

POPULAR INC
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Form 10-Q

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2007

Commission File Number: 000-13818

POPULAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Puerto Rico

66-0667416

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

Popular Center Building
209 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Hato Rey
San Juan, Puerto Rico

00918

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(787) 765-9800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: Common Stock \$6.00 par value 279,360,885 shares outstanding as of May 7, 2007.

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Forward-Looking Information

The information included in this Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements may relate to the Corporation's financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business, including, but not limited to, statements with respect to the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, market risk and the impact of interest rate changes, capital adequacy and liquidity, and the effect of legal proceedings and new accounting standards on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations. All statements contained herein that are not clearly historical in nature are forward-looking, and the words anticipate, believe, continues, expect, estimate, intend, and similar expressions and future or conditional verbs such as will, would, should, could, might, can, may, expressions are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements.

These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties, estimates and assumptions by management that are difficult to predict. Various factors, some of which are beyond the Corporation's control, could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to: the rate of growth in the economy, as well as general business and economic conditions; changes in interest rates, as well as the magnitude of such changes; the fiscal and monetary policies of the federal government and its agencies; the relative strength or weakness of the consumer and commercial credit sectors and of the real estate markets; the performance of the stock and bond markets; competition in the financial services industry; possible legislative, tax or regulatory changes; and difficulties in combining the operations of acquired entities.

Moreover, the outcome of legal proceedings, as discussed in Part II, Item I. Legal Proceedings, is inherently uncertain and depends on judicial interpretations of law and the findings of regulators, judges and juries.

All forward-looking statements included in this document are based upon information available to the Corporation as of the date of this document, and we assume no obligation to update or revise any such forward-looking statements to reflect occurrences or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
POPULAR, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CONDITION
(UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except share information)	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	March 31, 2006
ASSETS			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 753,550	\$ 950,158	\$ 860,606
Money market investments:			
Federal funds sold	389,000	84,350	488,200
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	227,046	202,181	491,710
Time deposits with other banks	24,162	15,177	10,005
	640,208	301,708	989,915
Investment securities available-for-sale, at fair value:			
Pledged securities with creditors' right to repledge	3,729,502	3,743,924	5,934,017
Other investment securities available-for-sale	5,748,859	6,106,938	5,576,651
Investment securities held-to-maturity, at amortized cost (market value at March 31, 2007 - \$88,868; December 31, 2006 - \$92,764; March 31, 2006 - \$345,217)	87,483	91,340	344,385
Other investment securities, at lower of cost or realizable value (realizable value at March 31, 2007 - \$153,339; December 31, 2006 - \$412,593; March 31, 2006 \$415,131)	152,951	297,394	304,609
Trading account securities, at fair value:			
Pledged securities with creditors' right to repledge	344,401	193,619	365,096
Other trading securities	303,749	188,706	144,516
Loans held-for-sale, at lower of cost or market value	1,049,230	719,922	535,719
Loans held-in-portfolio:			
Loans held-in-portfolio pledged with creditors' right to repledge	563,871	306,320	21,210
Other loans held-in-portfolio	31,578,452	32,019,044	31,174,832
Less: Unearned income	310,936	308,347	301,376
Allowance for loan losses	541,748	522,232	468,321
	31,289,639	31,494,785	30,426,345
Premises and equipment, net	591,008	595,140	600,792
Other real estate	89,479	84,816	82,352
Accrued income receivable	284,791	248,240	274,620
Other assets	1,326,044	1,611,890	1,388,662
Goodwill	668,616	667,853	655,743
Other intangible assets	105,154	107,554	107,675

	\$47,164,664	\$47,403,987	\$48,591,703
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

Liabilities:

Deposits:

Non-interest bearing	\$ 4,177,446	\$ 4,222,133	\$ 4,453,965
Interest bearing	20,560,607	20,216,198	18,957,847
	24,738,053	24,438,331	23,411,812
Federal funds purchased and assets sold under agreements to repurchase	6,272,417	5,762,445	8,315,380
Other short-term borrowings	3,201,972	4,034,125	2,645,521
Notes payable	8,368,825	8,737,246	9,933,218
Other liabilities	846,979	811,424	798,102
	43,428,246	43,783,571	45,104,033

Commitments and contingencies (See Note 12)

Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	110	110	113
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Stockholders equity:

Preferred stock, \$25 liquidation value; 30,000,000 shares authorized; 7,475,000 shares issued and outstanding in all periods presented	186,875	186,875	186,875
Common stock, \$6 par value; 470,000,000 shares authorized in all periods presented; 292,448,935 shares issued (December 31, 2006 292,190,924; March 31, 2006 291,497,120) and 279,073,657 outstanding (December 31, 2006 278,741,547; March 31, 2006 278,072,323)	1,754,694	1,753,146	1,748,983
Surplus	530,073	526,856	486,863
Retained earnings	1,673,826	1,594,144	1,526,634
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax of (\$74,005) (December 31, 2006 (\$84,143); March 31, 2006 (\$82,657))	(203,935)	(233,728)	(255,265)
Treasury stock at cost, 13,375,278 shares (December 31, 2006 13,449,377; March 31, 2006 13,424,797)	(205,225)	(206,987)	(206,533)
	3,736,308	3,620,306	3,487,557
	\$47,164,664	\$47,403,987	\$48,591,703

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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POPULAR, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except per share information)	Quarter ended	
	2007	2006
		March 31,
INTEREST INCOME:		
Loans	\$644,114	\$591,835
Money market investments	4,609	7,982
Investment securities	115,491	133,533
Trading account securities	9,381	8,860
	773,595	742,210
INTEREST EXPENSE:		
Deposits	173,102	124,411
Short-term borrowings	124,809	124,803
Long-term debt	120,702	133,232
	418,613	382,446
Net interest income	354,982	359,764
Provision for loan losses	96,346	48,947
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	258,636	310,817
Service charges on deposit accounts	48,471	47,469
Other service fees (See Note 13)	87,849	80,346
Net gain on sale and valuation adjustments of investment securities	81,771	12,340
Trading account (loss) profit	(14,164)	11,475
Gain on sale of loans and valuation adjustments on loans held-for-sale	3,434	47,261
Other operating income	44,815	29,942
	510,812	539,650
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Personnel costs:		
Salaries	136,479	135,532
Pension, profit sharing and other benefits	41,896	42,520
	178,375	178,052
Net occupancy expenses	32,014	28,638
Equipment expenses	32,396	33,197
Other taxes	11,847	10,241
Professional fees	35,987	37,078
Communications	17,062	17,300
Business promotion	28,372	32,823
Printing and supplies	4,276	4,632

