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In the Matter of the Application of

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

Petitioner,

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Justice Andrew Borrok

IAS Part 53

Mot. Seq. No. 015

NOTICE OF ENTRY

For Judicial Instructions Under CPLR Article 77

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Decision and Order on Motion for Motion Sequence No. 015 in this matter dated November 27, 2023, and duly filed and entered on November 28, 2023.

Dated: November 29, 2023 New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

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OR CALCULATION AGENT UNDER VARIOUS POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENTS), U.S. BANK TRUST	OOLING RUST MOTION DATE	N/A
COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (AS TRUSTEE, SECURITIES ADMINISTRATOR, PAYING AGENT, AND/OR CALCULATION AGENT UNDER VARIOUS POOLING	MOTION SEQ. NO.	015
AND SERVICING AGREEMENTS),  Plaintiff,	DECISION + ORDER ON MOTION	
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Defendant.		
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were read on this motion to/for	STAY	
Pacific Investment Management Company LLC and HBK	Master Fund L.P.'s (h	ereinafter,
collectively, the Moving Respondents) motion to stay this	s proceeding or, altern	atively, to
adjourn the final hearing in this matter is granted to the ex	atent of adjourning the	final hearing
From December 11-December 15, 2023, to November 4-N	November 8, 2025.	

In the Second Amended Complaint (the **SAP**; NYSCEF Doc. No. 290), the Petitioners seek instruction as to (i) the manner in which distributions are calculated and applied after the outstanding principal balances of the primary classes of certificates are reduced to zero and (ii) whether deferred principal collections should be treated as subsequent recoveries under the Pooling and Service Agreements (**PSA**s) for the relevant trusts. In a related case, the court

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(Friedman, J.) and the Appellate Division reviewed the language of certain PSAs and held that deferred principal payments should be treated as subsequent recoveries under the PSAs (*In re Wells Fargo Bank*, 2020 WL 735683 [Sup Ct, NY County 2023, Friedman, J.], *affd Wells Fargo Bank v Aegon USA Investment Management*, *LLC*, 198 AD3d 156 [1st Dept 2021]) (the **JPM Order**). In another related case, this Court held that the JPM Order resolved the issue of whether deferred principal payments should be treated as subsequent recoveries under the PSAs (*In the Matter of Wells Fargo Bank*, *N.A.*, 154984/2021, NYSCEF Doc. No. 823) (the **Wells Fargo Decision**). The JPM Order and the Wells Fargo Decision are both still subject to final appeal and the Court has been advised that appeals of both decisions are being taken.

Trial courts are given broad discretion to control their own calendar, including adjournments of motions or hearings (174 Second Equities, Corp. v Hee Nam Bae, 57 AD3d 319, 321 [1st Dept 2008]). A stay is appropriate to avoid a duplication of effort, waste of judicial resources, and possibility of inconsistent rulings (OneBeacon America Ins. Co. v Colgate-Palmolive Co., 86 AD3d 541, 541 [1st Dept 2012]). An adjournment of the final hearing in this case is appropriate here pending a final resolution of the appeals of the JPM Order and the Wells Fargo decision in order to avoid the risk of inconsistent verdicts and to preserve court resources by ensuring the final resolution of the issues raised in both decisions prior to the final hearing in this case. Certain respondents have objected to the adjournment, arguing that (i) the JPM Order is the operative order and the Petitioner should be ordered to comply with it and (ii) the issue of post-zero balance collections is not sufficiently connected to the issue of deferred principal collections being treated as subsequent recoveries, such that the hearing should proceed. These arguments are unavailing because (i) court resources are persevered by adjourning the hearing pending

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resolution of appeal of the JPM Order and the Wells Fargo Decision and (ii) all issues raised in the petition should be heard together, such that the alleged lack of connection between the post-zero balance collections and the deferred principal collections is not a sufficient basis to proceed. The hearing is therefore adjourned to November 4-November 8, 2025.

The Court has considered the parties' remaining arguments and finds them unavailing.

It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is granted to the extent of adjourning the final hearing in this case to November 4-November 8, 2025.

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## AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE

- I, Michael Chen, an attorney duly admitted to practice law before the courts in the State of New York, herby affirm the following:
  - 1. I am not a party to this action and I am over eighteen years of age;
  - 2. I am an associate with the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036, counsel for HBK Master Fund L.P.; and
  - 3. On November 29, 2023, I caused to be served on the parties to this action a true and correct copy of the foregoing Decision and Order on Motion with Notice of Entry via NYSCEF.

Dated: November 29, 2023 New York, New York

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