

Finance Department

Presentation to the City of Houston Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee

Upcoming Financial Transactions

February 2, 2021

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Agenda

- Combined Utility System (CUS)
 - a) First Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A&B
 - b) First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012B
 - c) First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2018C
- General Obligation (GO)
 - a) Commercial Paper Program, Series G-1



CUS First Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A&B

Background:

- The City has used the issuance of commercial paper to provide an expedient, cost—effective method of accessing cash and providing interim financing. The commercial paper (CP) notes are later refinanced into fixed rate bonds that match the useful life of the projects and/or equipment being financed.
- This transaction represents the normal refunding of these commercial paper notes issued by the Combined Utility System.
- Based on market conditions as of January 6, 2021, the total anticipated size of the Series 2021A&B Bonds will be approximately \$375 million.



CUS First Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A&B

- Approximately \$270 million is related to CP refunding.
- Additionally, the Series 2021A&B Bonds will include approximately \$105 million for the purpose of refunding existing debt, which will result in present value savings currently estimated at \$7.7 million, subject to market conditions and further due diligence.

Next Steps:

An RCA is expected to be brought before Council in February 2021.



CUS First Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A&B

System: Combined Utility System

New Money or Refunding?: Both

Proceeds Amount: \$375 Million

Use of the Debt Proceeds: Capital Improvement Program

and Refunding

Revenue Source Securing Debt:

Net Revenues of the Combined

Utility System

Estimated Weighted Average Life of the Debt Being : 10.657 Years

Refunded (other than Commercial Paper)

Estimated Change to the Weighted Average Life of (0.564) Years

Debt Being Refunded (other than Commercial Paper)

Estimated Net Present Value Savings: \$7.788 Million

Estimated Percentage Savings: 8.46%

Estimated True Interest Cost (%): 2.39%

Anticipated Council Agenda Date: February 2021

Anticipated Date of Pricing: Spring 2021

Anticipated Date Closing: Spring 2021



CUS Variable Rate Exposure Summary

Liquidity Type	Series	Size (\$ millions)	Bank / Dealer	Expiration	Requires Bank Facility		
Commercial Paper ⁽¹⁾	B-1	100.00	Bank of America	10/22/2021	Υ		
	B-2	75.00	Morgan Stanley	3/13/2022	N		
	B-3	75.00	Sumitomo	1/14/2025	Υ		
	B-4	100.00	PNC Bank	7/12/2022	Υ		
	B-5	250.00	Morgan Stanley	3/1/2023	N		
	B-6	100.00	Bank of America	10/22/2021	Υ		
Subtotal 700.00							
Variable Rate Demand Bonds	2004B-2	100.00	Citigroup	3/31/2022	Υ		
	2004B-3	75.00	Sumitomo	4/2/2021	Υ		
	2004B-4	75.00	PNC Bank	6/19/2023	Υ		
	2004B-5	100.00	Wells Fargo	4/4/2022	Υ		
	2004B-6	78.33	Sumitomo	4/2/2021	Υ		
	2012A	125.00	TD Bank	4/18/2025	Υ		
	2012B	100.00	State Street	6/1/2021	Υ		
Subtotal 653.33							
Index Floaters	2018C	249.08	Bank of America	8/1/2021	N		
Subtotal 249.08			otal Debt Outstanding ⁽²⁾ \$7,113.2				
Total Commercial Paper Outstanding (2) \$170.0							
Total Unhedged Variable Rate Debt ⁽²⁾ 2.39%							

⁽¹⁾ The Series B-2 and B-5 are an Extendible Commercial Paper product.

Note: This presentation constitutes the written recommendation of the Finance Working Group.

⁽²⁾ As of December 31, 2020 Monthly Financial Report.



CUS First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012B

Background:

- The Series 2012B Bonds, which were originally issued as Floatingrate notes, are currently variable rate demand bonds (VRDBs).
- VRDBs are long term bonds, which are remarketed on a weekly basis, at short term interest rates. In order to be marketable, the VRDBs require a liquidity facility provided by a highly rated bank.
- The underlying bank facility, supporting the CUS Series 2012B Bonds, is scheduled to expire on June 1, 2021.



CUS First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012B

Next Steps:

- The City has released a request for term sheet proposals from qualified financial institutions to provide liquidity facilities and/or financial alternatives.
- The Finance Working Group will review proposals for favorable terms and determine steps to move forward.
- An RCA is expected to be presented to City Council in Spring 2021.



CUS First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2018C

Background:

- The Series 2018C Bonds are currently structured as index floating rate notes.
- Index floating-rate notes are bonds with a variable coupon, equal to a market index rate (usually SIFMA or a percentage of LIBOR), plus a negotiated spread.
- The CUS Series 2018C Bonds have a mandatory tender date of August 1, 2021.



CUS First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2018C

Next Steps:

- The City has released a request for term sheet proposals from qualified financial institutions to provide liquidity facilities and/or financial alternatives.
- The Finance Working Group will review proposals for favorable terms and determine steps to move forward.
- An RCA is expected to be presented to City Council in Spring 2021.



GO Variable Rate Exposure Summary

Liquidity Type	Series	Size (\$ millions)	Bank	Expiration	Requires Bank Facility
Commercial Paper	E-1	100	Citigroup	7/13/2021	Υ
	E-2	70	Wells Fargo	4/22/2022	Υ
	G-1	75	TD Bank	4/13/2021	Υ
	G-2	125	Barclays	11/19/2021	Υ
	H-2	100	TD Bank	11/8/2023	Υ
	J	125	State Street	5/20/2023	Υ
	K-1	200	RBC ⁽¹⁾	2/2/2026	N
	K-2	100	RBC ⁽¹⁾	2/2/2026	N
	Total	895			

Total Debt Outstanding⁽²⁾ \$3,603.9

Total Commercial Paper Outstanding(2) \$179.9

Total Current Variable Rate Exposure 4.99%

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⁽¹⁾ The RBC facilities K-1 and K-2 are Forward Bond Purchase Agreements.

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GO Commercial Paper Program Series G-1

Background:

- Commercial paper (CP) has provided an expedient, costeffective method of accessing cash and providing interim financing.
- General Obligation Commercial Paper Program, Series G-1 supports the City's capital improvement program.
- The current liquidity facility for the Series G-1 CP program is set to expire on April 13, 2021.

Next Steps:

- The City has reached out to the current liquidity provider for a renewal proposal and is recommending proceeding with a substitution with TD Securities.
- An RCA is expected to be brought before Council in late March 2021.



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Questions?