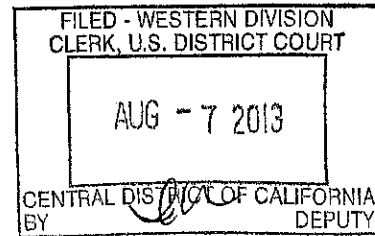


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21 MAINE STATE RETIREMENT  
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22 of All Others Similarly Situated,

23 Plaintiff,

24 vs.

25 COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL  
CORPORATION, et al.,

26 Defendants.

No. 2:10-cv-00302-MRP(MANx)

CLASS ACTION

NOTICE OF LODGING

DATE: October 28, 2013

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COURTROOM: 12

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1 WESTERN CONFERENCE OF  
2 TEAMSTERS PENSION TRUST  
3 FUND, Individually and On Behalf of  
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6 CORPORATION, et al.,

7 Defendants.

8 DAVID H. LUTHER, et al.,  
9 Individually and On Behalf of All  
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12 COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL  
13 CORPORATION, et al.,

14 Defendants.

No. 2:12-cv-05122-MRP(MANx)

CLASS ACTION

No. 2:12-cv-05125-MRP(MANx)

CLASS ACTION

1 Plaintiffs' Counsel hereby lodge the attached [Proposed] Order Granting  
2 Preliminary Approval to Settlement and Directing Dissemination of Notice to the  
3 Class. Counsel for Defendants have reviewed the [Proposed] Order and have no  
4 objection to it.

5 DATED: August 6, 2013

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 6, 2013.

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Case No. 2:10-CV-00302 MRP (MANx)

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO  
SETTLEMENT AND DIRECTING  
DISSEMINATION OF  
NOTICE TO THE CLASS**

Date: October 28, 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Courtroom: 12

Judge: Hon. Mariana R. Pfaelzer

Case No. 2:12-CV-05125 MRP (MANx)

Case No. 2:12-CV-05122 MRP (MANx)

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER

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1       PRESENTED TO THE COURT FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL IS A  
2       PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS ASSERTED AGAINST ALL  
3       DEFENDANTS IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED ACTIONS (THE "ACTIONS").  
4       THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT (THE "SETTLEMENT")  
5       ARE SET OUT IN THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF  
6       SETTLEMENT EXECUTED BY COUNSEL FOR THE PARTIES DATED AS  
7       OF JUNE 25, 2013 (THE "SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT"). ALL  
8       CAPITALIZED TERMS USED HEREIN HAVE THE SAME MEANINGS SET  
9       FORTH AND DEFINED IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

10       The Court, upon reviewing the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiffs' motion for  
11       preliminary approval of the Settlement, the supplemental papers filed on July 8, 2013  
12       and July 23, 2013 and arguments made in connection therewith, and having held  
13       hearings on July 10, 2013 and August 1, 2013 (the "Hearings") to determine, among  
14       other things, whether the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, and Plaintiffs' Counsel's  
15       request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses, are sufficiently fair, reasonable,  
16       and adequate to warrant the issuance of notice of the proposed Settlement, Plan of  
17       Allocation, and Plaintiffs' Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and  
18       expenses to the members of the proposed Class (as defined below), declares that it is  
19       hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

20       1.     Jurisdiction. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the  
21       Actions and over the Parties.

22       2.     Preliminary Findings Concerning Proposed Settlement. The Court  
23       preliminarily finds that the proposed Settlement should be approved as: (i) it is the  
24       result of serious, extensive arm's-length and non-collusive negotiations; (ii) it falls  
25       within a range of reasonableness warranting final approval; (iii) it has no obvious  
26       deficiencies; (iv) it does not improperly grant preferential treatment to the named  
27       Plaintiffs, or segments of the Class; and (v) notice of the proposed Settlement to Class  
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Members is warranted, subject to further consideration of the Settlement at the Fairness Hearing described below.

3. Preliminary Findings Concerning Proposed Plan of Allocation. The Court preliminarily finds that the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved as: (i) it is the result of serious, informed analysis conducted by Plaintiffs' Counsel, with the assistance of retired District Court Judge Nancy Gertner, as to the proper allocation of the Net Settlement Fund to three categories of Class Members, for the reasons stated in Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Law in Support of Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement filed on June 25, 2013 (the "Preliminary Approval Motion"), Plaintiffs' Supplemental Plan of Allocation Submission filed on July 23, 2013 (and accompanying declaration from Plaintiffs' expert Professor Steven P. Feinstein) and at the Hearings; and (ii) Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel have properly shown they will adequately represent the Class, taking into account, among other factors, that they have vigorously prosecuted the Actions on behalf of all Class Members for more than five years and do not have any conflicts of interests with other Class Members.

4. Preliminary Findings Concerning Plaintiffs' Counsel's Request for an Award of Attorneys' Fees. The Court preliminarily finds that Plaintiffs' Counsel have made a proper showing that they may seek up to 17% of the Gross Settlement Fund as an award of attorneys' fees and up to a \$4 million expense award as: (i) Plaintiffs' Counsel provided sufficient support for the fee and expense requests in the June 25, 2013 Preliminary Approval Motion and the supplemental submission filed on July 8, 2013, which provided further support for their request for up to a 17% fee award; and (ii) the Court will consider the request at the Fairness Hearing described below after considering Plaintiffs' final submission and the Class's response to the Settlement and fee and expense request.

1           5.     Class Certification. The Court hereby certifies, for settlement purposes  
2 only, pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a  
3 class ("Class") defined as follows:

4           all Persons that purchased or otherwise acquired the individual securities issued  
5 as part of the 429 Offerings collectively at issue in the Actions (the  
6 "Certificates") during the period March 12, 2004 through the date of this Order  
7 ("Class Period"). Excluded from the Class are: the Defendants; members of  
8 the Individual Defendants' immediate families; any entity in which any  
9 Underwriter Defendant has a majority interest; any entity in which any other  
10 Defendant has a majority or controlling interest; any person who was an officer,  
11 director, partner, or controlling person of any Defendant during the Class  
12 Period; and the legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of any such  
excluded Person. Also excluded from the Class are those Persons who submit  
valid and timely requests for exclusion from the Class in compliance with each  
of the requirements set forth in the Notice.

13           6.     Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the  
14 purposes of the Settlement only, the following plaintiffs are appointed as the Class  
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PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER  
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1 necessary to consummate the proposed Settlement set forth in the Settlement  
2 Agreement.

3 7. Fairness Hearing. A hearing (the "Fairness Hearing") will be held on  
4 October 28, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., before the Honorable Mariana R. Pfaelzer in  
5 Courtroom 12 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California,  
6 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, to determine, among other  
7 things, (a) whether the proposed Settlement of the Actions on the terms and conditions  
8 provided in the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be  
9 approved by the Court; (b) whether the proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net  
10 Settlement Fund is fair and reasonable and should be approved by the Court; (c)  
11 whether the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice substantially in the  
12 form of Exhibit B to the Settlement Agreement should be entered in the Actions; and  
13 (d) whether Plaintiffs' Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and  
14 expenses should be approved. Neither Defendants nor Defendants' Counsel shall  
15 have any responsibility for any plan of allocation or any application for an award of  
16 attorneys' fees and expenses by Plaintiffs' Counsel, and such matters will be  
17 considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the  
18 Settlement.

19 8. Supporting Papers. Any papers in support of final approval of the  
20 Settlement, approval of the Plan of Allocation, and Plaintiffs' Counsel's application  
21 for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses shall be filed with the Court no later than  
22 thirty-five (35) calendar days before the Fairness Hearing.

23 9. Notice. The Court approves the form, substance, and requirements of the  
24 Notice and Summary Notice (together, the "Notices") and the Proof of Claim form  
25 annexed to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibits A-1, A-3 and A-2, respectively, and  
26 finds that the procedures established for publication, mailing and distribution of the  
27 Notices and Proof of Claim substantially in the manner and form set forth in  
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1 paragraph 11 of this Order (a) constitute the best notice to Class Members practicable  
2 under the circumstances, (b) are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to  
3 describe the terms and effect of the Settlement Agreement and of the Settlement and  
4 to apprise Class Members of their right to object to any aspect of the proposed  
5 Settlement, to exclude themselves from the Class, and to appear at the Fairness  
6 Hearing, (c) are reasonable and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all  
7 Persons entitled to receive such notice, and (d) satisfy all applicable requirements of  
8 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (including Rules 23(c) and (d)), the United States  
9 Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation  
10 Reform Act of 1995, the Rules of this Court, and any other applicable law.

11 10. Preliminary Findings Concerning Proposed Letter to Counsel of Record  
12 in Private Actions Filed Against Defendants Related to the 429 Offerings at Issue in  
13 these Actions. Although the Court finds the proposed Notice to be adequate, the  
14 Court requested that Plaintiffs also submit to the Court for its approval a proposed  
15 letter to be sent to counsel of record who have filed individual actions on behalf of  
16 Class Members asserting claims against the Defendants arising out of the 429  
17 Offerings at issue in these Actions in light of the fact that these Class Members are  
18 separately represented by counsel other than Plaintiffs' Counsel, such letter to apprise  
19 these parties that their claims may be released by this Settlement unless they timely  
20 opt out of the Settlement (the "Letter"). To assist Plaintiffs in complying with the  
21 Court's request, the Countrywide Defendants and the Underwriter Defendants have  
22 provided Plaintiffs' Counsel with lists of such individual actions and identified  
23 plaintiffs' counsel of record. The Court finds the Letter that Plaintiffs proposed in  
24 their submission dated July 23, 2013 to be appropriate.

25 11. Retention of Claims Administrator and Manner of Notice. Plaintiffs'  
26 Counsel are hereby authorized to retain The Garden City Group, Inc. (the "Claims  
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1 Administrator”) to supervise and administer the notice procedure and the processing  
2 of claims under the supervision of Plaintiffs’ Counsel as set forth more fully below:

3 (a) Not later than five (5) calendar days after the entry of this Order by  
4 this Court, Plaintiffs’ Counsel will send the Letter and Notice to plaintiffs’ counsel of  
5 record in the private individual actions, as discussed in paragraph 10 above, by mail  
6 and overnight mail delivery.

7 (b) Not later than ten (10) calendar days after entry of this Order by  
8 this Court (the “Notice Date”), the Claims Administrator shall substantially complete  
9 its mailing of the Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, along  
10 with the Proof of Claim substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2, to each  
11 Class Member who can be identified by reasonable effort. The Claims Administrator  
12 shall make all reasonable efforts to complete the mailing of the Notice within this ten  
13 (10) day period, but in any event shall have substantially completed such mailing by  
14 then. The Notice and Proof of Claim shall be sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid,  
15 to the Class Member’s last known address. Countrywide shall request that the  
16 trustee(s) of the trusts that issued the MBS in connection with the Offerings provide in  
17 electronic form acceptable to the Claims Administrator, the names and addresses of  
18 potential Class Members, to the extent the trustee(s) has such information.

19 (c) Contemporaneously with the mailing of the Notice and Proof of  
20 Claim, the Claims Administrator shall cause a copy of the Notice and Proof of Claim  
21 to be posted on the website created for the Settlement,  
22 [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com), from which Class Members may download  
23 copies of the Notice and Proof of Claim.

24 (d) Not later than seven (7) calendar days after the Notice Date, the  
25 Claims Administrator shall cause the Summary Notice, substantially in the form  
26 attached hereto as Exhibit 3, to be published on at least one occasion in *The Wall*  
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1 *Street Journal's U.S., European and Asian editions* and over the *PR Newswire*, a  
2 national business-oriented wire service.

3 (e) Not later than thirty-five (35) calendar days before the Fairness  
4 Hearing, Plaintiffs' Counsel shall file with the Court one or more affidavits or  
5 declarations showing timely compliance with the foregoing mailing and publication  
6 requirements.

7 12. CAFA Notice. Not later than ten (10) days after the Settlement  
8 Agreement was filed with this Court, Countrywide, on behalf of all Defendants, shall  
9 have provided notice of the proposed Settlement to appropriate Federal and State  
10 officials required by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. §1715. Not  
11 later than thirty-five (35) calendar days before the Fairness Hearing, Countrywide  
12 shall file with the Court an affidavit or declaration showing timely compliance with  
13 this CAFA Notice directive.

14 13. Nominee Purchasers. Banks, brokerage firms, institutions, and other  
15 Persons who are nominees that purchased or held Certificates for the beneficial  
16 interest of other Persons during the Class Period ("Nominee Purchasers") shall, within  
17 ten (10) calendar days of receiving the Notice, either: (a) provide to the Claims  
18 Administrator a list of the names and last-known addresses for all such beneficial  
19 owners, or (b) request from the Claims Administrator additional copies of the Notice  
20 and Proof of Claim form to forward to all such beneficial owners and, within seven (7)  
21 calendar days of receipt, mail the Notice and Proof of Claim form directly to such  
22 beneficial owners. Nominee Purchasers following procedure (b) shall promptly send a  
23 statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as  
24 directed. The Claims Administrator shall, if requested, and upon receipt of  
25 appropriate supporting documentation, reimburse Nominee Purchasers out of the  
26 Gross Settlement Fund solely for Nominee Purchasers' reasonable out-of-pocket  
27 expenses incurred in sending notice to the beneficial owners who are potential Class  
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1 Members, which expenses would not have been incurred except for the sending of  
2 such notice, subject to further order of this Court with respect to any dispute  
3 concerning such reimbursement.

