

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BEFORE THE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

In the Matter of)	FRB Docket No. 99-007-CMP-SM
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BANCO POPULAR DE PUERTO RICO)	
San Juan, Puerto Rico)	Order of Assessment of a Civil
)	Money Penalty Pursuant to the
)	National Flood Insurance Act, as
)	Amended
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 102(f) of the National Flood Insurance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f) (the "Act"), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Board of Governors") issues this Order of Assessment of a Civil Money Penalty (the "Order") upon the consent of Banco Popular de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico (the "Bank"), a state member bank, in connection with the Bank's violations of the Board's Regulation H, 12 C.F.R. Part 208, that implements the Act; and

WHEREAS, by affixing its signature hereunder, the Bank has consented to the issuance of this Order by the Board of Governors, and consented to comply with each and every provision of this Order, and waived any and all rights it might have pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4) and 12 C.F.R. Part 263, or otherwise (a) to the issuance of a notice of charges and of hearing and a notice of assessment of a civil money penalty; (b) to a hearing for the purpose of taking evidence with respect to any matter implied or set forth in this Order; (c) to obtain judicial review of this Order or any provision hereof; and (d) to challenge or contest in any matter the basis, issuance, validity, effectiveness, collectibility or enforceability of this Order or any provision hereof; and

WHEREAS, where a pattern or practice of violations under Section 102(f)(2) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(2), is found, the Act requires that civil money penalties be imposed of up to \$ 350 for each violation; and

WHEREAS, the Bank acted diligently and has taken prompt corrective action to seek compliance with the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, prior to the taking of any testimony or adjudication of or finding on any issue of fact or law herein, and without this Order constituting an admission of any allegation made or implied by the Board of Governors in connection with this proceeding, and solely for the purpose of settlement of this proceeding without protracted or extended hearing or testimony:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 102(f) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f), that:

1. The Bank is assessed and shall pay to the Board of Governors a civil money penalty in the amount of \$10,000.
2. The penalty assessed pursuant to this Order shall be remitted in full, at the time of the Bank's execution of this Order, payable to the "Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System" and forwarded with the Bank's executed copy of this Order, to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary of the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. The Board of Governors shall remit the payment to the National Flood Mitigation Fund as required by statute.

3. All communications regarding this Order shall be sent to:

(a) Bradford S. Fleetwood
Counsel
Legal Division
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
20th & C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20551

(b) Ramón D. Lloveras
Senior Vice President
Director of the Legal Division &
Assistant Secretary
Banco Popular de Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-2708

4. Any violation of this Order shall separately subject the Bank to appropriate civil or criminal penalties or both under Section 8(i) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i).

5. The provisions of this Order shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the Board of Governors, or any Federal or state agency or department from taking any other action affecting the Bank, provided, however, that the Board of Governors shall not take any further action against the Bank based upon information presently known by the Board of Governors relating to the matters addressed by this Order.


6. Each provision of this Order shall remain effective and enforceable until stayed, modified, terminated or suspended in writing by the Board of Governors.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, effective this

14th day of June, 1999.

BANCO POPULAR DE PUERTO
RICO

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

By: 
ANDRES B. CABERO
VICE PRESIDENT

By: 
Jennifer J. Johnson
Secretary of the Board