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Other operating expenses	32,016	28,831
Impact of change in fiscal period of certain subsidiaries		9,741
Amortization of intangibles	2,983	2,721
	375,328	383,254
Income before income tax	135,484	156,396
Income tax	16,837	37,893
NET INCOME	\$118,647	\$118,503
NET INCOME APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK	\$115,669	\$115,525
BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE (EPS)	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.42
DILUTED EPS	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.42
DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16

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POPULAR, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY
(UNAUDITED)

(In thousands)	Quarter ended March 31,	
	2007	2006
Preferred stock:		
Balance at beginning and end of year	\$ 186,875	\$ 186,875
Common stock:		
Balance at beginning of year	1,753,146	1,736,443
Common stock issued under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan	1,488	1,184
Issuance of common stock		11,312
Stock options exercised	60	44
Balance at end of period	1,754,694	1,748,983
Surplus:		
Balance at beginning of year	526,856	452,398
Common stock issued under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan	2,628	2,789
Issuance of common stock		28,281
Issuance cost of common stock		1,527
Stock options expense on unexercised options, net of forfeitures	440	768
Stock options exercised	149	100
Transfer from retained earnings		1,000
Balance at end of period	530,073	486,863
Retained earnings:		
Balance at beginning of year	1,594,144	1,456,612
Net income	118,647	118,503
Cumulative effect of accounting change (adoption of SFAS No. 156 and EITF 06-5)	8,667	
Cash dividends declared on common stock	(44,654)	(44,503)
Cash dividends declared on preferred stock	(2,978)	(2,978)
Transfer to surplus		(1,000)
Balance at end of period	1,673,826	1,526,634
Accumulated other comprehensive loss:		
Balance at beginning of year	(233,728)	(176,000)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	29,793	(79,265)
Balance at end of period	(203,935)	(255,265)
Treasury stock at cost:		
Balance at beginning of year	(206,987)	(207,081)

Purchase of common stock	(10)	
Reissuance of common stock	1,772	548
Balance at end of period	(205,225)	(206,533)
Total stockholders' equity	\$3,736,308	\$3,487,557

Disclosure of changes in number of shares:

	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	March 31, 2006
Preferred Stock:			
Balance at beginning and end of period	7,475,000	7,475,000	7,475,000
Common Stock Issued:			
Balance at beginning of year	292,190,924	289,407,190	289,407,190
Issued under the dividend reinvestment plan	247,947	858,905	197,196
Issuance of common stock		1,885,380	1,885,380
Stock options exercised	10,064	39,449	7,354
Balance at end of period	292,448,935	292,190,924	291,497,120
Treasury stock	(13,375,278)	(13,449,377)	(13,424,797)
Common Stock outstanding	279,073,657	278,741,547	278,072,323

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(UNAUDITED)**

(In thousands)	Quarter ended	
	2007	March 31, 2006
Net income	\$ 118,647	\$ 118,503
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax:		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,780	(686)
Adjustment of pension and postretirement benefit plans	(519)	
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities available-for-sale arising during the period	39,520	(91,965)
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income	(119)	(12,340)
Net (loss) gain on cash flow hedges	(892)	1,200
Reclassification adjustment for losses included in net income	161	161
	39,931	(103,630)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(10,138)	24,365
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	29,793	(79,265)
Comprehensive income	\$ 148,440	\$ 39,238

Disclosure of accumulated other comprehensive loss:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	March 31, 2006
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ (34,921)	\$ (36,701)	\$ (37,001)
Minimum pension liability adjustment		(3,893)	(2,354)
Tax effect		1,518	918
Adoption of SFAS No. 158		3,893	
Tax effect		(1,518)	
Net of tax amount			(1,436)
Underfunding of pension and postretirement benefit plans	(69,779)	(69,260)	
Tax effect	27,214	27,034	
Net of tax amount	(42,565)	(42,226)	
Unrealized losses on securities available-for-sale	(172,842)	(212,243)	(299,995)
Tax effect	46,567	57,146	82,162
Net of tax amount	(126,275)	(155,097)	(217,833)

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Unrealized (losses) gains on cash flows hedges	(641)	90	1,185
Tax effect	224	(37)	(423)
Net of tax amount	(417)	53	762
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax	243	243	243
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	\$(203,935)	\$(233,728)	\$(255,265)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**

(In thousands)	Quarter ended March 31,	
	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 118,647	\$ 118,503
Less: Impact of change in fiscal period of certain subsidiaries, net of tax		(6,129)
Net income before change in fiscal period	118,647	124,632
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of premises and equipment	19,994	21,437
Provision for loan losses	96,346	48,947
Amortization of intangibles	2,983	2,721
Amortization and fair value adjustment of servicing assets	10,229	13,501
Net gain on sale and valuation adjustment of investment securities	(81,771)	(12,340)
Net gain on disposition of premises and equipment	(3,677)	(1,512)
Net gain on sale of loans and valuation adjustments on loans held-for-sale	(3,434)	(47,261)
Net amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on investments	6,331	7,012
Net amortization of premiums and deferred loan origination fees and costs	23,930	31,887
Earnings from investments under the equity method	(14,229)	(4,261)
Stock options expense	490	800
Deferred income taxes	(19,394)	(5,411)
Net disbursements on loans held-for-sale	(1,685,149)	(1,923,081)
Acquisitions of loans held-for-sale	(282,110)	(447,046)
Proceeds from sale of loans held-for-sale	1,280,146	2,166,951
Net decrease in trading securities	346,150	835,124
Net increase in accrued income receivable	(36,551)	(30,589)
Net decrease (increase) in other assets	35,160	(18,428)
Net (decrease) increase in interest payable	(315)	23,849
Net increase in postretirement benefit obligation	728	1,585
Net increase in other liabilities	1,208	3,286
Total adjustments	(302,935)	667,171
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(184,288)	791,803
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net increase in money market investments	(272,064)	(240,350)
Purchases of investment securities:		
Available-for-sale	(28,186)	(175,975)
Held-to-maturity	(5,670,466)	(7,747,198)
Other	(6,744)	(10,580)
Proceeds from calls, paydowns, maturities and redemptions of investment securities:		

