

August 14, 2020

To: Finance & Audit Committee
LIPA Board of Trustees

Re: Quarterly Report on Interest Rate Exchange Agreements
Quarter Ended June 30, 2020

Dear Finance & Audit Committee Members:

The Long Island Power Authority (“the Authority”, “LIPA”) is filing this report pursuant to reporting requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Guidelines for the Use of Interest Rate Exchange Agreements, as approved by the Board of Trustees on March 29, 2017.

Description of the Interest Rate Exchange Agreements

As of June 30, 2020, LIPA had the following interest rate swap agreements outstanding:

Counterparty	Type of Swap	Notional Outstanding (\$000)	Effective Date	Maturity Date
UBS AG	Floating-to-Fixed	\$587,225	6/1/2003	12/1/2029
Citibank, N.A.	Floating-to-Fixed	\$251,510	9/1/2022	9/1/2042
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Floating-to-Fixed	\$164,860	9/1/2022	9/1/2029
Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc.	Basis Swap	\$422,205	7/1/2004	8/15/2033
Citibank, N.A.	Basis Swap	\$211,103	7/1/2004	8/15/2033
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	Basis Swap	\$211,103	7/1/2004	8/15/2033
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Total Return	\$51,000	5/1/2020	6/29/2023
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Total Return	\$149,000	5/1/2020	6/29/2023
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Total Return	\$175,000	9/15/2016	9/1/2021

As of June 30, 2020, the estimated total mark-to-market value of the transactions was approximately negative \$264 million (please see Appendix A). The mark-to-market value excludes transaction costs and is calculated at prevailing mid-market rates. Therefore, it represents the hypothetical amount that LIPA would owe to the counterparties if the transactions were terminated on that date, absent transaction costs.

Counterparty Ratings

As of June 30, 2020, the Authority’s counterparties had the following ratings and outlooks:

Counterparty	Moody’s		S&P		Fitch	
	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook
UBS	Aa3	Stable	A+	Stable	AA-	Negative

Merrill Lynch ¹	A2	Stable	A-	Stable	A+	Stable
Citibank	Aa3	Stable	A+	Stable	A+	Negative
JPMorgan ²	A2	Stable	A-	Stable	AA-	Negative
Wells Fargo	Aa2	Stable	A+	Stable	AA-	Negative

¹Guaranteed by Bank of America Corp.

²Original counterparty was Bear Stearns Capital Markets Inc.

Risks

The Authority is subject to certain risks under its interest rate swap transactions, including:

Counterparty Risk: the risk that a counterparty (or its guarantor) will fail to make a payment or default under the swap agreement and LIPA will lose the benefit of the hedge. If a counterparty were to default under its agreement when owing a termination payment to LIPA, LIPA may have to pay another entity to assume the position of the defaulting counterparty. The swap agreements contain various termination events and collateral posting provision to mitigate counterparty risk for lower-rated entities (see Appendix B).

Termination Risk: the risk that a counterparty will terminate a swap with LIPA owing a termination payment. Only LIPA is entitled to terminate these transactions from time-to-time for any reason; the counterparties may only terminate upon the occurrence of certain events such as payment defaults, other defaults which remain uncured for 30 days after notice, the bankruptcy or insolvency of LIPA (or similar events), certain downgrades of LIPA's and a swap insurer's (if any) credit rating, and events related to the underlying bonds. As of June 30, 2020, the credit ratings of LIPA and its swap insurer were as follows:

Entity	Moody's		S&P		Fitch	
	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook
LIPA	A2	Stable	A	Stable	A	Stable
Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. ¹	A2	Stable	AA	Stable	-	-

¹Insurer on swaps with UBS and Merrill Lynch.

Collateral Posting Risk: the risk that LIPA will be required to post collateral to its counterparties to secure a negative mark-to-market valuation. LIPA is only required to post collateral should its ratings fall to certain levels (see Appendix B). As of June 30, 2020, there was no collateral posted by either LIPA or its counterparties.

Basis Risk: the risk of a mismatch in the variable rates paid and received by LIPA.

Under the floating-to-fixed swap with UBS, LIPA is subject to the risk that the variable-rate received (69.47% 1M LIBOR) does not offset the payments on the underlying bonds. LIPA has minimized this risk by issuing bonds based on the LIBOR index (including when accounting for the Total Return Swaps), thus closely matching the floating rates.

In December 2019, LIPA executed two forward-starting floating-to-fixed swaps with Citibank and Wells Fargo in anticipation of refunding certain bonds in 2022. The floating rate LIPA is set to receive on such swaps (70% 1M LIBOR, or any potential fallback upon the discontinuation of LIBOR), may be different than the rate payable on any variable-rate refunding bonds.