4 14. Submission of Proof of Claim Forms. Any Class Member who wishes to  
5 participate in the Settlement and to be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net  
6 Settlement Fund must sign and return a completed Proof of Claim form, providing  
7 adequate supporting documentation for the transactions reported therein, in  
8 accordance with the instructions contained in the Proof of Claim and in the Notice.  
9 All Proofs of Claim must be submitted by first-class mail, postmarked no later than  
10 one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days after the Notice Date or such other date  
11 as may be set by the Court. If a Class Member chooses to return his, her or its Proof  
12 of Claim in a manner other than by first-class mail (including electronic submission),  
13 then the Proof of Claim must be actually received by the Claims Administrator no  
14 later than one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days after the Notice Date, or such  
15 other date as may be set by the Court. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, any  
16 Class Member who does not sign and return a valid Proof of Claim within the time  
17 provided shall be barred from sharing in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund,  
18 but shall nonetheless be bound by the Final Judgment and the releases therein.  
19 Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plaintiffs' Counsel may, in their sole discretion,  
20 accept for processing late claims so long as the distribution of the Net Settlement  
21 Fund to Authorized Claimants is not materially delayed. By submitting a Proof of  
22 Claim, a Person shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court  
23 with respect to his, her or its claim and the subject matter of the Settlement.

24 15. Exclusions from the Class. Any Class Member who does not timely  
25 submit a valid written request for exclusion from the Class in accordance with the  
26 instructions in the Notice is a Class Member and shall be bound by all of the terms  
27 and conditions of the Settlement Agreement, and by all proceedings, rulings, orders,  
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1 and judgments in the Actions regardless of whether such Class Member submits a  
2 Proof of Claim form. Requests for exclusion shall clearly indicate the name, mailing  
3 address, daytime telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the Person  
4 seeking exclusion; shall indicate the Certificates owned as of March 12, 2004 (the first  
5 day of the Class Period) and the Certificates owned as of August 7, 2013 (the last day  
6 of the Class Period); shall list the date(s), price(s), and amount(s) of all purchases,  
7 acquisitions and sales of Certificates during the Class Period; and state clearly that the  
8 Person wishes to be excluded from the Class in *Maine State Retirement System v.*  
9 *Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:10-CV-00302 MRP (MANx) (C.D.  
10 Cal.), *Luther v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05125 MRP  
11 (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), and *Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund v.*  
12 *Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05122 MRP (MANx) (C.D.  
13 Cal.). Requests for exclusion must be submitted by first-class mail, and postmarked  
14 no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the Notice Date, or such other date as  
15 may be set by the Court. If a Class Member chooses to submit his, her, or its  
16 exclusion in a manner other than by first-class mail, then it must be actually received  
17 at the address set forth in the Notice no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after  
18 the Notice Date or such other date as may be set by the Court. A request for exclusion  
19 shall not be effective unless it provides the required information set forth herein and in  
20 the Notice and is made within the time stated herein, or the request for exclusion is  
21 otherwise accepted by the Court. Any Class Member who is excluded from the Class  
22 shall not be entitled to participate in any distributions from the Net Settlement Fund,  
23 shall have no rights under the Settlement and shall not be bound by the Settlement  
24 Agreement or any judgment entered in the Actions. Exclusion requests may not be  
25 submitted by e-mail, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

26 16. Objections to Settlement. Any member of the Class who wishes to object  
27 to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement, to the Plan of  
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1 Allocation, to any term of the Settlement Agreement, or to Plaintiffs' Counsel's  
2 application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses, may file an objection. An  
3 objector must file with the Court a written statement of his, her or its objection(s), (a)  
4 clearly indicating the objector's name, mailing address, daytime telephone number,  
5 and e-mail address (if available); (b) stating that the objector is objecting to the  
6 proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation, or award of attorneys' fees and expenses in  
7 *Maine State Retirement System v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No.  
8 2:10-CV-00302 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), *Luther v. Countrywide Financial*  
9 *Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05125 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), and *Western*  
10 *Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund v. Countrywide Financial Corporation,*  
11 *et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05122 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.); (c) specifying the reason(s), if  
12 any, for each such objection made, including any legal support and/or evidence that  
13 such objector wishes to bring to the Court's attention or introduce in support of such  
14 objection; (d) identifying and supplying documentation showing the date(s), price(s)  
15 and amount(s) of all purchases, acquisitions and sales of Certificates by such objector  
16 during the Class Period; (e) a statement of whether such objector intends to appear at  
17 the Fairness Hearing; (f) a list of other cases in which such objector or his, her or its  
18 counsel have appeared either as settlement objectors or as counsel for objectors in the  
19 preceding five years; and (g) the objector's signature, even if represented by counsel.

20 17. The objector must also mail the objection and all supporting  
21 documentation to Plaintiffs' Counsel and counsel for the Countrywide Defendants.  
22 The addresses for filing objections with the Court and service on counsel are as  
23 follows:

24 *To the Court:*  
25 Clerk of the Court  
26 United States District Court  
27 for the Central District of California  
28 United States Courthouse  
312 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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The objector or his, her or its counsel (if any) must effect service of the objection upon the counsel listed above and file it with the Court so that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Fairness Hearing. A Class Member may file an objection on his, her or its own or through an attorney hired at his, her or its own expense. If an objector hires an attorney to represent him, her or it for the purposes of making such objection pursuant to this paragraph, the attorney must both effect service of a notice of appearance on the counsel listed above and file it with the Court no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Fairness Hearing. Any member of the Class or other Person who does not timely file and serve a written objection complying with the terms of this paragraph shall be deemed to have waived, and shall be foreclosed from raising, any objection to the Settlement, the

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1 Plan of Allocation and/or Plaintiffs' Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and  
2 expenses, and any untimely objection shall be barred. Any submissions by the Parties  
3 in opposition or response to objections shall be filed with the Court no later than seven  
4 (7) calendar days before the Fairness Hearing.

5 18. Appearance at Fairness Hearing. Any objector who files and serves a  
6 timely, written objection in accordance with the instructions above and herein, may  
7 also appear at the Fairness Hearing either in person or through counsel retained at the  
8 objector's expense. Objectors or their attorneys intending to appear at the Fairness  
9 Hearing must effect service of a notice of intention to appear, setting forth, among  
10 other things, the name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and e-mail  
11 address (if available) of the objector (and, if applicable, the name, mailing address,  
12 daytime telephone number, and e-mail address of the objector's attorney) on  
13 Plaintiffs' Counsel and on counsel for the Countrywide Defendants (at the addresses  
14 set out above). The objector must also file the notice of intention to appear with the  
15 Court no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Fairness Hearing. Any  
16 objector who does not timely file and serve a notice of intention to appear in  
17 accordance with this paragraph shall not be permitted to appear at the Fairness  
18 Hearing, except for good cause shown.

19 19. Service of Papers. Counsel for the Countrywide Defendants and  
20 Plaintiffs' Counsel shall promptly furnish all Parties with copies of any and all  
21 objections and notices of intention to appear that come into their possession.

22 20. Gross Settlement Fund. The contents of the Gross Settlement Fund held  
23 by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the  
24 Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the  
25 Gross Settlement Fund shall be distributed pursuant to the Settlement Agreement  
26 and/or further order(s) of the Court.

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1        21. Notice and Administration Fees and Expenses. All reasonable Notice  
2 and Administration Expenses incurred in identifying and notifying Class Members, as  
3 well as in administering the Settlement, shall be paid as set forth in Paragraph 17 of  
4 the Settlement Agreement. In the event the Settlement is not approved by the Court,  
5 or otherwise fails to become effective, neither the Plaintiffs nor Plaintiffs' Counsel  
6 shall have any obligation to repay the reasonable and necessary Notice and  
7 Administration Expenses actually incurred as of the date the Settlement is terminated  
8 (as such date is determined pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement). At or  
9 after the Fairness Hearing, the Court shall determine whether the Plan of Allocation  
10 and Plaintiffs' Counsel's application for a Fee and Expense Award shall be approved.  
11 Neither Defendants nor Defendants' Counsel shall have any responsibility for any  
12 Plan of Allocation or any application for a Fee and Expense Award, and such matters  
13 will be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the  
14 Settlement.

15        22. Taxes. Plaintiffs' Counsel, or at their election, the Claims Administrator,  
16 are authorized and directed to prepare any tax returns and any other tax reporting form  
17 for or in respect of the Gross Settlement Fund, to pay from the Gross Settlement Fund  
18 any Taxes owed with respect to the Gross Settlement Fund, and to otherwise perform  
19 all obligations with respect to Taxes and any reporting or filings in respect thereof  
20 without further order of the Court in a manner consistent with the provisions of the  
21 Settlement Agreement.

22        23. Bar on Litigating Settled Claims. Pending final determination of whether  
23 the Settlement should be approved:

- 24            a. each Plaintiff ~~and Class Member~~ <sup>MRP</sup>, and anyone who acts or purports to act  
25 on their behalf, is barred from instituting, instigating, prosecuting,  
26 participating in, continuing, maintaining, pursuing, encouraging, or  
27 asserting any Settled Claim against any of the Released Parties, or  
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1 assisting any Person in instituting, instigating, prosecuting, participating  
2 in, continuing, maintaining, pursuing, encouraging, or asserting any  
3 Settled Claim, against any of the Released Parties, whether directly or  
4 indirectly, whether in the United States or elsewhere, whether on their  
5 own behalf or on behalf of any class or any other Person; and  
6 b. each Plaintiff, and anyone who acts or purports to act on their behalf, is  
7 barred from (1) taking any action that is likely or intended to, or  
8 reasonably could be expected to, (x) lead to a repurchase, put-back,  
9 documentation, servicing, or other claim against any of the Released  
10 Parties in respect of any mortgage loan underlying the Certificates or (y)  
11 interfere with or object to any settlement agreement or other agreements,  
12 proceedings, or discussions relating to the Certificates between or among  
13 any of the Released Parties, any holders of Certificates, and/or any  
14 trustee for any trusts associated with such Certificates, including, without  
15 limitation, the BNYM Settlement; or (2) using or exercising in a manner  
16 adverse to the Released Parties or their affiliates any rights to make any  
17 direction, or any voting, control, or consent rights, that they may hold in  
18 respect of the Certificates, or joining or aggregating such rights with  
19 others in a manner adverse to any of the Released Parties.

20 24. Non-Solicitation Clause. The named Plaintiffs shall not encourage or  
21 solicit any other Person to assert claims against the Released Parties, in any judicial or  
22 administrative forum or otherwise, arising out of, based upon, or related to statements  
23 made or allegedly omitted from any written or other communications made or alleged  
24 to have been made in connection with the offering, purchase or sale of mortgage-  
25 backed securities issued by the Countrywide Defendants.

26 25. Termination of Settlement. This Order shall become null and void, and  
27 shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Parties, all of whom shall be restored to  
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1 their respective litigation positions as of April 16, 2013, if the Settlement is terminated  
2 in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. In such event, paragraph 37 of the  
3 Settlement Agreement shall govern the rights of the Parties.

4 26. Use of Order. This Order shall not be construed or used as an admission,  
5 concession, or presumption by or against any of the Released Parties of any fault,  
6 wrongdoing, breach, or liability or as a waiver by any Party of any arguments,  
7 defenses, or claims he, she, or it may have in the event that the Settlement Agreement  
8 is terminated, nor shall it be used in any manner prohibited by paragraph 45 of the  
9 Settlement Agreement. In the event this Order becomes of no force or effect, it shall  
10 not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or presumption by or against  
11 the Released Parties, Plaintiffs or the Class.

12 27. Stay. All proceedings in the Actions are stayed until further order of the  
13 Court, except as may be necessary to implement the Settlement or comply with the  
14 terms of the Settlement Agreement and this Order. This Court retains exclusive  
15 jurisdiction over the Actions to consider all further matters arising out of or connected  
16 with the Settlement.

17 28. Continuance of Hearing. The Court reserves the right to continue or  
18 adjourn the Fairness Hearing without further notice to the Class. The Court may  
19 approve the Settlement, with such modifications as may be agreed to by the Parties, if  
20 appropriate, without further notice to the Class.

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22 SO ORDERED this 7 day of August, 2013.