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Available-for-sale	399,204	247,055
Held-to-maturity	5,674,358	7,556,192
Other	2,454	25,074
Proceeds from sale of investment securities available-for-sale		43,894
Proceeds from sale of other investment securities	246,352	
Net repayments on loans	50,493	201,051
Proceeds from sale of loans	962	73,038
Acquisition of loan portfolios	(784)	(141,658)
Assets acquired, net of cash	(1,823)	(218)
Acquisition of premises and equipment	(26,117)	(38,799)
Proceeds from sale of premises and equipment	14,307	14,452
Proceeds from sale of foreclosed assets	41,835	33,516
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	423,781	(160,506)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net increase in deposits	297,872	769,477
Net increase (decrease) in federal funds purchased and assets sold under agreements to repurchase	509,972	(500,232)
Net decrease in other short-term borrowings	(832,153)	(161,597)
Payments of notes payable	(416,272)	(900,117)
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	47,719	106,252
Dividends paid	(47,591)	(45,768)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	4,362	42,983
Treasury stock acquired	(10)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(436,101)	(689,002)
Cash effect of change in fiscal period of certain subsidiaries		11,914
Net decrease in cash and due from banks	(196,608)	(45,791)
Cash and due from banks at beginning of period	950,158	906,397
Cash and due from banks at end of period	\$ 753,550	\$ 860,606

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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Popular, Inc. (the Corporation or Popular) is a diversified, publicly-owned financial holding company subject to the supervision and regulation of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The Corporation is a full service financial services provider with operations in Puerto Rico, the United States, the Caribbean and Latin America. As the leading financial institution based in Puerto Rico, the Corporation offers retail and commercial banking services through its principal banking subsidiary, Banco Popular de Puerto Rico (BPPR), as well as auto and equipment leasing and financing, mortgage loans, consumer lending, investment banking, broker-dealer and insurance services through specialized subsidiaries. In the United States, the Corporation has established a community banking franchise providing a broad range of financial services and products to the communities it serves. Banco Popular North America (BPNA) operates branches in California, Texas, Illinois, New York, New Jersey and Florida. Popular Financial Holdings (PFH) offers mortgage and personal loans, while E-LOAN provides online consumer direct lending to obtain mortgage, auto and home equity loans, and provides an online platform to raise deposits for BPNA. The Corporation also owns a financial transaction processing operation, EVERTEC, which strives to use its expertise in technology and electronic banking as a competitive advantage in its expansion throughout the United States, the Caribbean and Latin America, as well as internally servicing many of its subsidiaries system infrastructures and transactional processing businesses. Note 21 to the consolidated financial statements presents further information about the Corporation s business segments.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Popular, Inc. and its majority-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The Corporation also consolidates the variable interest entities for which it is the primary beneficiary and therefore will absorb the majority of the entity s expected losses, receive a majority of the entity s expected returns, or both. These unaudited statements are, in the opinion of management, a fair statement of the results for the periods reported and include all necessary adjustments, all of a normal recurring nature, for a fair statement of such results. Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period consolidated financial statements to conform to the 2007 presentation.

The statement of condition data as of December 31, 2006 was derived from audited financial statements. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted from the statements presented as of March 31, 2007, December 31, 2006 and March 31, 2006 pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2006, included in the Corporation s 2006 Annual Report. The Corporation s Form 10-K filed on March 1, 2007 incorporates by reference the 2006 Annual Report.

Note 2 Recent Accounting Developments

SFAS No. 155 Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140. SFAS No. 155 permits companies to elect, on a transaction-by-transaction basis, to apply a fair value measurement to hybrid financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative that would otherwise require bifurcation under SFAS No. 133. The statement also clarifies which interest-only strips and principal-only strips are not subject to the requirements of SFAS No. 133; establishes a requirement to evaluate interests in securitized financial assets to identify interests that are freestanding derivatives or that are hybrid financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative requiring bifurcation; clarifies that concentrations of credit risk in the form of subordination are not embedded derivatives; and amends SFAS No. 140 to eliminate the prohibition on a qualifying special-purpose entity from holding a derivative financial instrument that pertains to a beneficial interest other than another derivative financial instrument. The adoption of SFAS No. 155 in the first quarter of 2007 did not have a material impact on the Corporation s consolidated financial statements.

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SFAS No. 156 requires that all separately recognized servicing assets and liabilities be initially measured at fair value, if practicable. For subsequent measurements, SFAS No. 156 permits companies to choose between using an amortization method or a fair value measurement method for reporting purposes by class of servicing asset or liability. The Corporation adopted SFAS No. 156 in January 2007. The Corporation elected the fair value measurement for mortgage servicing rights (MSRs). Servicing rights associated with Small Business Administration (SBA) commercial loans will continue to be accounted at the lower of cost or market method. The initial impact of adoption of the fair value measurement for MSRs was included as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle directly in stockholders' equity and resulted in a net increase in stockholders' equity of approximately \$9.6 million, net of deferred taxes. Refer to Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for required SFAS No. 156 disclosures.

FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109 (FIN 48)

In 2006, the FASB issued FIN 48 which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. This Interpretation also provides guidance on recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition related to income taxes. The accounting provisions of FIN 48 were effective for the Corporation beginning in the first quarter of 2007. Based on management's assessment, there was no impact on retained earnings as of January 1, 2007 due to the initial application of the provisions of FIN 48. Also, as a result of the implementation, the Corporation did not recognize any change in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits. Refer to Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements for further information on FIN 48 disclosures.

EITF Issue No. 06-03 How Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement (That Is, Gross versus Net Presentation) (EITF 06-03)

EITF 06-03 provides that the presentation of taxes assessed by a governmental authority that is directly imposed on a revenue-producing transaction between a seller and a customer on either a gross basis (included in revenues and costs) or on a net basis (excluded from revenues) is an accounting policy decision that should be disclosed. The Corporation's accounting policy is to present taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities on a net basis. The corresponding amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements are not significant.

