held on an invested basis. ~~Petitioner is~~Petitioners are required to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause escrowed funds to be invested and reinvested in the high quality money market fund described in the Original Order to Show Cause (the "**Approved Fund**").

~~144~~143. The Approved Fund is a high rated money market fund. The fund is liquid, meaning that ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners will be able to redeem the investments for cash and make distributions promptly following entry by this Court of a final order concerning the correct approach for distributing the escrowed funds to certificateholders.

~~145~~144. Under the Governing Agreements, earnings from the investment of any amounts held by ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners prior to distribution are payable as additional compensation to the servicer or other transaction parties, not to certificateholders. However, in the Original Order to Show Cause, the Court directed that any earnings generated from the investments held in escrow be reinvested and inure to the benefit of certificateholders. ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners will not receive any fees, interest, or other financial benefit generated from these investments under this arrangement.

~~146~~145. Pursuant to the Original Order to Show Cause, investment earnings accruing on the escrowed funds will be treated as principal amount received on the mortgage loans. Any issues concerning the distribution of investment earnings will be addressed in the Court's instructions issued at the conclusion of this proceeding.

~~147. In light of the addition of~~146. As proposed by Petitioners in the First Amended Petition and as entered by the Court (NYSCEF No. 55), SACO I 2005-10 (Grp. II) has been added to this proceeding as a Subject Trust ~~in this~~and the escrow arrangement existing prior to the First Amended Petition, ~~the Proposed Order to Show Cause seeks to amend and restate the existing escrow arrangement~~ was amended and restated to add SACO I 2005-10 (Grp. II) thereto. ~~For all the reasons described herein, it is necessary for Petitioner to~~In accordance with the Court's order, Petitioners have been holding and will continue to hold in escrow applicable funds for SACO I 2005-10 (Grp. II). ~~Indeed, based on currently available information, Petitioner anticipates~~

~~that it will begin immediately escrowing funds for SACO I 2005-10 (Grp. II) because the Class A, Class M, and Class B classes for SACO I 2005-10 (Grp. II) currently have an aggregate certificate principal balance of zero., and such escrow arrangement remains necessary for all the reasons~~  
described herein.

~~148. The amended and restated escrow arrangement, if approved, would continue to have application to the Subject Trusts covered in the Original Petition, and would have the same material terms as the original escrow arrangement approved in the Original Order to Show Cause.~~

147. Nothing contained within this Second Amended Petition is intended to alter or amend the Court's Orders to Show Cause approving the escrow arrangement, including as modified around the time of the First Amended Petition.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of CPLR Article 77 and all other applicable law, ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners respectfully ~~requests~~request that this Court:

~~149~~148. Conclude that it has exclusive jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Article 77 proceeding, all parties to this proceeding, ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners, and all certificateholders and other parties claiming rights in the Subject Trusts, for the purposes of rendering any instructions as are necessary and/or appropriate in the administration of the Subject Trusts and, further, retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of any judgment(s) or order(s) entered by the Court.

~~150~~149. Direct, as an interim measure to permit the Court to provide instructions concerning the subject matter of this Article 77 proceeding, ~~Petitioner to add SACO I 2005-10 (Grp. II) to the escrow arrangement previously approved by the Court, under which Petitioner is~~Petitioners to cause certain funds to be maintained on deposit in escrow (as invested and reinvested in an approved high quality money

market fund), pursuant to the terms set forth in the proposed Order to Show Cause filed contemporaneously herewith, until such time as a final, nonappealable order is entered in this proceeding directing the manner in which ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall administer and distribute the funds held in escrow.

~~151~~150. Hold that ~~Petitioner is~~Petitioners are entitled to exculpation from liability for placing, receiving, holding, investing, and/or reinvesting any funds held in escrow in accordance with the Court's direction.

~~152~~151. At such designated time and place, make and enter an order providing the following (the "**Distribution Order**"):

- a. with respect to each of the Subject Trusts, in any payment period in which the beginning aggregate principal balance of the Class A, Class M, and, if applicable, Class B classes, taken together, is equal to zero dollars (\$0.00) or the aggregate principal balance of the same classes is reduced to zero dollars (\$0.00) as a result of distributions made during the period (as such balances may be adjusted as a result of the application of any write-ups pursuant to the applicable contracts and any guidance provided by this Court), ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall administer the Subject Trusts pursuant to one of the following methods, as so ordered by the Court:

- i. ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall treat as "Excess Cashflow" or a term of equivalent meaning, as that term is defined in the applicable governing contracts, any amounts available for distribution (as reduced by any distributions applied to the Class A, Class M, and, if applicable, Class B classes where the aggregate principal balance of such classes is

reduced to zero dollars (\$0.00) in the relevant payment period), and shall allocate and distribute such amounts pursuant to the applicable contractual terms concerning distributions of Excess Cashflow or a similar applicable term; or