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25 HON. MARIANA R. PFAELZER  
26 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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## **EXHIBIT 1**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN DIVISION

MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM,  
Individually and On Behalf of All Others  
Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL  
CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:10-CV-00302  
MRP (MANx)

DAVID H. LUTHER, Individually and On  
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL  
CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:12-CV-05125  
MRP (MANx)

WESTERN CONFERENCE OF  
TEAMSTERS PENSION TRUST FUND,  
Individually and On Behalf of All Others  
Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL  
CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:12-CV-05122  
MRP (MANx)

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**NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF  
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**TO: ALL PERSONS WHO PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED THE  
INDIVIDUAL SECURITIES ISSUED AS PART OF THE 429 OFFERINGS AT ISSUE IN  
THE ACTIONS (THE "CERTIFICATES") DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 12, 2004  
THROUGH [the date of preliminary approval] (THE "CLASS").**

**Please Note:** The 429 Offerings at issue in the above-captioned actions are listed on Appendix A hereto and also can be viewed, along with a complete list of the Certificates and corresponding CUSIPs, by visiting the website for the settlement, [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com).

*A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of (a) the pendency of the above-captioned class actions (the "Actions"), (b) the proposed settlement of the Actions (the "Settlement"), and (c) the hearing to be held by the Court (the "Fairness Hearing") to consider: (i) whether the Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate; (ii) whether the Court should grant final certification of the Class for settlement purposes only; (iii) whether the Court should approve the proposed plan for allocating the settlement proceeds as fair and reasonable; (iv) whether the application of Plaintiffs' Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses should be approved; and (v) certain other matters.<sup>1</sup> This Notice explains important rights you may have, including your possible receipt of cash from the Settlement, and what steps you must take if you wish to be eligible to participate in the Settlement or wish to be excluded from the Class.

- The Settlement provides a total recovery of \$500 million in cash for the benefit of the Class described herein.
- The Settlement resolves lawsuits alleging that (i) Defendants<sup>2</sup> (other than the Bank of America Defendants) made misstatements and omissions in connection

<sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated as of June 25, 2013 (the "Stipulation"), which is available on the website established for the Settlement of the Actions, [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com).

<sup>2</sup> Defendants are: (i) Countrywide Financial Corporation ("Countrywide" or the "Company"), Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., CWALT, Inc., CWMBBS, Inc., CWHEQ, Inc., CWABS, Inc., Countrywide Capital Markets, and Countrywide Securities Corporation (collectively, the "Countrywide Defendants"); (ii) Bank of America Corporation and NB Holdings Corporation (together, the "Bank of America Defendants"); (iii) Stanford L. Kurland, David A. Spector, Eric P. Sieracki, David A. Sambol, Ranjit Kripalani, N. Joshua Adler, Jennifer S. Sandefur, Jeffrey P. Grogan, Thomas Boone and Thomas K. McLaughlin (collectively, the "Individual Defendants"); and (iv) Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Deutsche Bank

with the offering and sale of the Certificates in violation of Sections 11, 12(a)(2) and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933; and (ii) the Bank of America Defendants are liable as successors-in-interest to certain of the Countrywide Defendants. Defendants have denied all claims.

- If you are a Class Member, your legal rights will be affected by the Actions and the Settlement whether or not you act. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT:	
<b>SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM FORM BY _____, 2013</b>	The <u>only</u> way to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement.
<b>EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS BY SUBMITTING A REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____, 2013</b>	If you exclude yourself from the Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement. This is the only option that potentially allows you to ever bring or maintain your own lawsuit against the Defendants and the other Released Parties, or to be part of another lawsuit, concerning the Settled Claims.
<b>OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT BY SUBMITTING AN OBJECTION SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED BY _____, 2013</b>	If you do not like the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, you may write to the Court and explain why you do not like them. You cannot object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses unless you are a Class Member.
<b>GO TO A HEARING ON _____, 2013 AT _____ M., AND FILE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____, 2013</b>	Filing an objection and notice of intention to appear by _____, 2013 allows you to speak in Court about the fairness of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses. If you submit an objection, you may (but do not have to) attend the hearing and speak to the Court about your objection.

Securities Inc., Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. d/b/a Edward Jones, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc. a.k.a. RBS Greenwich Capital now known as RBS Securities Inc., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, and UBS Securities LLC (collectively, the "Underwriter Defendants").

<b>DO NOTHING</b>	If you are a member of the Class and you do not submit a Proof of Claim, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement. You will, however, remain a member of the Class, which means that you give up your right to sue about the claims being resolved by the Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Actions.
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- These rights and options—and the deadlines to exercise them—are further explained in this Notice.
- The Court in charge of the Actions still must decide whether to approve the Settlement. Payments will be made to all Class Members who timely submit a valid Proof of Claim form, if the Court approves the Settlement and after any appeals are resolved and all Proof of Claim forms have been reviewed and processed. Please be patient.

#### SUMMARY NOTICE

##### Statement of Class Recovery

Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff and class representative Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System; state court-appointed Lead Plaintiffs Vermont Pension Investment Committee, Mashreqbank, p.s.c., Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers, Operating Engineers Annuity Plan, Washington State Plumbing and Pipefitting Pension Trust, Maine State Retirement System and David H. Luther; class representatives General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the United Methodist Church, Orange County Employees' Retirement System, the State of Oregon, by and through the Oregon State Treasurer and the Oregon Public Employee Retirement Board on behalf of the Oregon Public Employee Retirement Fund and plaintiff Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund (collectively, the "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the Class (*i.e.*, all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Certificates in any of the 429 Offerings listed in Exhibit A attached hereto during the period March 12, 2004 through \_\_\_\_\_, 2013), have entered into a proposed Settlement with the Defendants that, if approved by the Court, will resolve the Actions in their entirety.

A settlement fund of \$500 million in cash, plus interest (the "Gross Settlement Fund"), is being established for the benefit of the Class described herein. The Gross Settlement Fund, less any Taxes, Notice and Administration Costs, and attorneys' fees and litigation expenses awarded by the Court (the "Net Settlement Fund") will be distributed to eligible Class Members in accordance with a plan of allocation to be approved by the Court. The proposed plan of allocation (the "Plan of Allocation") is set forth on pages 16-20 below, and may be modified by the Court without further Notice.

#### Estimate of Average Amount of Recovery

\$325 million of the \$500 million Settlement Amount will be allocated to the 58 Certificates purchased by Plaintiffs that Plaintiffs believe are currently not subject to dismissal pursuant to the Court's Orders ("Live Represented Tranches"). The estimated average distribution before payment of Court-approved attorney's fees and expenses is \$24.96 per \$1,000 in initial certificate value of the Certificates. \$125 million of the \$500 million Settlement Amount will be allocated to the 111 Certificates purchased by Plaintiffs that sought to act as class representatives but had their claims dismissed or their claims were subject to dismissal by the Court's Orders ("Dismissed Represented Tranches"). The estimated average distribution before payment of Court-approved attorney's fees and expenses is \$4.75 per \$1,000 initial certificate value of the Certificates. \$50 million of the \$500 million Settlement Amount will be allocated to approximately 9,214 Certificates for which no plaintiff sought to act as a class representative and were dismissed by the Court ("Dismissed Unrepresented Tranches"). The estimated average distribution before payment of Court-approved attorney's fees and expense is \$.16 per \$1,000 in initial certificate value of the Certificates. **Class Members should note, however, that these are only estimates.** Class Members may recover more or less than the above amounts, depending on, among other factors, the amount and type of Certificate(s) purchased or otherwise acquired, when the Class Member purchased or otherwise acquired their Certificate(s) and whether or not they sold such Certificate(s), the amount of principal, if any, that has been repaid on their Certificate(s), the number of Class Members who submit timely Proof of Claim forms, and the amount of such claims.

You should visit the settlement website, [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com), to determine which of the three "buckets" described above your Certificates are in.

**Please Note:** For purposes of settlement, the proposed Class is comprised of all persons who purchased or otherwise acquired the individual securities issued as part of the 429 Offerings at issue in the Actions during the period March 12, 2004 through July \_\_, 2013; however, as set forth in the Plan of Allocation below, only those purchases made from March 12, 2004 to October 16, 2008 are eligible to potentially recover from the Net Settlement Fund.

#### Statement of Potential Outcome of Case

The Parties vigorously disagree about both the existence of any liability and damages, and do not agree on the average amount of damages per Certificate (if any) that would be recoverable if Plaintiffs were to prevail on each claim asserted against Defendants. The issues on which the Parties disagree include, without limitation: (a) whether Defendants made any misstatements or omissions in connection with the offering of the Certificates, including any misstatements or omissions that are legally actionable under the federal securities laws; (b) the effect of various market forces on the value and prices of the Certificates during the Class Period, including but not limited to the precipitous drop in national home prices that began in 2007, the seizing up of credit and capital markets in the United States (including the secondary market on which MBS are bought and sold), and the massive disruptions in other markets domestically and abroad in which Countrywide did not operate or sell securities; (c) the extent to which external factors, such as general market, economic and industry conditions, or unusual levels of volatility affected



the value and prices of the Certificates during the Class Period; (d) the extent to which any claimed damages should be offset by the proceeds of that certain settlement agreement dated June 28, 2011 (or any subsequently amended agreement), among (i) The Bank of New York Mellon in its capacity as trustee or indenture trustee for certain trusts formed in connection with the offering of MBS issued by subsidiaries of Countrywide Financial Corporation, and (ii) Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporation Home Loans Servicing, L.P., Countrywide Financial Corporation, and Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. (the "BNYM Settlement"); and (e) the extent to which the various matters that Plaintiffs alleged were misstated or omitted affected the value and prices of the Certificates during the Class Period.

All Defendants deny that they are liable to the Plaintiffs or the Class and deny that the Plaintiffs or the Class have suffered any recoverable damages relating to their investments in the Certificates.

#### **Statement of Attorneys' Fees and Costs Sought**

Plaintiffs' Counsel will make an application to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses from the Gross Settlement Fund in connection with this Settlement. It is expected that the application for attorneys' fees will seek no more than \$85 million, which constitutes approximately 17% of the Gross Settlement Fund (which amount includes interest earned at the same rate as the Gross Settlement Fund).

Plaintiffs' Counsel will also apply for their expenses in prosecuting and resolving the Class' claims, including the fees of Plaintiffs' experts and consultants, in an amount not to exceed \$4 million plus interest earned on this amount at the same rate as the Gross Settlement Fund. Plaintiffs' Counsel's application for expenses may include reimbursement of the expenses of Plaintiffs in accordance with 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4).

If approved, the requested attorneys' fees and expenses combined (\$89 million) would amount to an average of approximately \$.25 per \$1,000 in initial certificate value of the Certificates, based upon Plaintiffs' estimates, as determined by their damages consultant.

The attorneys representing Plaintiffs and the Class in the Actions have expended considerable time and effort over more than five years in prosecuting and resolving the Actions on a contingent-fee basis, and have advanced all of the expenses of the litigation, totaling millions of dollars, with the expectation that if they were successful in obtaining a recovery for the Class they would be paid from such recovery. In this type of litigation, it is customary for Plaintiffs' counsel to be awarded a percentage of the Class' recovery as their attorneys' fees.

#### **Identification of Attorney Representatives**

Plaintiffs and the Class are being represented by: Steven J. Toll, Esq., Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, West Tower, Washington, D.C. 20005, (888) 240-0775, e-mail: [stoll@cohenmilstein.com](mailto:stoll@cohenmilstein.com); Spencer A. Burkholz, Esq., Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, (800) 449-4900, e-mail: [spenceb@rgdlaw.com](mailto:spenceb@rgdlaw.com); Andrew L. Zivitz, Esq., Kessler Topaz, Meltzer & Check, LLP, 280 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087, (610) 667-7706, e-mail: [azivitz@ktmc.com](mailto:azivitz@ktmc.com).

Plaintiffs' Counsel are available to answer questions concerning all matters contained in this Notice.

### Reasons for the Settlement

Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel, who have extensive experience in securities class action litigation, agreed to the Settlement after considering, among other things: (a) the substantial cash benefits to Class Members of the Settlement; (b) the uncertainty of being able to prove the allegations in the Actions and collect from Countrywide given Plaintiffs' assessment of the risk of a potential bankruptcy filing; (c) the inherent problems of proof and possible defenses to the claims asserted against Defendants; (d) the risk that the Court may grant, in whole or in part, any motions for summary judgment that might be filed by Defendants; (e) the uncertainty, even if Plaintiffs were to establish at trial that one or more of the alleged misstatements were made by Defendants, that it could be found that the macroeconomic events of the last several years were the cause of any declines in the values of the securities purchased by Class Members and any losses allegedly incurred; (f) the discussions of the Parties that occurred during the settlement negotiations that were presided over by two experienced private mediators, including a former federal judge, who assisted Plaintiffs in arriving at the proposed Plan of Allocation described in this Notice; (g) the attendant risks of litigation, especially in complex actions such as this, as well as the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation (including any appeals); (h) the desirability of consummating the Settlement Agreement in order to provide certain and effective relief to Class Members at this juncture of the Actions and without further delay; and (i) Plaintiffs' and Plaintiffs' Counsel's belief that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of all Class Members.

For Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing and liability whatsoever, the principal reasons for entering into the Settlement are to bring to an end the substantial expenses, burdens, risks, and uncertainties associated with continued litigation of these Actions; to finally put to rest those claims and the underlying matters; and to avoid further expense and disruption to the management and operation of the corporate Defendants' businesses due to the prosecution and defense of these Actions.

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#### BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why did I get this notice package?
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The Court authorized this Notice to be sent to you because you or someone in your family, or an investment account for which you serve as custodian, may have purchased or otherwise acquired the Certificates between March 12, 2004 and [the date of preliminary approval], inclusive.

If this description applies to you or someone in your family, you have a right to know about the proposed Settlement of three class action lawsuits, and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement. Additionally, you have the right to understand how a class action may generally affect your legal rights. If the Court approves the Settlement, and after any objections and appeals are resolved, an administrator appointed by the Court will make the payments that the Settlement allows.

This Notice explains the Actions, the Settlement, Class Members' legal rights, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Court in charge of these Actions is the United States District Court for the Central District of California, in Los Angeles, California, and the cases are known as *Maine State Retirement System v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:10-CV-00302 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), *Luther v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05125 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), and *Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05122 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.). The Actions are assigned to and overseen by the Honorable Mariana R. Pfaelzer, United States District Judge.

The institutions and individual that are suing, namely Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System, David H. Luther, General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the United Methodist

Church, Maine State Retirement System, Mashreqbank, p.s.c., Operating Engineers Annuity Plan, Orange County Employees' Retirement System, Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers, the State of Oregon, by and through the Oregon State Treasurer and the Oregon Public Employee Retirement Board on behalf of the Oregon Public Employee Retirement Fund, Vermont Pension Investment Committee, Washington State Plumbing and Pipefitting Pension Trust, and Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund, are called Plaintiffs.

The companies and persons being sued in some or all of the Actions, namely, Countrywide Financial Corporation, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., CWALT, Inc., CWMBS, Inc., CWHEQ, Inc., CWABS, Inc., Countrywide Capital Markets, Countrywide Securities Corporation (collectively, the "Countrywide Defendants"), Bank of America Corporation and NB Holdings Corporation (collectively, the "Bank of America Defendants"), certain of Countrywide's former officers and directors (the "Individual Defendants" as set forth in footnote 2 above), and various investment banks that underwrote offerings of Countrywide Securities (the "Underwriter Defendants" as set forth in footnote 2 above), are called the Defendants.

2. What are these lawsuits about?

Headquartered in Calabasas, California, Countrywide was one of the nation's largest mortgage and home equity lenders. Countrywide originated and securitized mortgage and home equity loans, and the resulting securitizations were offered and sold to investors. In each of the actions described below, Plaintiffs allege generally that in offering those securitizations, Defendants violated the federal securities laws, specifically Sections 11, 12(a)(2) and 15, of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§77k, 77l(a)(2), and 77o, by making material misstatements and omissions concerning Countrywide's loan origination and underwriting practices (including how properties collateralizing loans were appraised), the creditworthiness of its borrowers, and the value of the collateral underlying its loans.

Plaintiffs further allege that the Individual Defendants signed the offering documents for the Certificates and that the Underwriter Defendants each acted as underwriters in the sale of one or more of the Certificates and disseminated one or more of the offering documents for the Certificates. In one of the Actions, the Bank of America Defendants are alleged to be liable as the Countrywide Defendants' successors in interest.

On November 14, 2007, David Luther filed the first putative class action, captioned *Luther v. Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP et al.* ("Luther"), in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, No. BC 380698.

On June 12, 2008, Washington State Plumbing and Pipefitting Pension Fund Trust filed a similar putative class action captioned *Washington State Plumbing & Pipefitting Pension Fund Trust v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.* ("*Washington State Plumbing*") in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, No. BC392571.

On September 12, 2008, *Luther* and *Washington State Plumbing* were consolidated, with *Luther* designated as the consolidated lead action (hereinafter referred to as "*Luther*"). Thereafter, on October 6, 2008, Judge Elias of the California Superior Court ("State Court") issued an order

appointing David H. Luther, Vermont Pension Investment Committee, Mashreqbank, p.s.c., Operating Engineers Annuity Plan, Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers, Washington State Plumbing & Pipefitting Trust, and Maine Public Employees Retirement System as co-lead plaintiffs in *Luther* and Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins, LLP (n/k/a Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP) and Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP (n/k/a Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP) as co-lead counsel.

On October 16, 2008, certain of the Plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Complaint for Violations of Sections 11, 12(a)(2) and 15 of the Securities Act (the "Consolidated Complaint") in *Luther* alleging claims for violation of the Securities Act on behalf of a class of all persons and entities that purchased any securities issued in any one or more of 429 mortgage-backed securities offerings identified in that complaint.

On April 22, 2009, the Court entered Stipulations and Orders dismissing all claims and counts against Messrs. Grogin, Boone and McLaughlin in *Luther* with prejudice.

On August 5, 2010, the *Maine State* plaintiffs dismissed Messrs. Boone and McLaughlin from the action without prejudice. On August 11, 2010, the Maine State Plaintiffs dismissed Mr. Grogin from the action without prejudice.

On January 6, 2010, the State Court issued an order dismissing *Luther* on the grounds that the State Court did not have subject matter jurisdiction under the Securities Act over *Luther*.

On November 17, 2010, Plaintiff Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Fund filed a putative class action captioned *Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.* ("*Western Teamsters*") in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, No. BC449726, alleging claims virtually identical to those alleged in *Luther*.

On May 18, 2011, the California Court of Appeal reversed the Superior Court's judgment sustaining Defendants' demurrer in *Luther*. The California Court of Appeal issued a remittitur of the *Luther* action back to the State Court on September 27, 2011.

On June 12, 2012, the Countrywide Defendants removed *Luther* and *Western Teamsters* to the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the "Court"). Plaintiffs' motion to remand was denied on August 31, 2012.

Subsequent to the State Court's dismissal of *Luther* for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, on January 14, 2010, one of the *Luther* Plaintiffs filed a virtually identical action in the Court, entitled *Maine State Retirement System v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 10-cv-00302-MRP ("*Maine State*").

On May 14, 2010, pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Court appointed Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System Lead Plaintiff in *Maine State* and Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC as Lead Counsel.

On November 4, 2010, the Court held in *Maine State* that (i) the Plaintiffs had standing to sue only with respect to the specific MBS offerings in which they had actually purchased; and (ii) because the *Luther* Plaintiffs lacked standing with respect to any MBS offerings in which they did not purchase, the statute of limitations had not been tolled as to investors who purchased in MBS offerings other than those in which the named *Luther* Plaintiffs had purchased. As a result of these rulings, the Court dismissed the *Maine State* Plaintiffs' claims as to approximately 415 of the 429 Offerings at issue.

On January 27, 2011, Putnam Bank filed a complaint alleging violations of the Securities Act (among other claims) in the federal District Court for the District of Connecticut captioned *Putnam Bank v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, 3:11-cv-145 (D. Conn.) (the "*Putnam Action*"), ostensibly on behalf of a putative class of purchasers in eight of the very same MBS offerings encompassed by the *Luther* and *Maine State* actions. The *Putnam Action* was later transferred to this Court, where it was dismissed on March 9, 2012, with prejudice, as time-barred without either appointment of lead counsel or certification of any putative class by the Court.

On February 15, 2011, the Court entered an Order in *Maine State* dismissing, with prejudice, all claims and counts against Messrs. Kripalani and Adler and Ms. Sandefur.

On April 20, 2011, the Court dismissed with prejudice the so-called "successor-liability" claims asserted against Bank of America Corporation and NB Holdings Corporation in *Maine State* for failure to state a claim.

On May 5, 2011, the Court held, in *Maine State*, that a class action named plaintiff only has standing to sue with respect to the specific Certificates it actually purchased, and lacks standing as to all other Certificates. The Court further held that *Luther* only tolled the applicable statutes of limitations with respect to the specific Certificates purchased by the *Luther* Plaintiffs, and that claims as to all other Certificates were time-barred. On this basis, the Court dismissed all claims in the *Maine State* Second Amended Class Action Complaint except those relating to eight MBS tranches that at least one of the named Plaintiffs in *Maine State* and one of the named Plaintiffs in *Luther* had bought.

On September 30, 2011, the *Maine State* parties stipulated to certification of a class consisting of eight sub-classes (one for each remaining tranche), which the Court certified on October 12, 2011.

Throughout the course of these matters, the parties engaged in merits-related discovery, which included the depositions of numerous party and non-party witnesses during August and September of 2012, and certain third-party document discovery.

Although the Court has dismissed certain of the claims originally brought in one of these Actions on various grounds described herein, the Court has made no decision regarding the ultimate factual merits of any claims that survived, or may have survived, dismissal.

3. Why are these class actions?

In a class action, one or more persons or entities (in this case, Plaintiffs (i.e., the proposed representatives for the Class)), sue on behalf of people who allegedly have similar claims. All these persons and entities are a Class, and each is a Class Member. Bringing a case such as these as a class action allows the adjudication of many similar claims of persons and entities that might be economically too small to bring as individual actions. One court resolves the issues for all Class Members at the same time, except for those who exclude themselves from the Class.

4. Why is there a settlement?

The Court did not decide in favor of Plaintiffs or Defendants, who continue to deny liability. Instead, both sides agreed to a settlement. That way, they avoid the cost and risks of further litigation and trial.

Beginning in November 2012 and continuing over the course of six months until early April 2013, Plaintiffs and the Countrywide Defendants participated in arm's-length settlement discussions that were facilitated by Professor Eric D. Green, an experienced private mediator. These arm's-length settlement discussions facilitated by Professor Green focused on the parties' significant factual and legal disagreements concerning (among other contested issues) the factual basis for Plaintiffs' allegations that Defendants had made misstatements concerning the Certificates, Defendants' challenges to the ability of Plaintiffs to prove loss causation given the crisis in the United States and global housing and capital markets that began in late 2007, and the calculation of monetary damages (if any) associated with Plaintiffs' claims (including the extent to which any claimed damages should be offset by payments made pursuant to the BNYM Settlement).

In the Actions, as set forth above, the Court has held, that: (a) Plaintiffs lack standing under both Article III of the U.S. Constitution and the Securities Act to assert claims relating to any Certificates that Plaintiffs did not actually purchase; and (b) to the extent *Luther* tolled the Securities Act's three-year statute of repose and one-year statute of limitations under *American Pipe and Construction Co. v. Utah*, 414 U.S. 538 (1974) ("*American Pipe*"), such tolling would apply only to the specific offerings and tranches that the *Luther* Plaintiffs actually purchased. In any event, in another action in the Court involving MBS, the Court held that the filing of a complaint like *Luther* filed in state court does not trigger *American Pipe* tolling because that tolling rule applies only with respect to putative class actions filed in federal court pursuant to the provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.

In *Maine State*, the Court applied these rulings and dismissed all claims with respect to all but eight of the more than 9,000 Certificates over which the *Maine State* Plaintiffs originally sued. The Court's rulings have not yet been subject to appellate review, and the *Maine State* Plaintiffs would have pursued their appellate rights had this Settlement not been reached.



In *Luther*, motions to dismiss asserting lack of standing and timeliness arguments were pending at the time this Settlement was reached in principle. Although the *Luther* Plaintiffs reserved their rights to challenge the Court's rulings on appeal at the appropriate time, they acknowledged in their opposition to Defendants' motions to dismiss that an application of the Court's prior rulings would result in the dismissal of all but 58 Certificates. Defendants contended that applying the Court's prior rulings to *Luther* would result in only 55 Certificates remaining in the case.

In *Western Teamsters*, motions to dismiss asserting timeliness arguments also were pending at the time this Settlement in principle was reached.

The outcome of a potential appeal of the Court's standing and tolling decisions is uncertain. The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit recently held in *NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.*, 693 F.3d 145 (2d Cir. 2012), *cert. denied*, --- S. Ct. ---, 2013 WL 1091772 (Mar. 18, 2013), that a named plaintiff in a putative class action challenging disclosures made in connection with the public offering of MBS has "class standing" to sue on behalf of purchasers of certificates under common shelf registration statements that are backed by mortgages originated by the same lender that originated mortgages backing the certificates the named plaintiff actually bought. The Court presiding over the Actions has declined to follow *NECA-IBEW*, concluding that its reasoning is not persuasive and is at odds with every court to address standing in MBS suits prior to this decision. See *FDIC as Receiver for Strategic Capital Bank v. Countrywide Fin'l Corp.*, 2012 WL 5900973 (Nov. 21, 2012); *FDIC as Receiver for Security Savings Bank*, 12-cv-06692-MRP, slip op. 14-15 (Mar. 21, 2013). *NECA-IBEW* is not binding on the Court, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has not yet been presented with an opportunity to address these standing issues.