EITF Issue No. 06-5 Accounting for Purchases of Life Insurance Determining the Amount That Could Be Realized in Accordance with FASB Technical Bulletin No. 85-4, Accounting for Purchases of Life Insurance (EITF 06-5)

EITF 06-5 focuses on how an entity should determine the amount that could be realized under the insurance contract at the balance sheet date in applying FTB 85-4, and whether the determination should be on an individual or group policy basis. At the September 2006 meeting, the Task Force affirmed as a final consensus that the cash surrender value and any additional amounts provided by the contractual terms of the insurance policy that are realizable at the balance sheet date should be considered in determining the amount that could be realized under FTB 85-4, and any amounts that are not immediately payable in cash to the policyholder should be discounted to their present value. Additionally, the Task Force affirmed as a final consensus the tentative conclusion that in determining the amount that could be realized, companies should assume that policies will be surrendered on an individual-by-individual basis, rather than surrendering the entire group policy. Also, the Task Force reached a consensus that contractual limitations on the ability to surrender a policy do not affect the amount to be reflected under FTB 85-4, but, if significant, the nature of those restrictions should be disclosed. The Corporation adopted the EITF 06-5 guidance in the first quarter of 2007 and as a result recorded a \$0.9 million cumulative effect adjustment to beginning retained earnings (reduction of capital) for the existing bank-owned life insurance arrangement.

SFAS No. 157 Fair Value Measurements

SFAS No. 157, issued in September 2006, defines fair value, establishes a framework of measuring fair value and requires enhanced disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 requires companies to disclose the fair value of its financial instruments according to a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy ranks the quality and

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reliability of the information used to determine fair values. Financial assets carried at fair value will be classified and disclosed in one of the three categories in accordance with the hierarchy. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are: (1) quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets; (2) observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data; and (3) unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Corporation will adopt the provisions of SFAS No. 157 commencing with the first quarter of 2008. The Corporation is evaluating the impact that this accounting pronouncement may have in its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

SFAS No. 159 Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159 which provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The statement also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. It also requires entities to display the fair value of those assets and liabilities for which the company has chosen to use fair value on the face of the balance sheet. The new statement does not eliminate disclosure requirements included in other accounting standards, including requirements for disclosures about fair value measurements included in FASB Statements No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, and No. 107, *Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments*. SFAS No. 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007. Early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of the previous fiscal year provided that the entity makes that choice in the first 120 days of that fiscal year and also elects to apply the provisions of SFAS No. 157. The Corporation will adopt the provisions of SFAS No. 159 commencing in January 2008. Management is evaluating the impact that this recently issued accounting standard may have on its consolidated financial statements.

Note 3 Restrictions on cash and due from banks and highly liquid securities

The Corporation's subsidiary banks are required by federal and state regulatory agencies to maintain average reserve balances with the Federal Reserve Bank or with a correspondent bank. Those required average reserve balances were \$614 million at March 31, 2007 (December 31, 2006 \$621 million; March 31, 2006 \$607 million). Cash and due from banks as well as other short-term, highly liquid securities are used to cover the required average reserve balances.

In compliance with rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, at March 31, 2007, the Corporation had securities with a market value of \$445 thousand (December 31, 2006 \$445 thousand; March 31, 2006 \$446 thousand) segregated in a special reserve bank account for the benefit of brokerage customers of its broker-dealer subsidiary. These securities are classified in the consolidated statement of condition within the other trading securities category.

As required by the Puerto Rico International Banking Center Law, at March 31, 2007, the Corporation maintained separately for its two international banking entities (IBEs), \$600 thousand in time deposits, equally split for the two IBEs, which were considered restricted assets (December 31, 2006 \$600 thousand; March 31, 2006 \$600 thousand). The Corporation had restricted securities available-for-sale with a market value of \$1.3 million at March 31, 2007 (December 31, 2006 \$1.2 million; March 31, 2006 \$1.3 million) to comply with certain requirements of the Insurance Code of Puerto Rico.

As part of a line of credit facility with a financial institution, at March 31, 2007, the Corporation maintained restricted cash of \$1.9 million as collateral (December 31, 2006 \$1.9 million; March 31, 2006 \$1.9 million). The cash is being held in certificates of deposits which mature in less than 90 days. The line of credit is used to support letters of credit.

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Certain securities and loans were pledged to secure public and trust deposits, assets sold under agreements to repurchase, borrowings and other available credit facilities. The classification and carrying amount of the Corporation's pledged assets, in which the secured parties are not permitted to sell or repledge the collateral, were as follows:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	March 31, 2006
Investment securities available-for-sale	\$ 2,825,470	\$ 2,645,272	\$ 2,648,586
Investment securities held-to-maturity	502	658	810
Loans held-for-sale		332,058	28,398
Loans held-in-portfolio	9,548,747	10,260,198	11,667,733
	\$12,374,719	\$13,238,186	\$14,345,527

Pledged securities and loans in which the creditor has the right by custom or contract to repledge are presented separately in the consolidated statements of condition.

Note 5 Investment Securities Available-For-Sale

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and approximate market value (or fair value for certain investment securities where no market quotations are available) of investment securities available-for-sale as of March 31, 2007, December 31, 2006 and March 31, 2006 were as follows:

(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	AS OF MARCH 31, 2007		Market Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 502,445		\$ 27,102	\$ 475,343
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	6,322,704	\$ 392	115,897	6,207,199
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	117,895	282	3,116	115,061
Collateralized mortgage obligations	1,597,684	5,378	13,055	1,590,007
Mortgage-backed securities	1,021,608	1,770	22,739	1,000,639
Equity securities	70,109	4,197	3,399	70,907
Others	18,515	690		19,205
	\$9,650,960	\$12,709	\$185,308	\$9,478,361

(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006		Market Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 504,653		\$ 29,818	\$ 474,835
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	6,603,252	\$ 57	147,524	6,455,785

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Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	118,214	265	3,537	114,942
Collateralized mortgage obligations	1,657,613	4,904	17,191	1,645,326
Mortgage-backed securities	1,061,850	1,458	26,492	1,036,816
Equity securities	70,954	6,692	3,901	73,745
Others	46,326	3,087		49,413
	\$10,062,862	\$16,463	\$228,463	\$9,850,862

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(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	AS OF MARCH 31, 2006		Market Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 526,258		\$ 39,042	\$ 487,216
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	7,814,649		222,747	7,591,902
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	108,047	\$ 499	1,892	106,654
Collateralized mortgage obligations	1,868,088	6,944	19,374	1,855,658
Mortgage-backed securities	1,350,993	4,510	36,249	1,319,254
Equity securities	59,511	7,030	199	66,342
Others	82,874	1,109	341	83,642
	\$ 11,810,420	\$ 20,092	\$ 319,844	\$ 11,510,668