LIPA has three basis swap transactions whereby LIPA pays SIFMA and receives 70.5% of 1M LIBOR. On these swaps, LIPA is subject to the risk that SIFMA trades at a level higher than 70.5% 1M LIBOR, thus resulting in negative cash flows. The relationship between these two rates can be affected by multiple variables, including but not limited to absolute levels of interest rates, supply and demand considerations, and tax factors. The weekly SIFMA/1M LIBOR ratio has fluctuated over time, having averaged 72.1% since the inception of these swaps in 2004.

The Authority views basis risk as a limited form of variable-rate exposure, and therefore takes Basis Risk into account when analyzing outstanding interest rate exposure, as shown in Appendix C.

Risk of Potential Discontinuation of LIBOR: the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority has announced that it will no longer require LIBOR panel banks to provide quotes to set the LIBOR benchmark as of the end of 2021. Certain of the Authority's swaps are scheduled to be in effect at such time. Following this date, it is unclear whether banks will continue to provide quotes voluntarily, or if LIBOR will continue to be deemed a viable index by market participants.

In the United States, the Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) has developed the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) as an alternative risk-free rate, and subsequently identified SOFR as a possible replacement rate for LIBOR. SOFR is a broad measure of the cost of borrowing U.S. Treasury securities overnight. ARRC and market participants are currently in the process of identifying methodology for which LIBOR-based instruments may be transitioned into using SOFR, in the event LIBOR is no longer published or utilized. It is currently unclear what the impact, if any, of such a transition could be on the Authority and its swaps. The Authority is monitoring all developments related to the potential LIBOR discontinuation in order to understand how it may be affected going forward.

Interest Rate Exposure

As of June 30, 2020, LIPA's net floating rate exposure is 1.43% as summarized in Appendix C.

/s/ Kenneth Kane
Kenneth Kane
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Appendix B: Additional Termination Events/Collateral Posting Thresholds

Terms Applicable to LIPA: A2 (Moody's), A (S&P), A (Fitch)					
Counterparty	Citibank	JPMorgan	Merrill Lynch (BofA Corp.)	UBS	Wells Fargo
Insurer			Assured Guaranty	Assured Guaranty	
Additional Termination Event (below)	Baa2 (Moody's) or BBB (S&P or Fitch) ¹ Baa3 (Moody's) or BBB- (S&P or Fitch)	Baa3 (Moody's) or BBB- (S&P)	Baa3 (Moody's) or BBB- (S&P)	See Note 3	Baa3 (Moody's) or BBB- (S&P or Fitch)
Insurer Event (below)			A3 (Moody's) or A- (S&P) ²	A2 (Moody's) and A (S&P) ³	
Collateral Thresholds (Lowest Rating)	<i>N/A - No CSA</i>	<i>Moody's / S&P:</i>	<i>Moody's / S&P / Fitch:</i>	<i>N/A - No CSA</i>	<i>(Moody's / S&P / Fitch):⁴</i>
Aa3 or AA- and above		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
A1 or A+		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
A2 or A		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
A3 or A-		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
Baa1 or BBB+		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
Baa2 or BBB		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
Baa3 or BBB-		Zero	\$30,000,000		Zero
Below Baa3 or BBB- / NR		Zero	Zero		Zero
Notes:	¹ It shall constitute an ATE if LIPA has been notified of the downgrade and within 20 days does not (a) provide a guarantee/insurance, (b) transfer to an acceptable counterparty, or (c) execute a CSA. ² Insurance provisions and insurer event pertain to SIFMA/LIBOR basis swap only. It shall constitute an ATE if, within 30 days of notice, LIPA has not provided a substitute insurance policy or other credit enhancement reasonably acceptable (compliance with CSA provisions is deemed as credit enhancement reasonably acceptable). ³ It shall constitute an ATE if, within 30 days of receiving notice of an Insurer Event, LIPA does not provide a Credit Support Provider, deliver proof of ratings of A3 (Moody's) or A- (S&P), or execute a CSA. ⁴ LIPA is not subject to collateral posting on the Total Return Swaps.				