Moreover, in addition to denying that any material misstatements or omissions were made in connection with the offering of the Certificates, Defendants have contended that beginning in 2007, real estate prices fell significantly across the United States and then globally, causing the largest national decline in home prices since the Great Depression. During this same period, Defendants point out that the credit and capital markets in the United States (including the secondary market on which MBS are traded) seized up, and demand for MBS all but disappeared as investors moved toward investments perceived to be less risky. As a result of these broad market disruptions, Defendants contend, the market for MBS froze and values declined as investors panicked in the wake of the crisis in the housing and credit markets. Had these matters not been settled, and had Defendants established one of these defenses, then the Class would have recovered nothing in the Actions.

Finally, the \$8.5 billion BNYM Settlement, if approved by the court in current form, will be distributed to the 530 Countrywide MBS trusts at issue in that settlement, with each trust receiving a portion of the payment corresponding to its allocable share as defined in the settlement agreement. Certain Plaintiffs and Class Members may be entitled to benefits resulting from that settlement if court approval is obtained, and Defendants have argued that such benefits would have offset in whole or in part any recoveries to which any Class Member alleges it would have been entitled had the Actions not been settled.

By formally agreeing to a settlement, the Parties avoid the risks, uncertainty and additional costs of a trial and any possible future appeals, and Class Members may receive compensation.

Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel therefore believe the Settlement described in this Notice is in the best interests of all Class Members.

Defendants reserve all rights to assert any and all defenses they may have to any claims that may be asserted by any person or entity that submits a request for exclusion from the Class, including without limitation the defense that any such claims would be untimely under applicable statutes of limitations and statutes of repose pursuant to the Court's previous rulings described above. Although Defendants have decided to settle the Actions in their entirety in order to avoid the continuing expense of litigation and for the other reasons described in this Notice, Defendants will retain and are not waiving the right to assert that the claims asserted by any individual Class Members who elect not to participate in the Settlement lack merit or are otherwise subject to dismissal. Similarly, Defendants will retain and are not waiving the right to assert any and all defenses they may have to any and all claims that have been or could be asserted on behalf of the Class should the Court not approve the Settlement.

For a more detailed discussion of the Court's rulings and Defendants' asserted defenses in these matters, please see the Settlement Agreement at pages XXX, a copy of which can be found by following the instructions in question 25 below.

On [\_\_\_\_], the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, preliminarily certified a class for settlement purposes only, authorized this Notice to be sent to potential members of the Class, and scheduled the Fairness Hearing to consider whether to grant final approval to the Settlement.

#### WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT

To see if you are eligible to receive a payment from this Settlement, you first have to determine whether you are a Class Member.

5. How do I know if I am part of the Settlement?

The Class consists of:

All Persons that purchased or otherwise acquired the individual securities issued as part of the 429 mortgage-backed securities offerings listed in Exhibit A attached hereto during the period March 12, 2004 through [the date of preliminary approval]. Please Note: As set forth in the Plan of Allocation below, only those purchases made from March 12, 2004 to October 16, 2008 are eligible to potentially recover from the Net Settlement Fund.

If you are part of the Class, you are a Class Member and part of the Settlement unless one of the exceptions described in the answer to question 6 below apply to you.

RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER OR THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT, YOU MUST SUBMIT THE ENCLOSED PROOF OF CLAIM FORM POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN [\_\_\_\_].

6. Are there exceptions to being included?

Yes. You are not a Class Member if you are a Defendant in these Actions; a member of the Individual Defendants' immediate families; any entity in which any Underwriter Defendant has a majority interest; any entity in which any other Defendant has a majority or controlling interest; any person who was an officer, director, partner, or controlling person of any Defendant during the Class Period; or the legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of any such person or entity. Additionally, anyone who submits a valid and timely request for exclusion from the Class, in accordance with the procedures set forth in question 13 below, is not considered a Class Member and cannot participate in the Settlement.

7. What if I am still not sure if I am included?

If you are still not sure whether you are included in the Class, you can ask for free help. You can contact the Court-authorized claims administrator, The Garden City Group, Inc. by calling (866) 336-8968 (toll-free), sending an e-mail to Questions@countrywidembssettlement.com, or writing to *Countrywide MBS Settlement*, c/o The Garden City Group, Inc., P.O. Box 9993, Dublin, OH 43017-5993. Or you can fill out and return the Proof of Claim form described in question 10 below to see if you qualify.

#### THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS — WHAT YOU GET

8. What does the Settlement provide?

In exchange for the Settlement and dismissal of the Actions, the Countrywide Defendants, on behalf of all Defendants, have agreed to create a Five Hundred Million Dollar (\$500,000,000.00) settlement fund to be distributed, after various Court-approved fees and expenses, among all Class Members who submit valid Proof of Claim forms and are eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund ("Authorized Claimants").

#### PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION: GENERAL PROVISIONS

9. How much will my payment be?

1. The \$500 million settlement amount, and the interest earned thereon, if any, shall be the Gross Settlement Fund. The Gross Settlement Fund, less all taxes, approved costs, fees and expenses (the "Net Settlement Fund"), shall be distributed to the Authorized Claimants (as defined above). The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants who timely submit acceptable Proof of Claim forms under the Plan of Allocation described below, or as otherwise ordered by the Court.

2. Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on the aggregate number of Certificates (represented by valid and acceptable Proof of Claim forms) that members of the

Class submit to the Claims Administrator, relative to the Net Settlement Fund; how many Certificates you purchased or otherwise acquired; whether the claims related to those Certificates are represented by named Plaintiffs; whether the claims related to those Certificates are "live" or have been dismissed; whether you held or sold those Certificates; the date on which you sold those Certificates; the amount of principal payments received on those Certificates; and the price at which you sold them. At this time, it is not possible to determine how much individual Class Members may receive from the Settlement.

3. A payment to any Authorized Claimant that would amount to less than \$10.00 in total will not be included in the calculation of the Net Settlement Fund, and no payment to those members of the Class will be made.

4. To determine the amount that an Authorized Claimant may recover under the Plan of Allocation, Plaintiffs' Counsel conferred with a valuation consultant who estimated the values of the Certificates as shown in the Tables available on the settlement website, [www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com](http://www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com). The proposed Plan of Allocation is generally based upon the statutory measure of damages for claims asserted with respect to material misrepresentations or omissions in the offering documents.

5. This Plan of Allocation concerns damages under §11 of the Securities Act. Section 11 concerns liability for untrue statements and omissions in a registration statement, under which losses are calculated as the "difference between the amount paid for the security (not exceeding the price at which the security was offered to the public) and (1) the value thereof at the time such suit was brought, or (2) the price at which such security shall have been disposed of in the market before suit, or (3) the price at which such security shall have been disposed of after suit but before judgment if such damages shall be less than the damages representing the difference between the amount paid for the security (not exceeding the price at which the security was offered to the public) and the value thereof as of the time such suit was brought."<sup>3</sup>

6. For each Authorized Claimant, a "Recognized Claim" will be calculated. The calculation of "Recognized Claim," as defined by ¶18 below, is not intended to be an estimate of, nor does it indicate, the amount that a Class Member might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor is the calculation of a Recognized Claim pursuant to the Plan of Allocation an estimate of the amount that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement, which would depend on the total amount of all Recognized Claims. The Recognized Claim formula provides the basis for proportionately allocating the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants. That computation is only a method to weigh Class Members' claims against one another. Each Authorized Claimant will receive a *pro rata* share of part of the Net Settlement Fund allocated to their type of claim, and based on his, her or its Recognized Claim.

7. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No Person shall have any claim based on distributions made substantially in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further order(s) of the Court against Plaintiffs' Counsel, Plaintiffs, Class Members, the Claims Administrator, Defendants, or the other Released Parties.

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<sup>3</sup> Securities Act of 1933, §11(e).

8. All members of the Class who fail to timely submit an acceptable Proof of Claim form by the deadline set forth herein, or such other deadline as may be ordered by the Court, or otherwise allowed, shall be forever barred from receiving any payments pursuant to the Settlement, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the terms of the Settlement, including the release of the Settled Claims.

9. The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the claim of any member of the Class. The Court may approve this plan of allocation as proposed or it may modify it without further notice to the Class.

#### CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS OR GAIN AMOUNTS

10. A "Recognized Loss or Gain" should be calculated for each purchase or acquisition of a Certificate. The calculation of the Recognized Loss or Gain Amount will depend on several factors, including (i) when the Certificate was purchased or acquired; (ii) whether it was sold, and if so, when it was sold (*i.e.*, before or after suit) and for how much; and (iii) the value of the Certificate on its applicable "Date of First Suit."<sup>4</sup>

11. The "Recognized Loss or Gain Amount" will be calculated solely on the outstanding "Face Value" (*i.e.*, the principal amount) for each Certificate at the time of sale, or if not sold, the outstanding Face Value as of the applicable Date of First Suit *i.e.*, Authorized Claimants will not be allocated damages related to principal and interest payments they received prior to the date of suit. In each calculation of Recognized Loss or Gain Amount, the Face Value Sold will be limited to 100% of the Face Value Purchased.

12. The percentage of the original aggregate principal balance that remains to be distributed in a mortgage-backed security is known as the "Factor." The Factor for a specific Certificate will be calculated as follows:<sup>5</sup>

$$\text{Factor} = \frac{\text{Certificate's Outstanding Aggregate Principal Balance}}{\text{Certificate's Original Aggregate Principal Balance}}$$

The Factor for each Certificate on the applicable Date of First Suit is set forth on the settlement website, [www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com](http://www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com).

13. For each calculation of the Recognized Loss or Gain Amount, the purchase price used for the calculation may not exceed the price at which the Eligible Certificate was offered to the public. Thus, if the actual purchase price exceeds the price at which the Eligible Certificate

<sup>4</sup> The Dates of First Suit are (1) November 14, 2007; (2) June 12, 2008; (3) September 9, 2008; and (4) October 16, 2008. The applicable Date of First Suit is the date on which a named Plaintiff with standing under the Court's orders to pursue claims on the Certificate was added to the case. Where two or more named Plaintiffs purchased the same Live Represented Tranche, the earlier of the respective complaint dates is the applicable Date of Suit. Where no named Plaintiff had standing or a later-filed action had a plaintiff, October 16, 2008 was used as the Date of Suit.

<sup>5</sup> The Certificate's Aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance is equal to the Original Aggregate Principal Balance minus amounts that have been paid down or written-off.

was offered to the public, the price at which it was offered to the public will be used as the purchase price. If the sales price or the value as of the applicable Date of First Suit exceeds the purchase price, then the calculation will result in a Recognized Gain Amount for that Certificate. If you have a Recognized Gain Amount for a Certificate, you will not receive a recovery in this Settlement for that Certificate.

14. The Recognized Loss for each Certificate is to be calculated in a manner consistent with the calculation of losses embodied in §11 of the Securities Act:

(a) The Recognized Loss is zero if the price at which the Certificate was sold or otherwise disposed is greater than the price at which the Certificate was offered to the public or the price at which it was purchased or acquired.

(b) For Certificates sold prior to the applicable Date of First Suit, the Recognized Loss or Gain Amount is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Face Value Sold} \times \left( \frac{\text{Purchase Price} - \text{Sale Price}}{100} \right)$$

If a sale did not result in a complete disposition of an investor's ownership in a particular Certificate (i.e., only a portion of the investor's ownership in the Certificate was sold), a Recognized Loss Amount, if any, related to the remaining portion of the Certificate will be calculated separately.

(c) For Certificates sold on or after the applicable Date of First Suit, the Recognized Loss or Gain Amount is calculated as follows:

For Certificates sold on or after the applicable Date of First Suit, the sales price used to calculate the Recognized Loss or Gain Amount shall be the greater of: (i) the Eligible Certificate's value on the applicable Date of First Suit; or (ii) the actual sales price of the Eligible Certificate.

For Certificates that were not sold the Recognized Loss or Gain Amount is calculated as follows:<sup>6</sup>

$$\text{Face Value at applicable Date of First Suit} \times \left( \frac{\text{Purchase Price} - \text{Value at applicable Date of First Suit}}{100} \right)$$

#### CALCULATION OF NET RECOGNIZED LOSS

<sup>6</sup> The Value as of the Date of Suit for individual Certificates can be found in the Tables available on the settlement website, [www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com](http://www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com).

15. Notwithstanding the above provisions, the Recognized Loss or Gain Amount for any purchases or acquisitions that occurred after October 16, 2008 is zero.

16. Based upon the Court's rulings relating to standing, Plaintiffs believe that claims for all but 58 tranches would have been dismissed. Accordingly, 65% of the Settlement Amount (\$325 million) will be allocated to the 58 tranches that remain live in the case ("Live Represented Tranches"); 25% of the Settlement Amount (\$125 million) will be allocated to the 111 tranches for which Plaintiffs represent a named Plaintiff that purchased the Certificate (and thus had standing as to those tranches under the Court's rulings) and sought to act as a class representative had their claims dismissed or their claims were subject to dismissal in light of Judge Pfaelzer's Motion to Dismiss Rulings ("Dismissed Represented Tranches"); and 10% of the Settlement Amount (\$50 million) will be allocated to dismissed claims for the tranches that were contained in the 429 offerings covered by the *Luther* action, but as to which no named Plaintiff actually purchased a Certificate (and had standing under the Court's rulings) ("Dismissed Unrepresented Tranches"). You should visit the settlement website, [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com), to determine which of the three "buckets" described above your Certificates are in.