The following table shows the Corporation's gross unrealized losses and market value of investment securities available-for-sale, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at March 31, 2007, December 31, 2006 and March 31, 2006:

(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	AS OF MARCH 31, 2007		Market Value
		Less than 12 Months		
		Gross Unrealized Losses		
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	\$ 320,519	\$ 6,849		\$ 313,670
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	19,329	293		19,036
Collateralized mortgage obligations	333,165	2,187		330,978
Mortgage-backed securities	15,728	184		15,544
Equity securities	22,639	3,372		19,267
	\$ 711,380	\$ 12,885		\$ 698,495
		12 months or more		
(In thousands)		Gross Unrealized Losses		Market Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 502,445	\$ 27,102		\$ 475,343
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	5,847,813	109,048		5,738,765
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	58,452	2,823		55,629
Collateralized mortgage obligations	570,196	10,868		559,328
Mortgage-backed securities	912,630	22,555		890,075
Equity securities	300	27		273

\$7,891,836

\$172,423

\$7,719,413

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(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Total Gross Unrealized Losses	Market Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 502,445	\$ 27,102	\$ 475,343
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	6,168,332	115,897	6,052,435
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	77,781	3,116	74,665
Collateralized mortgage obligations	903,361	13,055	890,306
Mortgage-backed securities	928,358	22,739	905,619
Equity securities	22,939	3,399	19,540
	\$8,603,216	\$ 185,308	\$8,417,908

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006

(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Less than 12 Months	
		Gross Unrealized Losses	Market Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 19,421	\$ 134	\$ 19,287
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	425,076	4,345	420,731
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	21,426	259	21,167
Collateralized mortgage obligations	501,705	4,299	497,406
Mortgage-backed securities	28,958	484	28,474
Equity securities	11,180	3,699	7,481
	\$1,007,766	\$ 13,220	\$994,546

(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	12 months or more	
		Gross Unrealized Losses	Market Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 485,232	\$ 29,684	\$ 455,548
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	6,097,274	143,179	5,954,095
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	55,238	3,278	51,960
Collateralized mortgage obligations	564,217	12,892	551,325
Mortgage-backed securities	954,293	26,008	928,285
Equity securities	300	202	98
	\$8,156,554	\$215,243	\$7,941,311

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(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Total Gross Unrealized Losses	Market Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 504,653	\$ 29,818	\$ 474,835
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	6,522,350	147,524	6,374,826
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	76,664	3,537	73,127
Collateralized mortgage obligations	1,065,922	17,191	1,048,731
Mortgage-backed securities	983,251	26,492	956,759
Equity securities	11,480	3,901	7,579
	\$9,164,320	\$228,463	\$8,935,857

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AS OF MARCH 31, 2006			
Less than 12 Months			
(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Losses	Market Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 29,259	\$ 323	\$ 28,936
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	4,249,522	118,785	4,130,737
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	15,572	77	15,495
Collateralized mortgage obligations	651,405	7,333	644,072
Mortgage-backed securities	266,027	4,734	261,293
Equity securities	35	1	34
Others	14,104	341	13,763
	\$5,225,924	\$131,594	\$5,094,330
12 months or more			
(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Losses	Market Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 496,999	\$ 38,719	\$ 458,280
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	3,565,127	103,962	3,461,165
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	66,501	1,815	64,686
Collateralized mortgage obligations	367,529	12,041	355,488
Mortgage-backed securities	887,313	31,515	855,798
Equity securities	300	198	102
	\$5,383,769	\$188,250	\$5,195,519
Total			
(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Losses	Market Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 526,258	\$ 39,042	\$ 487,216
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	7,814,649	222,747	7,591,902
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	82,073	1,892	80,181
Collateralized mortgage obligations	1,018,934	19,374	999,560
Mortgage-backed securities	1,153,340	36,249	1,117,091
Equity securities	335	199	136
Others	14,104	341	13,763

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\$10,609,693 \$319,844 \$10,289,849

At March 31, 2007, Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions include approximately \$58 million in Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Appropriation Bonds (Appropriation Bonds) the rating on which was downgraded in May 2006 by Moody s Investors Service (Moody s) to Ba1, or one notch below investment grade. Standard & Poor s (S&P), another nationally recognized credit rating agency, rated the Appropriation Bonds BBB-, which is still considered investment grade. As of March 31, 2007, these Appropriation Bonds represented approximately \$2.5 million in unrealized losses in the Corporation s available-for-sale investment securities portfolio. The Corporation is closely monitoring the political and economic situation of the Island as part of its evaluation of its available-for-sale portfolio for any declines in value that management may consider being other-

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than-temporary. Management has the intent and ability to hold these investments for a reasonable period of time for a forecasted recovery of fair value up to (or beyond) the cost of these investments.

The unrealized loss positions of available-for-sale securities at March 31, 2007, except for the obligations of the Puerto Rico government described above, are primarily associated with U.S. government sponsored entities and Treasury obligations, and to a lesser extent, U.S. Agency and government sponsored-issued mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations. The vast majority of these securities are rated the equivalent of AAA by the major rating agencies. The investment portfolio is structured primarily with highly liquid securities which possess a large and efficient secondary market. Valuations are performed at least on a quarterly basis using third party providers and dealer quotes. Management believes that the unrealized losses in these available-for-sale securities at March 31, 2007 are temporary and are substantially related to market interest rate fluctuations and not to the deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuers. Also, management has the intent and ability to hold these investments for a reasonable period of time for a forecasted recovery of fair value up to (or beyond) the cost of these investments.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2007, the Corporation recognized through earnings approximately \$29.3 million in losses in interest-only securities classified as available-for-sale and \$7.6 million in losses in equity securities that management considered to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

The following table states the name of issuers, and the aggregate amortized cost and market value of the securities of such issuer (includes available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities), when the aggregate amortized cost of such securities exceeds 10% of stockholders' equity. This information excludes securities of the U.S. Government agencies and corporations. Investments in obligations issued by a state of the U.S. and its political subdivisions and agencies which are payable and secured by the same source of revenue or taxing authority, other than the U.S. Government, are considered securities of a single issuer.