Appendix B (continued):

Terms Applicable to Counterparties					
Counterparty (Moody's / S&P / Fitch)	Citibank Aa3 / A+ / A+	JPMorgan A2 / A- / AA-	Merrill Lynch (BofA Corp.) A2 / A- / A+	UBS Aa3 / A+ / AA-	Wells Fargo Aa2 / A+ / AA-
Additional Termination Event (below)	A3 (Moody's) or A- (S&P or Fitch) ¹ Baa3 (Moody's) or BBB- (S&P or Fitch)	Baa3 (Moody's) or BBB- (S&P)	A3 (Moody's) or A- (S&P)	A3 (Moody's) or A- (S&P) ²	Baa1 (Moody's) or BBB+ (S&P or Fitch)
Collateral Thresholds (Lowest Rating)	<i>N/A - No CSA</i>	<i>Moody's / S&P:</i>	<i>Moody's / S&P / Fitch:</i>	<i>N/A - No CSA</i>	<i>(Moody's / S&P / Fitch):</i>
Aa3 or AA- and above		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
A1 or A+		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
A2 or A		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
A3 or A-		Infinite	Infinite		Infinite
Baa1 or BBB+		\$25,000,000	Zero		Zero
Baa2 or BBB		\$10,000,000	Zero		Zero
Baa3 or BBB-		Zero	Zero		Zero
Below Baa3 or BBB- / NR		Zero	Zero		Zero
Notes:	¹ It shall constitute an ATE if Citibank has been notified of the downgrade and within 20 days does not (a) provide a guarantee/insurance, (b) transfer to an acceptable counterparty, or (c) execute a CSA. ² May also include an equivalent rating determined by a nationally-recognized ratings service acceptable to both parties. It shall constitute an ATE if, within 30 days, UBS does not execute a CSA.				

Appendix C	
Long Island Power Authority & UDSA Floating Rate Exposure	6/30/2020
Fixed Rate Bonds	
1998 A	93,509,616
2000 A	257,492,178
2003 C	36,645,000
2010 B	194,715,000
2011 A	9,385,000
2012 A	250,000,000
2012 B	179,035,000
2014A	413,070,000
2014B	113,485,000
2015B	115,050,000
2016B	378,515,000
2017	350,000,000
2018	430,000,000
2019 A	218,175,000
2019 B	284,250,000
Sub-Total (LIPA)	3,323,326,794
Utility Debt Securitization Authority	
UDSA Series 2013	1,614,161,000
UDSA Series 2015	1,002,115,000
UDSA Series 2016A	636,770,000
UDSA Series 2016B	325,485,000
UDSA Series 2017	367,770,000
Sub-Total (UDSA)	3,946,301,000
Sub-Total (LIPA & UDSA)	7,269,627,794
Floating Rate Bonds	
2013 A RCA	200,000,000
2014 C Floating Rate Note	150,000,000
2015 A MMD FRN Rate (1)	200,000,000
2015 C Floating Rate Note	149,000,000
2016 A MMD FRN Rate (1)	175,000,000
General Revenue Notes - 1	165,000,000
General Revenue Notes - 2	100,000,000
General Revenue Notes - 3	0
General Revenue Notes - 4	30,000,000
General Revenue Notes - 5	100,000,000
General Revenue Notes - 6	75,000,000
Sub-Total	\$1,344,000,000
TOTAL BONDS ISSUED (a)	\$8,613,627,794
Total Floating Rate Bonds	
	\$1,344,000,000
Net Floating Rate Exposure of Swaps	
Floating-to-Fixed (2)	(585,842,058)
Basis Swap (Floating) (3)	249,100,950
Total Net Floating Rate Exposure of Swaps	(336,741,108)
Cash & Short-Term Investments Net of Restricted Funds	(883,706,959)
NET FLOATING RATE BONDS (b)	\$123,551,934
Net Floating Rate Exposure (b) / (a)	1.43%

- 1) The 2015A and 2016A Bonds have associated Total Return Swaps whereby LIPA receives the rate paid on the Bonds (MMD Index plus a spread) and pays a rate of 69.4% 1-Month LIBOR plus a spread.
- 2) Swap with UBS treated as having floating rate exposure equal to the net differential between the floating receiver rate on the swap and the floating rate obligation on LIBOR-based bonds. For purposes of this analysis (netting LIBOR vs. LIBOR exposure) Series 2016A is assumed to be hedged; however, upon the refunding of Series 2012C by 2016A, an equal amount of the UBS swap, previously assigned to Series 2012, was reassigned per the swap documentation to both Series 2015C and GR CP-1 (\$86.775mm and \$88.225mm, respectively). As of March 23, 2018, GR Notes replaced GR CP-1.
- 3) Basis Swaps treated as having floating rate exposure equal to a SIFMA/LIBOR ratio of 100% minus the receiver ratio of 70.5%.