17. A "Total Recognized Loss by CUSIP" will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant on a CUSIP by CUSIP basis. Accordingly, multiple transactions by an Authorized Claimant in a single CUSIP will be netted; i.e., the total Recognized Gain or Loss Amounts for that CUSIP shall be calculated by (1) totaling the Recognized Loss Amounts for that CUSIP; and (2) subtracting from that total Recognized Loss Amount the total of all Recognized Gain Amounts for that CUSIP. A Total Recognized Loss by CUSIP cannot be less than zero.

18. Each Authorized Claimant's "Recognized Claim" is the sum of all that Authorized Claimant's Total Recognized Loss by CUSIPs.

#### HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT — SUBMITTING A PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

10. How can I get a payment?

To qualify for a payment, you must submit a timely and valid Proof of Claim form. A Proof of Claim form is included with this Notice. If you did not receive a Proof of Claim form, you can get one on the Internet at [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com). You can also request that a Proof of Claim form be mailed to you by contacting the claims administrator by calling (866) 336-8968 toll-free, sending an e-mail to [Questions@countrywidembssettlement.com](mailto:Questions@countrywidembssettlement.com), or writing to *Countrywide MBS Settlement*, c/o The Garden City Group, Inc., P.O. Box 9993, Dublin, OH 43017-5993.

Read the instructions carefully, fill out the Proof of Claim form, include all the documents the form asks for, sign it, and mail it to the P.O. Box address on the form by first-class mail, postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

11. When will I get my payment?

The Court will hold a hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement after that, there may be appeals. It is always uncertain how these appeals will be resolved, and resolving them can take a long time, perhaps more than a year. It also takes a long time, often as much as a year, for all of the Proofs of Claim to be accurately reviewed and processed. Please be patient.

12. What am I giving up to get a payment or stay in the Class?

Unless you exclude yourself, you are staying in the Class, and that means that, upon the "Effective Date," you will release all "Settled Claims" (as defined below) against the "Released Parties" (as defined below).

The "Effective Date" will occur when an Order entered by the Court approving the Settlement becomes Final and not subject to appeal, as explained in more detail in the Settlement Agreement.

"Released Parties" means (i) any and all of the following persons and entities: (1) the Defendants; (2) each and every person, partnership, firm, corporation, limited liability company, trust or other entity or organization in which any Defendant has a controlling interest or which is or was related to or affiliated with any of the Defendants; and (3) any other Person that is or was an issuer, depositor, sponsor, underwriter, seller, or servicer of any one or more of the Offerings or the Certificates comprising them, or that otherwise is or was involved in any way in the creation, underwriting, issuance, structuring, rating, marketing, sale, servicing, or collateralization of, or in any other way with, any one or more of the Offerings or the Certificates comprising them; (ii) with respect to each of the Persons in subsection (i) of this paragraph, their respective past or present directors, officers, employees, insurers, reinsurers, attorneys, agents, partners, principals, advisors, investment advisors, auditors, accountants, trustees, underwriters, investment bankers, affiliates, subsidiaries, parents, any other entity in which any such parent entity has a controlling interest or which is or was related to or affiliated with any such parent, successors, predecessors, heirs, spouses, domestic partners, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, executors or administrators; and (iii) the legal representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns of any of the foregoing.

"Settled Claims" means, to the fullest extent permitted by law or equity, any and all claims, debts, rights, demands, disputes, matters, actions and causes of action of any kind concerning, arising out of, based upon, or relating in any way to any of the Offerings or any one or more of the tranches comprising such Offerings (including the Certificates), including but not limited to all claims, debts, rights, demands, disputes, matters, actions and causes of action concerning, arising out of, based upon, or relating in any way to any of the allegations, facts, circumstances, transactions, statements, misstatements, omissions, or subject matters that were alleged or could have been alleged in the Actions or in any other actions (including but not limited to the *Putnam Action*), or could in the future be alleged, whether such claims, debts, rights, demands, disputes, matters, actions, or causes of action are known or Unknown Claims, direct, derivative, indirect or



otherwise, whether under federal, state, local, foreign, or other law, whether based on statutory or common law, or any other law, rule or regulation, or whether arising under contract, trust indenture, other trust agreement or document, or any other document or otherwise, including but not limited to claims for successor liability, for damages, rescission, or any other remedy or relief whatsoever, as against any and all Released Parties; *provided, however*, that Settled Claims shall not include claims to enforce the Settlement or any benefits to which any Plaintiff or other member of the Class may become entitled, upon final court approval of the BNYM Settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the BNYM Settlement does not receive final court approval as currently agreed, Plaintiffs and the Class shall retain all contractual rights they may have in regard to certificates included in the BNYM Settlement under the pooling and servicing agreements pursuant to which they purchased those certificates, including but not limited to the right, if any, to participate in any other settlement reached, action taken, or recovery obtained in regard to such certificates by the trustee of the MBS trusts at issue in the BNYM Settlement.

"Unknown Claims" means any and all Settled Claims that Plaintiffs (or any of them) or any Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor as of the Effective Date and any Settled Defendants' Claims that any Released Party does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor as of the Effective Date that, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, or might have affected such party's decision not to object to this Settlement. With respect to any and all Settled Claims and Settled Defendants' Claims, upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each Class Member and Released Party shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have expressly waived, the provisions, rights and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, and of any U.S. federal or state law, or principle of common law or otherwise, that is similar, comparable, or equivalent to §1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides, in relevant part:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

Plaintiffs and other Class Members or certain of them and Defendants and other Released Parties may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which such party now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Settled Claims and Settled Defendants' Claims, but Plaintiffs and the Class Members, and each of them, upon the Effective Date, by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, any and all Settled Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, that now exist or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, claims relating to conduct that is negligent, reckless, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, and the Released Parties, upon the Effective Date, by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, any and all Settled Defendants' Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, that now exist or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, claims relating to conduct that is negligent, reckless,

intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. Plaintiffs and Defendants each acknowledge, and the Class Members and Released Parties shall be deemed by operation of the Final Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and was a key element of the Settlement.

If you remain a member of the Class, all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you.

### EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS

If you do not want a payment from this Settlement, but you want to keep any right you may have to sue or continue to sue the Defendants and the other Released Parties, on your own, concerning the Settled Claims, then you must take steps to exclude yourself. This is called excluding yourself or "opting out" of the Class.

13. How do I exclude myself from the Class?

To exclude yourself from the Class, you must mail a signed letter stating that you "request exclusion from the Class in *Maine State Retirement System v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:10-CV-00302 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), *Luther v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05125 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), and *Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05122 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.)." You cannot exclude yourself by telephone or e-mail. Each request for exclusion must provide (i) name, (ii) mailing address, (iii) daytime telephone number, (iv) email address (if available); (v) the Certificates owned as of March 12, 2004 (the first day of the Class Period) and the Certificates owned as of July \_\_, 2013 (the last day of the Class Period); (vi) the date(s), price(s) and amount(s) of all purchases, acquisitions and sales of Certificates during the Class Period; and (vii) a statement that the person or entity wishes to be excluded from the Class. You must mail your exclusion request by first-class mail, postmarked no later than \_\_, 2013 to:

Countrywide MBS Settlement  
c/o The Garden City Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9993  
Dublin, OH 43017-5993

If you ask to be excluded from the Class, you will not receive any payment from the Settlement, and you cannot object to the Settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in these lawsuits, and you may be able to sue (or continue to sue) the Defendants and the other Released Parties in the future.

14. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue the Defendants and the other Released Parties for the same thing later?

No. Unless you properly exclude yourself, you give up any rights you may have to sue the Defendants and the other Released Parties for any and all Settled Claims. If you do not exclude yourself from the Class in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Notice, you will not be entitled to receive any recovery in any other action against any of the Released Parties based on or arising out of the Settled Claims. If you have a pending lawsuit, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately. You must exclude yourself from this Class to continue your own lawsuit. Remember, the exclusion deadline is \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

15. If I exclude myself, can I get money from the proposed Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, do not send in a Proof of Claim form to request any money. But, you may exercise any right you may have to sue, continue to sue, or be part of a different lawsuit against the Defendants and the other Released Parties.

Should you elect to exclude yourself from the Class, you should understand that Defendants will have the right to assert any and all defenses they may have to any claims that you may seek to assert, including without limitation the defense that any such claims are untimely under applicable statutes of limitations and statutes of repose pursuant to the rulings described above previously issued by the Court, by any other court, or otherwise. Although Defendants have decided to settle the Actions in their entirety in order to avoid the continuing expense of litigation and for the other reasons described in this Notice, Defendants will retain and are not waiving in any way the right to assert that the claims asserted by any individual Class Members who elect not to participate in the Settlement are time-barred, are otherwise subject to dismissal, or otherwise lack merit.

The confidential evidentiary record developed in these Actions is a valuable asset of the Class, and should not be made available to persons who exclude themselves from the Class absent an order of the Court.

#### THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

16. Do I have a lawyer in these cases?

The Court appointed the law firm of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC Lead Counsel in *Maine State Retirement System v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:10-CV-00302 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.). The law firms of Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP and Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, represent the Plaintiffs and the putative class in *Luther v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05125 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.) and *Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05122 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.) and were appointed Co-Lead Counsel in those actions before they were removed to federal court.

You will not be separately charged for any of these lawyers. The Court will determine the amount of Plaintiffs' Counsel's fees and expenses, which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

17. How will the lawyers be paid?

For their work over the past five-plus years, which Plaintiffs believe to have been exhaustive, Plaintiffs' Counsel will ask the Court to award attorneys' fees from the Gross Settlement Fund of no more than \$85 million, or approximately 17% of the Gross Settlement Fund (which amount includes interest at the same rate as earned by the Gross Settlement Fund). Plaintiffs' Counsel will also seek an award of expenses incurred in connection with the prosecution and resolution of these Actions in an amount not to exceed \$4 million, plus interest on such expenses at the same rate as earned by the Gross Settlement Fund. Plaintiffs' Counsel's application for expenses may include reimbursement of the expenses of Plaintiffs in accordance with 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4).

**OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

You can tell the Court that you do not agree with the Settlement or some part of it.

18. How do I tell the Court that I do not like the proposed Settlement?

If you are a Class Member, you can object to the Settlement or any of its terms, the proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund, and/or the application by Plaintiffs' Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses. You may write to the Court setting out your objection. You may give reasons why you think the Court should not approve any or all of the Settlement terms or arrangements. If you would like the Court to consider your views, you must file a proper objection within the deadline identified, and according to the following procedures.

To object, you must send a signed letter stating that you object to the proposed Settlement in *Maine State Retirement System v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:10-CV-00302 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), *Luther v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05125 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.), and *Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund v. Countrywide Financial Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-05122 MRP (MANx) (C.D. Cal.). Any objection must include: (a) the full name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the objecting Class Member; (b) a list and documentation of all of that Class Member's transactions involving the Certificates, including brokerage confirmation receipts or other competent documentary evidence of such transactions, including the amount and date of each purchase, acquisition or sale and the price paid and/or received; (c) a written statement of all grounds for the objection accompanied by any legal support for the objection; (d) copies of any papers, briefs or other documents upon which the objection is based; (e) a list of all persons who will be called to testify in support of the objection; (f) a statement of whether you intend to appear at the Fairness Hearing; (g) a list of other cases in which you or your counsel have appeared either as settlement objectors or as counsel for objectors in the preceding five years; and (h) the objector's signature, even if represented by counsel. Your objection must be filed with the Court and mailed or delivered to

the following counsel at all of the following addresses, on or before \_\_\_\_\_,  
2013:

**The Court:**

Clerk of the Court  
United States District Court for  
the Central District of California  
United States Courthouse  
312 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Plaintiffs' Counsel:**

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Boston, MA 02109

You do not need to attend the Fairness Hearing to have your written objection considered by the Court. Any Class Member who has not previously submitted a request for exclusion from the Class and who has complied with the procedures set out in this question 18 may also appear at the Fairness Hearing and be heard, to the extent allowed by the Court, to state any objection to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Plaintiffs' Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses. Any such objector may appear in person or arrange, at his or her own expense, for a lawyer to represent him or her at the Fairness Hearing.

19. What is the difference between objecting and excluding?

Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the proposed Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Class and follow the objection procedures described above. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Class. If you

exclude yourself from the Class, you have no basis to object because the Actions no longer affect you.

### THE SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing, called a Fairness Hearing, to consider whether to approve the proposed Settlement. At or after the Fairness Hearing, the Court will also decide whether to approve the Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund and Plaintiffs' Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and expenses.

20. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement?

The Court will hold the Fairness Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, at \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_m., in Courtroom 12 at the United States District Court for the Central District of California, United States Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and should be approved, and will also consider the proposed Plan of Allocation and the application of Plaintiffs' Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses. The Court will take into consideration any written objections filed in accordance with the instructions set forth in the answer to question 18 above. The Court may also decide how much to award Plaintiffs' Counsel for their fees and expenses. At or after the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. We do not know how long these decisions will take.

21. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Plaintiffs' Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to attend the Fairness Hearing at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to discuss it. As long as you filed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not required. If you do hire your own lawyer, he or she must file and serve a Notice of Appearance in the manner described in the answer to question 22 below.

Please be aware that the Court may change the date or time of the Fairness Hearing without further notice to Class Members. If you or your attorney plan to come to the hearing, you should check with Plaintiffs' Counsel before coming to be sure that the date or time has not changed.

Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval of the matters being considered at the hearing.

22. May I speak at the hearing?

You may speak at the Fairness Hearing if you are a Class Member and you filed an objection to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Plaintiffs' Counsel's application for an award of

attorneys' fees and expenses in the manner and the time period described in the answer to question 18 above. If you plan to have an attorney speak on your behalf at the Fairness Hearing, your attorney must, on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, file a Notice of Appearance in these Actions with the Clerk of the Court and deliver a copy to Plaintiffs' Counsel and Counsel for the Countrywide Defendants at the addresses listed in the answer to question 18 above.

If you or your attorney plan to attend the Fairness Hearing and present evidence at the hearing, your written objections (prepared and submitted in accordance with the answer to question 18 above) must identify any witness you or your attorney may seek to call to testify, and must identify any documents or other exhibits you or your attorney may seek to introduce into evidence.

#### IF YOU DO NOTHING

23. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will get no money from this Settlement and you will be precluded from starting a lawsuit, continuing with a lawsuit, or being part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants and the other Released Parties concerning the Settled Claims, ever again. To be eligible to share in the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a Proof of Claim form (*see* question 10 above). To start, continue or be a part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants and the other Released Parties concerning the Settled Claims in these cases, you must exclude yourself from the Class (*see* question 13 above).

#### GETTING MORE INFORMATION

24. Are there more details about the proposed Settlement?

This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. More details are contained in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated as of June 25, 2013 (the "Settlement Agreement"). You can view and/or download a copy of the Settlement Agreement from the website, [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com).

You also can call the Claims Administrator toll-free at (866) 336-8968; send an e-mail to [Questions@countrywidembssettlement.com](mailto:Questions@countrywidembssettlement.com); write to *Countrywide MBS Settlement*, c/o The Garden City Group, Inc., P.O. Box 9993, Dublin, OH 43017-5993; or visit the website at [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com), where you will find answers to common questions about the Settlement, as well as a downloadable copy of the Proof of Claim form, and other information to help you determine whether you are a Class Member and whether you are eligible for a payment.

25. How do I get more information?

Additional information concerning the matters involved in these Actions and the proposed Settlement is available at [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com), including, among other documents, copies of the Settlement Agreement, important Court Orders and the operative complaints. For more detailed information, you are referred to the papers on file in the Actions, most of which may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, United States Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, on weekdays (other than court holidays) between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Subscribers to PACER, a fee-based service, can also view the papers filed publicly in the action through the Court's on-line Case Management/Electronic Case Files System at <https://ecf.cacd.uscourts.gov>.

All inquiries concerning this Notice or the Proof of Claim form should be directed to the Claims Administrator or Plaintiffs' Counsel.

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECURITIES  
BROKERS AND OTHER NOMINEES**

If, between March 12, 2004 and [the date of preliminary approval], inclusive, you purchased or held any of the Certificates for the beneficial interest of a person or organization other than yourself, the Court has directed that, **WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE**, you must either: (a) provide to the Claims Administrator the name and last known address of each person or organization for whom or which you purchased or held such Certificate(s) during the relevant time period or (b) request additional copies of this Notice and the Proof of Claim form, which will be provided to you free of charge, and within **SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS** mail the Notice and Proof of Claim form directly to the beneficial owners. If you choose the first option, the Claims Administrator will send a copy of the Notice and Proof of Claim form to the beneficial owner(s). If you choose the second option, the Court has directed that, upon such mailing, you send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed. You are entitled to reimbursement from the Gross Settlement Fund of your reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing, including reimbursement of postage expense and the cost of ascertaining the names and addresses of beneficial owners. Those expenses will be paid upon request and submission of appropriate supporting documentation. All communications concerning the foregoing should be addressed to the Claims Administrator:

*Countrywide MBS Settlement*  
c/o The Garden City Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9993  
Dublin, OH 43017-5993

Toll-free telephone: (866) 336-8968  
E-mail: [Questions@countrywidembssettlement.com](mailto:Questions@countrywidembssettlement.com)



***PLEASE DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR  
OR TO PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL.  
DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT REGARDING THIS NOTICE.***

Dated: Los Angeles, California  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2013

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL  
DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

## **EXHIBIT 2**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, Individually  
and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, ET  
AL.,

Defendants.

Civ. No. 2:10-cv-00302-MRP(MANx)

CLASS ACTION

WESTERN CONFERENCE TEAMSTERS,  
Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly  
Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, ET  
AL.,

Defendants.

Civ. No. 2:12-cv-05122-MRP(MANx)

CLASS ACTION

DAVID H. LUTHER, Individually and On Behalf of All  
Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, ET  
AL.,

Defendants.

Civ. No. 2:12-cv-05125-MRP(MANx)

CLASS ACTION

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. To recover as a member of the Class based on your claims in the actions entitled *Maine State Ret. Sys. v. Countrywide Fin. Corp., et al.*, No. 2:10-cv-00302 MRP; *Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp., et al.*, No. 2:12-cv-05125-MRP; and/or *Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund v. Countrywide Fin. Corp., et al.*, No. 2:12-cv-05122-MRP (the "Actions"), you must complete this Proof of Claim and Release form. If you fail to file a properly addressed (as set forth in paragraph 3 below) Proof of Claim and Release, your claim may be rejected and you may be precluded from any recovery from the Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed settlement of the Actions (the "Settlement").

2. Submission of this Proof of Claim and Release, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement in the Actions.

3. YOU MUST MAIL YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

Countrywide MBS Settlement  
c/o The Garden City Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9993  
Dublin, OH 43017-5993

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If you are NOT a member of the Class, as defined in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action, Fairness Hearing and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses ("Notice"), DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim and Release form.

4. If you are a member of the Class, you are bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Actions, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM.

QUESTIONS? CALL TOLL-FREE 1-(866) 336-8968

VISIT [www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com](http://www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com)

OR

EMAIL: [Questions@CountrywideMBSSettlement.com](mailto:Questions@CountrywideMBSSettlement.com)

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NOT LATER THAN  
XXXXXXXX XX, 2013

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE  
Use Blue or Black Ink Only

**PART I. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION** - Complete either Section A or B and then proceed to C. Please type or print.

**A. Complete this Section ONLY if the Beneficial Owner is an individual, joint, or IRA account. Otherwise, proceed to B.**

Last Name (Beneficial Owner)	First Name (Beneficial Owner)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last Name (Joint Beneficial Owner, if applicable)	First Name (Joint Beneficial Owner)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of IRA Custodian, if applicable	
<input type="text"/>	
If this account is an IRA, and if you would like any check that you MAY be eligible to receive made payable to the IRA account, please include "IRA" in the "Last Name" box above (e.g., Jones IRA).	

**B. Complete this Section ONLY if the Beneficial Owner is an Entity, i.e., corporation, trust, estate, etc. Then, proceed to C.**

Entity Name
<input type="text"/>
Name of Representative, if applicable (Executor, administrator, trustee, etc.)
<input type="text"/>

**C. Account/Mailing Information:**

Specify one of the following:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> UGMA Custodian
<input type="checkbox"/> IRA	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Estate
<input type="checkbox"/> Trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/>	
Number and Street or P.O. Box		
<input type="text"/>		
City	State	Zip Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Foreign Province and Postal Code	Foreign Country	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Telephone Number (Day)	Telephone Number (Evening)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
E-mail Address	Account Number	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Enter Taxpayer Identification Number below for the Beneficial Owner(s).		
Last 4 digits of Social Security No. (for individuals)		or Taxpayer Identification No.
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

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NOTE: Separate Proofs of Claim should be submitted for each separate legal entity (e.g., a claim from Joint Owners should not include separate transactions of just one of the Joint Owners, an Individual should not combine his or her IRA transactions with transactions made solely in the Individual's name). Conversely, a single Proof of Claim should be submitted on behalf of one legal entity including all transactions made by that entity no matter how many separate accounts that entity has (e.g., a Corporation with multiple brokerage accounts should include all transactions in Countrywide mortgage pass-through certificates) and no matter how many accounts the transactions were made in.

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain Claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. All Claimants MUST submit a manually signed paper Proof of Claim form, whether or not they also submit electronic copies, either listing all their transactions or including a notation to see corresponding electronic file for all transactions. If you wish to file your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at (866) 336-8968 or visit the website for the Settlement, [www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com](http://www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com), to obtain the required file layout. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the Claimant a written acknowledgment of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data.

Proceed to Part II of this Proof of Claim.

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**PART II - TRANSACTIONS IN MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES**

1. **PURCHASES AND ACQUISITIONS:** List all purchases and acquisitions of the Countrywide mortgage pass-through certificates listed on [www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com](http://www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com). Be sure to attach the required documentation.

Date(s) of Purchase or Acquisition (list chronologically) Month/Day/Year	Cusip	Face Value	Price	Total Cost (excluding commissions, taxes & fees)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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2. **SALES:** List all sales of the Countrywide mortgage pass-through certificates listed on [www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com](http://www.CountrywideMBSSettlement.com). Be sure to attach the required documentation.

Date(s) of Sale (list chronologically) Month/Day/Year	Cusip	Face Value at Time of Sale	Price	Total Proceeds (excluding commissions, taxes & fees)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE TO LIST YOUR TRANSACTIONS PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS PAGE,  
WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE COPY AND CHECK THIS BOX:



IF YOU DO NOT CHECK THIS BOX THESE ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY NOT BE REVIEWED.

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**PART II - SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES (CONT.)**

3. **PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS:** List all Principal Payments received on the Countrywide Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates through the close of business on October 16, 2008 (Attach documentation if available):

Cusip	Total Proceeds (Excluding fees, commissions and interest adjustments)

4. **CERTIFICATES HELD:** List all Countrywide Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates that continue to be held at the close of business on October 16, 2008 - EXCEPT FOR THOSE 58 CERTIFICATES THAT ARE LISTED ON THE WEBSITE (WWW.COUNTRYWIDEMBSSETTLEMENT.COM) AS "LIVE REPRESENTED TRANCHES" YOU MUST INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF FACE VALUE HELD AS OF THE FOLLOWING DATES: NOVEMBER 14, 2007, JUNE 12, 2008 AND SEPTEMBER 9, 2008. (Attach documentation if available):

Cusip	Face Value Held	Held as of Date (ONLY FOR "LIVE REPRESENTED TRANCHES")

BE SURE TO ATTACH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE TO LIST YOUR TRANSACTIONS PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THESE PAGES, WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE COPY AND CHECK THIS BOX:

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Proceed to Part III of this Proof of Claim.

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PART III: DEFINITIONS AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND SIGNATURE

DEFINITIONS

1. "Defendants" means Countrywide Financial Corporation, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., CWALT, Inc., CWMBS, Inc., CWHEQ, Inc., CWABS, Inc., Countrywide Capital Markets, Countrywide Securities Corporation, Bank of America Corporation, NB Holdings Corporation, Stanford L. Kurland, David A. Spector, Eric P. Sieracki, David A. Sambol, Ranjit Kripalani, N. Joshua Adler, Jennifer S. Sandefur, Jeffrey P. Grogan, Thomas Boone, Thomas K. McLaughlin, Banc of America Securities LLC; Barclays Capital Inc.; Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.; BNP Paribas Securities Corp.; Citigroup Global Markets Inc.; Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC; Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.; Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. d/b/a Edward Jones; Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc. a.k.a. RBS Greenwich Capital now known as RBS Securities Inc.; HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.; J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.; Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated; Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated; and UBS Securities LLC.

2. "Effective Date" shall be the date on which all the following conditions of settlement shall have occurred: (a) with respect to Defendants, deposit of the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account in accordance with Paragraph 2 of the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated June \_\_, 2013 (the "Settlement Agreement"); (b) final approval by the Court of the Settlement, following notice to the Class and a hearing, as prescribed by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; (c) entry by the Court of the Final Judgment in all material respects in the form set forth in Exhibit B to the Settlement Agreement, and the Final Judgment becoming Final, or, in the event that the Court enters a judgment in a form other than that provided above ("Alternative Judgment") and neither Plaintiffs nor the Countrywide Defendants elect to terminate this Settlement, the date that such Alternative Judgment becomes Final; and (d) if the circumstances described in Paragraphs 36 and/or 38 of the Settlement Agreement occur, the expiration of the time for the Plaintiffs or the Countrywide Defendants to exercise the termination rights provided in the applicable paragraph(s) without the termination rights being exercised.