- ii. ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall treat as “Principal Distribution Amount” or a term of equivalent meaning, as defined in the applicable governing contracts, any amounts available for distribution (as reduced by any distributions applied to the Class A, Class M, and, if applicable, Class B classes where the aggregate principal balance of such classes is reduced to zero dollars (\$0.00) in the relevant payment period), and, pursuant to instructions provided by this Court, ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall apply adjustments to the certificate principal balances of the Class A, Class M, and/or Class B classes, as may be applicable, to permit ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners to allocate and distribute such amounts pursuant to the applicable contractual terms concerning distributions of Principal Distribution Amount or a similar applicable term (*provided, however,* that additional guidance, pursuant to instructions of this Court, shall address (x) whether the aforescribed treatment of such amounts impacts or alters the “Current Interest” or a term of equivalent meaning, as defined in the applicable governing contracts, due on Class A, Class M, and/or Class B classes due to adjustments to the principal balances thereof, and (y) whether potential distributions of “Excess Cashflow” or a term of equivalent meaning, as that term is defined in the applicable

governing contracts, may be appropriate in certain circumstances, such as following the full payment of all principal and interest due on the Class A, Class M, and/or Class B classes (including without limitation any accrued amounts, shortfalls, and/or unreimbursed losses outstanding on such classes) or in any payment periods in which there is available “Overcollateralization Release Amount” or a term of equivalent meaning, as that term is defined in the applicable governing contracts); or

- iii. ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall apply a different method authorized by this Court to allocate and distribute any amounts available for distribution (as reduced by any distributions applied to the Class A, Class M, and, if applicable, Class B classes where the aggregate principal balance of such classes is reduced to zero dollars (\$0.00) in the relevant period, if applicable).
- b. with respect to each of the Subject Trusts, ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall apply the applicable contractual provision concerning whether Class A, Class M, or Class B classes with an aggregate certificate principal balance of zero dollars (\$0.00), on an individual class basis, are considered to be retired and no longer entitled to distributions (such provision typically appearing in Article V or a similar article of the applicable governing contracts) pursuant to one of the following methods, as so ordered by the Court:
- i. ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall apply said provision in a manner that: (1)  
prevents the application of any increases, or write-ups, to the certificate

principal balances of any Class A, Class M, or Class B classes with an aggregate certificate principal balance of zero dollars (\$0.00), on an individual class basis, at the beginning of any payment period, and (2) prevents distributions to any Class A, Class M, or Class B classes with an aggregate certificate principal balance of zero dollars (\$0.00), on an individual class basis, at the beginning of any payment period; or

- ii. ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall apply said provision in a manner that: (1) permits the application of increases, or write-ups, to the certificate principal balances of any Class A, Class M, or Class B classes with an aggregate certificate principal balance of zero dollars (\$0.00), on an individual class basis, at the beginning of any payment period, and (2) prevents distributions to any Class A, Class M, or Class B classes with an aggregate certificate principal balance of zero dollars (\$0.00), on an individual class basis, at the beginning of any payment period (as such beginning balances may be adjusted as a result of the application of any write-ups pursuant to the applicable contracts and any guidance provided by this Court); or
- iii. ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall apply said provision in a manner that: (1) permits the application of increases, or write-ups, to the certificate principal balances of any Class A, Class M, or Class B classes with an aggregate certificate principal balance of zero dollars (\$0.00), on an individual class basis, at the beginning of any payment period *so long as* all principal and interest due on such classes has not been paid in full

as of the beginning of the applicable payment period (including without limitation any accrued amounts, shortfalls, and/or unreimbursed losses outstanding on such classes), and (2) permits distributions to any Class A, Class M, or Class B classes with an aggregate certificate principal balance of zero dollars (\$0.00), on an individual class basis, at the beginning of any payment period *so long as* all principal and interest due on such classes has not been paid in full as of the beginning of the applicable payment period (including without limitation any accrued amounts, shortfalls, and/or unreimbursed losses outstanding on such classes); or

- iv. ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners shall apply said provision pursuant to a different method authorized by this Court.
- c. with respect to the ~~seventy-three~~sixty-two Subject Trusts identified on Exhibit G hereto, for any collections of borrower payments of deferred or forborne principal, interest, and/or other amounts on mortgages that have been subject to servicer modifications, ~~Petitioner~~whether Petitioners shall (i) continue to (y) treat such deferred or forborne amounts as principal funds that do not constitute “Subsequent Recoveries” or a term of equivalent meaning, as defined in the applicable governing contracts, and (iz) ~~continue to~~ not apply increases, or write-ups, to any certificate principal balances of any classes of certificates with respect to any such deferred or forborne amounts, or (ii) apply an alternative treatment or application pursuant to a different method authorized by this Court; *provided, however,* that if the Court orders ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners to apply an

alternative approach with respect to the foregoing, such alternative approach shall be limited to the prospective administration of the Subject Trusts ~~and Petitioner's historical treatment with respect to deferred or forborne amounts shall be deemed to constitute a good faith, reasonable application of the terms of the applicable contracts in full discharge of Petitioner's contractual duties.~~

~~153~~152. Instruct, authorize, and order ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners to distribute any applicable escrowed amounts subject to the Distribution Order as promptly as reasonably possible, and in accordance therewith, subject to any working or administrative time that may be necessary to administer and distribute such payments with any adjustments to effectuate the Court's instructions in the Distribution Order.

~~154~~153. Order that certificateholders and any other parties claiming rights in the Subject Trusts are barred from asserting claims against ~~Petitioner~~Petitioners with respect to ~~Petitioner's~~Petitioners' administration and distribution of any amounts subject to the Distribution Order, so long as such administration and distribution is consistent with the Distribution Order and any other orders of the Court.

~~155~~154. Grant any other and/or additional relief this Court deems just and proper.

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