(In thousands)	March 31, 2007		December 31, 2006		March 31, 2006	
	Amortized Cost	Market Value	Amortized Cost	Market Value	Amortized Cost	Market Value
FNMA	\$1,307,581	\$1,292,296	\$1,539,651	\$1,517,525	\$1,715,490	\$1,691,774
FHLB	6,015,720	5,902,317	6,230,841	6,086,885	7,652,208	7,435,051
Freddie Mac	1,073,605	1,063,275	1,149,185	1,134,853	1,291,314	1,271,426

Table of Contents**Note 6 Investment Securities Held-to-Maturity**

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and approximate market value (or fair value for certain investment securities where no market quotations are available) of investment securities held-to-maturity as of March 31, 2007, December 31, 2006 and March 31, 2006 were as follows:

(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	AS OF MARCH 31, 2007		Market Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	\$70,862	\$1,493	\$145	\$72,210
Collateralized mortgage obligations	368		20	348
Others	16,253	68	11	16,310
	\$87,483	\$1,561	\$176	\$88,868
		AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006		
(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Market Value
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	\$ 3,017			\$ 3,017
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	72,152	\$1,559	\$161	73,550
Collateralized mortgage obligations	381		21	360
Others	15,790	60	13	15,837
	\$91,340	\$1,619	\$195	\$92,764
		AS OF MARCH 31, 2006		
(In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Market Value
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	\$238,520	\$ 57	\$ 2	\$238,575
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	73,045	925	216	73,754
Collateralized mortgage obligations	456		25	431
Others	32,364	108	15	32,457
	\$344,385	\$1,090	\$258	\$345,217

The following table shows the Corporation's gross unrealized losses and fair value of investment securities held-to-maturity, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at March 31, 2007, December 31, 2006 and March 31, 2006:

(In thousands)	AS OF MARCH 31, 2007		
	12 months or more and Total		
	Amortized	Gross	Market
	Cost	Unrealized	Value
		Losses	
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	\$25,272	\$145	\$25,127
Collateralized mortgage obligations	368	20	348
Others	1,250	11	1,239
	\$26,890	\$176	\$26,714

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(In thousands)	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006		
	12 months or more and Total		
	Amortized	Gross Unrealized	Market
	Cost	Losses	Value
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	\$26,623	\$ 161	\$26,462
Collateralized mortgage obligations	381	21	360
Others	1,250	13	1,237
	\$28,254	\$ 195	\$28,059

(In thousands)	AS OF MARCH 31, 2006		
	Less than 12 months		
	Amortized	Gross Unrealized	Market
	Cost	Losses	Value
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	\$13,577	\$ 2	\$13,575
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	11,255	102	11,153
Others	1,250	15	1,235
	\$26,082	\$ 119	\$25,963

(In thousands)	12 months or more		
	Amortized	Gross Unrealized	Market
	Cost	Losses	Value
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	\$22,389	\$ 114	\$22,275
Collateralized mortgage obligations	456	25	431
Others	250		250
	\$23,095	\$ 139	\$22,956

(In thousands)	Total		
	Amortized	Gross Unrealized	Market
	Cost	Losses	Value
Obligations of U.S. Government sponsored entities	\$13,577	\$ 2	\$13,575
Obligations of Puerto Rico, States and political subdivisions	33,644	216	33,428
Collateralized mortgage obligations	456	25	431
Others	1,500	15	1,485

\$49,177 \$258 \$48,919

Management believes that the unrealized losses in the held-to-maturity portfolio at March 31, 2007 are temporary and are substantially related to market interest rate fluctuations and not to deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuers. Management has the intent and ability to hold these investments until maturity.

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The Corporation recognizes as assets the rights to service loans for others whether these are purchased or the servicing rights result from asset transfers (sales and securitizations). Commencing in 2007 and in accordance with SFAS No. 156, the Corporation no longer records servicing rights for on-balance sheet securitization transactions. Effective January 1, 2007, under SFAS No. 156, the Corporation identified servicing rights related to residential mortgage loans as a class of servicing rights and elected to apply fair value accounting to these mortgage servicing rights (MSRs). These MSRs are segregated between loans serviced by PFH and by the Corporation's banking subsidiaries. Fair value determination is performed on a subsidiary basis, with assumptions varying in accordance with the types of assets or markets served (i.e. PFH primarily subprime mortgage loans vs. banking subsidiaries primarily conforming loans). Servicing rights associated with Small Business Administration (SBA) commercial loans, the other class of servicing assets held by the Corporation, will continue to be accounted at the lower of cost or market method. Classes of servicing rights were determined based on market inputs used in estimating the fair value of the servicing assets in the different markets or types of assets served. Although the Corporation currently does not hedge the risk of changes in the fair value of MSRs, it may do so in the future as part of the Corporation's risk management practices. Management also considered trends in the markets and elections by other major participants in the industries served in determining the accounting methodology to be followed for the different types of servicing rights. Under the fair value accounting method of SFAS No. 156, purchased MSRs and MSRs resulting from asset transfers are capitalized and carried at fair value. Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 156, the Corporation capitalized purchased residential MSRs at cost, and MSRs from asset transfers based on the relative fair value of the servicing right and the residential mortgage loan at the time of sale. Prior to SFAS No. 156, both purchased MSRs and MSRs from asset transfers were accounted at quarter-end at the lower of cost or market value. Effective January 1, 2007, upon the remeasurement of the MSRs at fair value in accordance with SFAS No. 156, the Corporation recorded a cumulative effect adjustment to increase the 2007 beginning balance of retained earnings in stockholders' equity. The table below reconciles the balance of MSRs as of December 31, 2006 and January 1, 2007.

(In thousands)	Banking subsidiaries Residential MSRs	PFH Residential MSRs	Total
Balance at December 31, 2006	\$ 77,801	\$ 82,338	\$ 160,139
Remeasurement upon adoption of SFAS No. 156 (a)	13,630	1,700	15,330
Balance at January 1, 2007	\$ 91,431	\$ 84,038	\$ 175,469

(a) The remeasurement effect, net of deferred taxes, amounted to \$9.6 million on a consolidated basis.

At the end of each quarter, the Corporation uses a discounted cash flow model to estimate the fair value of MSRs, which is benchmarked against third party opinions of value. The discounted cash flow model incorporates assumptions that market participants use in estimating future net servicing income, including estimates of prepayment speeds, discount rate, cost to service, escrow account earnings, contractual servicing fee income, prepayment and late fees, among other considerations. The Corporation uses assumptions in the model that it believes are comparable to those used by brokers or other service providers. Refer to Note 8 Retained Interests on Mortgage Loan Sales / Securitizations for information on assumptions used in the valuation model of MSRs as of March 31, 2007.