3. "Final Judgment" means the Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement.

4. "Released Parties" means (i) any and all of the following persons and entities: (1) the Defendants; (2) each and every person, partnership, firm, corporation, limited liability company, trust or other entity or organization in which any Defendant has a controlling interest or which is or was related to or affiliated with any of the Defendants; and (3) any other Person that is or was an issuer, depositor, sponsor, underwriter, seller, or servicer of any one or more of the Offerings or the Certificates comprising them, or that otherwise is or was involved in any way in the creation, underwriting, issuance, structuring, rating, marketing, sale, servicing, or collateralization of, or in any other way with, any one or more of the Offerings or the Certificates comprising them; (ii) with respect to each of the Persons in subsection (i) of this paragraph, their respective past or present directors, officers, employees, insurers, reinsurers, attorneys, agents, partners, principals, advisors, investment advisors, auditors, accountants, trustees, underwriters, investment bankers, affiliates, subsidiaries, parents, any other entity in which any such parent entity has a controlling interest or which is or was related to or affiliated with any such parent, successors, predecessors, heirs, Immediate Family, executors or administrators; and (iii) the legal representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns of any of the foregoing.

5. "Settled Claims" means to the fullest extent permitted by law or equity, any and all claims, debts, rights, demands, disputes, matters, actions and causes of action of any kind concerning, arising out of, based upon, or relating in any way to any of the Offerings or any one or more of the tranches comprising such Offerings (including the Certificates listed on Appendix A hereto), including but not limited to all claims, debts, rights, demands, disputes, matters, actions and causes of action concerning, arising out of, based upon, or relating in any way to any of the allegations, facts, circumstances, transactions, statements, misstatements, omissions, or subject matters that were alleged or could have been alleged in the Actions or in any other actions (including but not limited to the Putnam Action), or could in the future be alleged, whether such claims, debts, rights, demands, disputes, matters, actions, or causes of action are known or Unknown Claims, direct, derivative, indirect or otherwise, whether under federal, state, local, foreign, or other law, whether based on statutory or common law, or any other law, rule or regulation, or whether arising under contract, trust indenture, other trust agreement or document, or any other document or otherwise, including but not limited to claims for successor liability, for damages, rescission, or any other remedy or relief whatsoever, as against any and all Released Parties; provided, however, that Settled Claims shall not include claims to enforce the Settlement or any benefits to which any Plaintiff or other member of the Class may become entitled, upon final court approval of the BNYM Settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the BNYM Settlement does

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not receive final court approval as currently agreed, Plaintiffs and the Class shall retain all contractual rights they may have in regard to certificates included in the BNYM Settlement under the pooling and servicing agreements pursuant to which they purchased those certificates, including but not limited to the right, if any, to participate in any other settlement reached, action taken, or recovery obtained in regard to such certificates by the trustee of the MBS trusts at issue in the BNYM Settlement.

6. "Class" means all Persons that purchased or otherwise acquired the Certificates during the Class Period. Excluded from the Class are: the Defendants; members of the Individual Defendants' immediate families; any entity in which any Underwriter Defendant has a majority interest; any entity in which any other Defendant has a majority or controlling interest; any person who was an officer, director, partner, or controlling person of any Defendant during the Class Period; and the legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of any such excluded Person. Also excluded from the Class are those Persons who submit valid and timely requests for exclusion from the Class in compliance with each of the requirements set forth in the Notice.

RELEASE

7. I (We) understand and acknowledge that without further action by anyone, on and after the Effective Date, each Class Member, on behalf of him, her or itself and any of his, her or its personal representatives, spouses, domestic partners, trustees, heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns for good and sufficient consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Final Judgment shall have fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, waived, discharged and dismissed each and every Settled Claim against each and all of the Released Parties, and shall forever be enjoined from pursuing any or all Settled Claims against any Released Party, whether directly or indirectly, whether on their own behalf or otherwise, and regardless of whether or not such Class Member executes and delivers a Proof of Claim Form (except that the foregoing provision shall not apply to any such representative, spouse, domestic partner, trustee, heir, executor, administrator, successor or assign who independently would be a member of the Class and timely excludes himself, herself or itself). By entering into this Settlement Agreement, I (We) represent and warrant that I (We) have not assigned, hypothecated, conveyed, transferred or otherwise granted or given any interest in the Settled Claims, or any of them, to any other person or entity, whether or not a Proof of Claim Form is executed and delivered by, or on behalf of, such Class Member.

Proceed to Part IV of this Proof of Claim.

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PART IV: SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

By signing and submitting this Proof of Claim Form, the Claimant(s) or the person(s) who represents the Claimant(s) certifies, as follows:

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim Form under the terms of the Settlement Agreement described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, with respect to my (our) claim as a Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I (we) am (are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in the Actions, including the releases set forth in connection with the Settlement of the Actions. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases or acquisitions of Countrywide mortgage pass-through certificates and alleging the Settled Claims and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally and forever release, relinquish, waive, discharge and dismiss with prejudice each and every one of the Settled Claims against each and all the Released Parties as defined above. I (We) further acknowledge:

1. that the Claimant(s) is a (are) Class Member(s), as defined herein and in the Notice;
2. that I (We) will not be entitled to receive recovery in any other action against any of the Released Parties based on or arising out of the Settled Claims (as defined above);
3. that I (we) have not filed a request for exclusion from the Class and that I (we) do not know of any request for exclusion from the Class filed on my (our) behalf with respect to my (our) transactions in the mortgage pass-through certificates at issue herein;
4. that I (we) own(ed) the mortgage pass-through certificates identified in the Proof of Claim, or that, in signing and submitting this Proof of Claim, I (we) have the authority to act on behalf of the owner(s) thereof;
5. that Claimant(s) may be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund;
6. that I (we) agree to furnish such additional information with respect to this Proof of Claim as the parties, the Claims Administrator or the Court may require;
7. that I (we) waive trial by jury, to the extent it exists, and agree to the Court's summary disposition of the determination of the validity or amount of the claim made by this Proof of Claim;
8. that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof;
9. that I (we) have included information requested above about all of my (our) transactions in Countrywide mortgage pass-through certificates; and
10. that I (we) certify that I am (we are) not subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406(a)(1)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE: If you have been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that you are subject to backup withholding, please strike the language that you are not subject to backup withholding in the certification above. The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision other than the certification required to avoid backup withholding.

I (We) declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the statements made and answers given in this Proof of Claim are true and correct and that the documents submitted herewith are true and genuine.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information supplied by the undersigned is true and correct.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State/County)

Signature of Claimant

(Type or print name of Claimant)

Signature of Joint Claimant, if any

(Type or print name of Joint Claimant, if any)

Signature of person signing on behalf of Claimant

(Type or print name of person signing on behalf of Claimant)

Capacity of person signing on behalf of Claimant, if other than an individual (e.g., Administrator, Executor, Trustee, President, Custodian, Power of Attorney, etc.)

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REMINDER CHECKLIST

1. Please sign the Certification Section of the Proof of Claim and Release form.
2. If this Claim is being made on behalf of Joint Claimants, then both must sign.
3. Please remember to attach supporting documents.
4. DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS OF ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.
5. Keep a copy of your Proof of Claim and Release form and all documentation submitted for your records.
6. The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of your Proof of Claim and Release by mail, within 60 days. Your claim is not deemed filed until you receive an acknowledgment postcard. If you do not receive an acknowledgment postcard within 60 days, please call the Claims Administrator toll free at (866) 336-8968
7. If you move, please send your new address to:

Countrywide MBS Settlement  
c/o The Garden City Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9993  
Dublin, OH 43017-5993

Do not use highlighter on the Proof of Claim and Release form or supporting documentation.

THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, AND MUST BE MAILED TO:

Countrywide MBS Settlement  
c/o The Garden City Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9993  
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ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
PATIENCE

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## **EXHIBIT 3**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN DIVISION

MAINE STATE RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM, Individually and On  
Behalf of All Others Similarly  
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Case No. 2:12-CV-05125 MRP (MANx)

WESTERN CONFERENCE OF  
TEAMSTERS PENSION TRUST  
FUND, Individually and On Behalf of  
All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL  
CORPORATION, *et al.*,

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Case No. 2:12-CV-05122 MRP (MANx)

SUMMARY NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED  
SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTIONS, FAIRNESS HEARING AND MOTION FOR AN  
AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES

EXHIBIT 3

**TO: ALL PERSONS WHO PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED THE INDIVIDUAL SECURITIES ISSUED AS PART OF THE 429 OFFERINGS AT ISSUE IN THE ACTIONS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 12, 2004 THROUGH [DATE OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER] (THE "CLASS").**

Please Note: The 429 Offerings at issue in the Actions are listed in the detailed Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action, Fairness Hearing and Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fee and Litigation Expenses which was mailed to potential Class Members and nominees, and also can be viewed, along with a complete list of the individual securities issued as part of the 429 Offerings, by visiting the website for the settlement, [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com) or below:

[List of 429 Offerings]

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY; YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS PENDING IN THIS COURT.**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, that a hearing will be held before the Honorable Mariana R. Pfaelzer, United States District Judge, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 at \_\_\_\_\_m. in Courtroom 12 of the United States Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, for the purpose of determining, among other things, (i) whether the proposed Settlement of the above-captioned securities class actions ("Actions") for \$500 million in cash is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be approved; (ii) whether the Court should grant final certification of the Class for settlement purposes only; (iii) whether the Actions should be dismissed with prejudice as against the Defendants as set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated as of June 25, 2013; (iv) whether the proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund is fair and reasonable and should be approved, and (v) whether the application of Plaintiffs' Counsel for an award of attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Actions, with interest, is reasonable and should be approved. The Court may reschedule the hearing without further written notice to the Class.

If you purchased or otherwise acquired any of the individual securities issued in any of the 429 mortgage-backed securities Offerings at issue in the Actions during the period March 12, 2004 through [date of preliminary approval order], your rights may be affected by these Actions and the Settlement thereof, and you may be entitled to share in the Settlement proceeds. If you have not received the detailed Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action, Fairness Hearing and Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses (the "Notice") and Proof of Claim form, you may obtain copies of these documents free of charge by contacting the claims administrator at *Countrywide MBS Settlement*, c/o The Garden City Group, Inc., P.O. Box 9993, Dublin, OH 43017-5993, (866) 336-8968; email: [Questions@countrywidembssettlement.com](mailto:Questions@countrywidembssettlement.com). Copies of these documents can also be downloaded from the website for the Actions, [www.countrywidembssettlement.com](http://www.countrywidembssettlement.com), or from Plaintiffs' Counsel's respective websites.



If you are a member of the Class and wish to be eligible to receive a payment under the proposed Settlement, you must submit a Proof of Claim *postmarked* no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 establishing that you are entitled to recovery. As further described in the Notice, you will be bound by any judgment entered in the Actions, regardless of whether you submit a Proof of Claim, unless you request to exclude yourself from the Class, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Notice. Requests for exclusion from the Class must be *postmarked* no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Any objections to the proposed Settlement, proposed Plan of Allocation or Plaintiffs' Counsel's application for an award of attorney's fees and expenses must be filed and served, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Notice, such that they are *received* no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Inquiries, other than requests for the Notice and Proof of Claim, may be made to:

Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC Steven J. Toll, Esq. 1100 New York Avenue, N.W. Suite 500, West Tower Washington, DC 20005 www.cohenmilstein.com	Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Spencer A. Burkholz, Esq. 655 West Broadway Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101 www.rgrdlaw.com	Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP Andrew L. Zivitz, Esq. 280 King of Prussia Road Radnor, PA 19087 www.ktmc.com
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Requests for the Notice and Proof of Claim should be made to:

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c/o GCG  
P.O. Box 9993  
Dublin, OH 43017-5993  
(866) 336-8968  
www.countrywidembssettlement.com

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR  
THE CLERK'S OFFICE ABOUT THIS NOTICE.**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL  
DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 6, 2013, I authorized the electronic filing of the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the e-mail addresses denoted on the attached Electronic Mail Notice List, and I hereby certify that I caused to be mailed the foregoing document or paper via the United States Postal Service to the non-CM/ECF participants indicated on the attached Manual Notice List.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 6, 2013.

s/ SPENCER A. BURKHOLZ  
SPENCER A. BURKHOLZ

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655 West Broadway, Suite 1900  
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619/231-7423 (fax)

E-mail: SpenceB@rgrdlaw.com

## Mailing Information for a Case 2:10-cv-00302-MRP-MAN

### Electronic Mail Notice List

The following are those who are currently on the list to receive e-mail notices for this case.

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- **Stephen Douglas Bunch**  
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