

**Rating Action: Moody's assigns (P)Aaa (sf) to Utility Debt Securitization Authority's Restructuring Bonds**

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**Approximately \$2.1 billion of asset backed securities rated**

New York, December 02, 2013 -- Moody's Investors Service has assigned provisional ratings of (P)Aaa (sf) to the Series 2013T and Series 2013TE restructuring bonds to be issued by Utility Debt Securitization Authority (the Issuer) and sponsored by the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA; Baa1 negative). This will be LIPA's first utility cost recovery bond issuance.

The bond issuance is permitted under State of New York legislation that authorizes LIPA to recover certain restructuring costs via securitization and has been authorized under a financing order issued by LIPA.

The bonds will be backed primarily by restructuring property, which includes the Issuer's irrevocable right to impose, charge and collect a non-by-passable usage-based restructuring charge from all existing and future retail electric customers in LIPA's service area.

The complete rating actions are as follows:

Issuer: Utility Debt Securitization Authority

Restructuring Bonds Series 2013T (Federally Taxable), Assigned (P)Aaa (sf)

Restructuring Bonds Series 2013TE (Federally Tax-Exempt), Assigned (P)Aaa (sf)

**RATINGS RATIONALE**

The provisional ratings Moody's has assigned to the bonds are based primarily on the following:

- 1) the strength of the State of New York's legislation (the LIPA Reform Act), including the state's non-impairment pledge
- 2) the irrevocable financing order issued by LIPA authorizing the creation of securitizable restructuring property
- 3) the remote likelihood of a successful legal, political or regulatory challenge to the restructuring property and other rights that LIPA will transfer to the Issuer for the benefit of the trustee on behalf of bondholders
- 4) the size, stability, and diversity of the ratepayer base in LIPA's service area, from whom the restructuring charges will be collected
- 5) credit enhancement consisting of a statutory uncapped true-up adjustment mechanism that mandatorily adjusts the restructuring charges to ensure sufficient collections to timely pay the bonds, and a reserve subaccount fully funded at closing with 0.50% of the initial principal balance of the bonds
- 6) Moody's assessment of the ability and experience of LIPA, as servicer of the restructuring property, and of PSEG Long Island LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Baa1 stable) who will provide LIPA's key servicing functions

**PRINCIPAL METHODOLOGY**

The principal methodology used in this rating was "Moody's Approach to Rating Securities Backed by Utility Cost Recovery Charges" published in March 2011. Please see the Credit Policy page on [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com) for a copy of this methodology.

Factors that would lead to an upgrade or downgrade of the rating

Factors or circumstances that could drive the rating down are a significant decline in the ratepayer base in the

service area or extreme weather fluctuations and natural disasters affecting the servicer's ability to accurately forecast electricity usage.

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