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The change in MSR's measured using the fair value method for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 was:

(In thousands)	Banking subsidiaries Residential MSR's	PFH Residential MSR's	Total
Fair value at January 1, 2007	\$ 91,431	\$ 84,038	\$ 175,469
Purchases	795		795
Servicing from securitizations or asset transfers	6,054		6,054
Changes due to payments on loans (1)	(2,120)	(8,412)	(10,532)
Changes in fair value due to changes in valuation model inputs or assumptions	2,261	(1,404)	857
Fair value at March 31, 2007	\$ 98,421	\$ 74,222	\$ 172,643

(1) Represents changes due to collection / realization of expected cash flows over time.

The changes in amortized MSR's for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 were:

(In thousands)	Residential MSR's
Balance at December 31, 2005	\$ 137,701
Rights originated	31,407
Rights purchased	8,272
Amortization	(16,759)
Balance at March 31, 2006	\$ 160,621
Less: Valuation allowance	446
Balance at March 31, 2006, net of valuation allowance	\$ 160,175
Fair value at March 31, 2006	\$ 182,288

Residential mortgage loans serviced for others were \$14.8 billion at March 31, 2007 (December 31, 2006 \$13.3 billion; March 31, 2006 \$11.5 billion).

Net mortgage servicing fees, a component of other service fees in the consolidated statement of income, include the changes from period to period in fair value of the MSR's, which may result from changes in the valuation model inputs or assumptions (principally reflecting changes in discount rates and prepayment speed assumptions) and other changes, representing changes due to collection / realization of expected cash flows. Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 156, the Corporation carried residential MSR's at the lower of cost or market, with amortization of MSR's and changes in the MSR's valuation allowance recognized in net mortgage servicing fees.

Note 8 Retained Interests on Sales of Mortgage Loans

Popular Financial Holdings

The Corporation, through its consumer lending subsidiary PFH, has retained mortgage servicing rights and interest-only securities (IOs or residual interests) on securitizations of subprime mortgage loans.

IOs retained as part of off-balance sheet securitizations of subprime mortgage loans prior to 2006 are classified as investment securities available-for-sale and are presented at fair value in the unaudited consolidated statements of condition. PFH's IOs classified as available-for-sale as of March 31, 2007 amounted to \$19 million. In the quarter ended March 31, 2007, the Corporation recognized other-than-temporary impairment losses of \$29.3 million on these IOs.

Commencing in January 2006, the IOs derived from newly-issued PFH's off-balance sheet securitizations are accounted as trading securities. As such, any valuation adjustment related to these particular IOs is being recorded as part of trading account profit (loss) in the consolidated statements of income. IOs accounted for as trading securities from PFH's securitizations approximated \$14 million at March 31, 2007. In the first quarter of 2007, the Corporation recognized trading losses of \$23.5 million on these IOs.

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Key economic assumptions used to estimate the fair value of IOs and MSRMs derived from PFH's securitizations and the sensitivity of residual cash flows to immediate changes in those assumptions were as follows:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2007			December 31, 2006		
	IOs	MSRMs		IOs	MSRMs	
		Fixed-rate loans	ARM loans		Fixed-rate loans	ARM loans
Carrying amount of retained interests	\$ 32,870	\$32,983	\$ 26,830	\$ 85,965	\$38,017	\$29,838
Fair value of retained interests	\$ 32,870	\$32,983	\$ 26,830	\$ 85,965	\$37,815	\$32,212
Weighted average life of collateral (in years)	2.7 years	3.1 years	2.0 years	3.2 years	3.1 years	2.1 years
Weighted average prepayment speed (annual rate)	28% (Fixed-rate loans) 35% (ARM loans)	28%	35%	28% (Fixed-rate loans) 35% (ARM loans)	28%	35%
Impact on fair value of 10% increase in prepayment rate	(\$ 1,425)	\$ 312	(\$ 147)	(\$ 5,543)	\$ 210	(\$ 149)
Impact on fair value of 20% increase in prepayment rate	(\$ 2,234)	\$ 457	(\$ 192)	(\$ 9,284)	\$ 234	(\$ 200)
Weighted average discount rate (annual rate)	25%	17%	17%	17%	16%	16%
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change	(\$ 1,915)	(\$ 795)	(\$ 537)	(\$ 4,172)	(\$ 901)	(\$ 542)
Impact on fair value of 20% adverse change	(\$ 3,718)	(\$ 1,555)	(\$1,012)	(\$ 8,081)	(\$ 1,761)	(\$ 1,060)
Expected credit losses (annual rate)	3.17% to 6.46%			1.28% to 3.19%		
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change	(\$ 6,539)			(\$ 4,792)		
Impact on fair value of 20% adverse change	(\$ 12,307)			(\$ 9,558)		

PFH as servicer collects prepayment penalties on a substantial portion of the underlying serviced loans; as such, an adverse change in the prepayment assumptions with respect to the MSRMs could be partially offset by the benefit derived from the prepayment penalties estimated to be collected.

The amounts included in the tables above exclude any purchased MSR's since these assets were not derived from securitizations or loan sales executed by the Corporation. Purchased MSR's are valued under the same framework and the valuations are based on substantially similar assumptions.

Banking subsidiaries

The Corporation's banking subsidiaries also retain servicing responsibilities in connection with the wholesale of mortgage loans to third-parties. Also, servicing responsibilities are retained under pooling / selling arrangements of mortgage loans into mortgage-backed securities, primarily GNMA and FNMA securities. Substantially all mortgage loans securitized by the Corporation's banking subsidiaries in which the Corporation retains a servicing right have fixed rates. Under the servicing agreements, the banking subsidiaries do not earn significant prepayment penalties on the underlying loans serviced.

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Key economic assumptions used in measuring the MSR's at the date of the securitizations and whole loan sales by the banking subsidiaries performed during the quarter ended March 31, 2007 were:

	MSR's
Prepayment speed	13.0%
Weighted average life (in years)	7.7 years
Discount rate (annual rate)	10.0%

Key economic assumptions used to estimate the fair value of MSR's derived from transactions performed by the banking subsidiaries and the sensitivity of residual cash flows to immediate changes in those assumptions were as follows:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2007 MSR's	December 31, 2006 MSR's
Fair value of retained interests	\$ 81,687	\$ 73,332
Weighted average life (in years)	9.9 years	9.2 years
Weighted average prepayment speed (annual rate)	10.1%	14.0%
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change	(\$ 3,259)	(\$ 1,868)
Impact on fair value of 20% adverse change	(\$ 5,490)	(\$ 4,151)
Weighted average discount rate (annual rate)	10.6%	10.3%
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change	(\$ 3,751)	(\$ 2,142)
Impact on fair value of 20% adverse change	(\$ 6,420)	(\$ 4,200)

The amounts of MSR's presented in the table above exclude purchased MSR's.

