

November 21, 2017

**Utility Debt Securitization Authority**

C/o LIPA, as Administrator  
333 Earle Ovington Boulevard  
Uniondale, New York 11553  
Attention: Chief Financial Officer

**Re: Utility Debt Securitization Authority**

**\$369,465,000 Restructuring Bonds, Series 2017**

Dear Sir or Madam;

Pursuant to your request for a rating on the above-referenced securities, S&P Global Ratings has assigned long-term issue credit ratings to the classes as follows:

Utility Debt Securitization Authority Series 2017			
Class	Rated Principal Amount	Legal Final Maturity Date	Rating
A-1 Serial	1,695,000	June 15, 2022	AAA (sf)
A-2 Serial	1,740,000	December 15, 2022	AAA (sf)
A-3 Serial	10,985,000	June 15, 2023	AAA (sf)
A-4 Serial	11,260,000	December 15, 2023	AAA (sf)
A-5 Serial	11,440,000	June 15, 2024	AAA (sf)
A-6 Serial	11,725,000	December 15, 2024	AAA (sf)
A-7 Serial	18,130,000	June 15, 2025	AAA (sf)
A-8 Serial	18,585,000	December 15, 2025	AAA (sf)
A-9 Serial	190,000	June 15, 2026	AAA (sf)
A-10 Serial	195,000	December 15, 2026	AAA (sf)
A-11 Serial	195,000	June 15, 2027	AAA (sf)
A-12 Serial	200,000	December 15, 2027	AAA (sf)
A-13 Serial	205,000	June 15, 2028	AAA (sf)
A-14 Serial	210,000	December 15, 2028	AAA (sf)
A-15 Serial	220,000	June 15, 2029	AAA (sf)
A-16 Serial	225,000	December 15, 2029	AAA (sf)

A-17 Term	465,000	December 15, 2030	AAA (sf)
A-18 Term	485,000	December 15, 2031	AAA (sf)
A-19 Term	510,000	December 15, 2032	AAA (sf)
A-20 Term	535,000	December 15, 2033	AAA (sf)
A-21 Term	565,000	December 15, 2034	AAA (sf)
A-22 Term	595,000	December 15, 2035	AAA (sf)
A-23 Term	625,000	December 15, 2036	AAA (sf)
A-24 Term	655,000	December 15, 2037	AAA (sf)
A-25 Term	63,235,000	December 15, 2038	AAA (sf)
A-26 Term	62,085,000	December 15, 2039	AAA (sf)
A-27 Term	69,810,000	December 15, 2040	AAA (sf)
A-28 Term	82,700,000	December 15, 2041	AAA (sf)

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S & P Global Ratings". The signature is written in a dark ink on a light background.

S&P Global Ratings, acting through  
Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC

Analytical Contact:  
Name: Jay Srivats  
Telephone # 347-266-5103



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