The expected credit losses for the residential mortgage loans securitized / sold by the Corporation's banking subsidiaries, including securitizations effected on a recourse basis, are minimal.

The sensitivity analyses presented above for IO's and MSR's are hypothetical and should be used with caution. As the figures indicate, changes in fair value based on a 10 and 20 percent variation in assumptions generally cannot be extrapolated because the relationship of the change in assumption to the change in fair value may not be linear. Also, in the sensitivity tables included herein, the effect of a variation in a particular assumption on the fair value of the retained interest is calculated without changing any other assumption; in reality, changes in one factor may result in changes in another (for example, increases in market interest rates may result in lower prepayments and increased credit losses), which might magnify or counteract the sensitivities.

Note 9 Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

Refer to Note 28 to the consolidated financial statements included in the 2006 Annual Report for a complete description of the Corporation's derivative activities.

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Derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges outstanding as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 were as follows:

As of March 31, 2007					
(In thousands)	Notional amount	Derivative assets	Derivative liabilities	Equity OCI	Ineffectiveness
Asset Hedges					
Forward commitments	\$ 165,300	\$ 47	\$ 40	\$ 4	
Liability Hedges					
Interest rate swaps	\$ 390,000	\$ 646	\$ 1,012	(\$238)	

As of December 31, 2006					
(In thousands)	Notional amount	Derivative assets	Derivative liabilities	Equity OCI	Ineffectiveness
Asset Hedges					
Forward commitments	\$ 190,000	\$ 175	\$ 2	\$ 106	
Liability Hedges					
Interest rate swaps	\$ 390,000	\$ 887	\$ 523	\$ 237	

The Corporation utilizes forward contracts to hedge the sale of mortgage-backed securities with duration terms over one month. Interest rate forwards are contracts for the delayed delivery of securities which the seller agrees to deliver on a specified future date at a specified price or yield. These forward contracts are used to hedge a forecasted transaction and thus qualify for cash flow hedge accounting in accordance with SFAS No. 133, as amended. Changes in the fair value of the derivatives are recorded in other comprehensive income. The amount included in accumulated other comprehensive income corresponding to these forward contracts is expected to be reclassified to earnings in the next twelve months. The contracts outstanding at March 31, 2007 have a maximum remaining maturity of 79 days.

Non-Hedging Activities

Financial instruments designated as non-hedging derivatives outstanding at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 were as follows:

As of March 31, 2007			
(In thousands)	Notional amount	Derivative assets	Fair Values Derivative liabilities
Forward contracts	\$ 637,141	\$ 570	\$ 258
Futures contracts	2,000	4	
Call options and put options	75,500	291	63
Interest rate swaps associated with:			

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- short-term borrowings	400,000	1,355	
- bond certificates offered in an on-balance sheet securitization	478,358	560	1,357
- financing of auto loan portfolio held-for-investment	429,622		212
- swaps with corporate clients	510,138		1,274
- swaps offsetting position of corporate client swaps	510,138	1,274	
- investment securities	89,385		2,054
- mortgage loan portfolio prior to securitization	325,000	134	1,262
Credit default swap	33,463		
Foreign currency and exchange rate commitments w/ clients	158		2
Foreign currency and exchange rate commitments w/ counterparty	157	3	
Interest rate caps	798,576	2,861	
Interest rate caps for benefit of corporate clients	50,000		42
Indexed options on deposits	196,296	39,372	
Indexed options on S&P Notes	31,152	5,781	
Bifurcated embedded options	218,966		44,372
Mortgage rate lock commitments	294,190	418	299
Total	\$5,080,240	\$52,623	\$51,195

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(In thousands)	Notional amount	Fair Values	
		Derivative assets	Derivative liabilities
Forward contracts	\$ 400,572	\$ 1,277	\$ 125
Call options and put options	37,500	83	46
Interest rate swaps associated with:			
- short-term borrowings	400,000	2,153	
- bond certificates offered in an on-balance sheet securitization	516,495	90	1,168
- financing of auto loan portfolio held-for-investment	470,146	728	
- auto loans approvals locked interest rates	17,442	22	
- swaps with corporate clients	410,533		2,146
- swaps offsetting position of corporate client swaps	410,533	2,146	
- investment securities	89,385		1,645
- mortgage loan portfolio prior to securitization	75,000	302	
Credit default swap	33,463		
Foreign currency and exchange rate commitments w/ clients	103		2
Foreign currency and exchange rate commitments w/ counterparty	103	2	
Interest rate caps	889,417	4,099	
Interest rate caps for benefit of corporate clients	50,000		90
Indexed options on deposits	204,946	38,323	
Indexed options on S&P Notes	31,152	5,648	
Bifurcated embedded options	229,455		43,844
Mortgage rate lock commitments	215,676	13	635
Total	\$4,481,921	\$54,886	\$49,701

Interest Rate Swaps

The Corporation has an interest rate swap outstanding to economically hedge the payments of the bond certificates offered as part of a securitization. This swap is marked-to-market quarterly and recognized as part of interest expense. The Corporation recognized gains of \$281 thousand for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 due to changes in their fair value.

The Corporation has interest rate swaps to economically hedge the cost of short-term debt. For the first quarter of 2007, the Corporation recognized as part of short-term interest expense a loss of \$798 thousand due to changes in these swaps fair value.

Additionally, the Corporation entered into amortizing swap contracts to economically convert to a fixed rate the cost of funds associated with a held-for-investment auto loan portfolio. For the quarter ended March 31, 2007, losses of \$940 thousand were recognized as part of long-term interest expense.

The Corporation has interest rate swaps to economically hedge the changes in fair value of loans acquired and originated prior to securitization. During the quarter ended March 31, 2007, losses of \$1.4 million were recognized as part of long-term interest expense.

Interest Rate Caps

The Corporation has interest rate caps in conjunction with a series of mortgage loan securitizations that are used to limit the interest rate payable to the security holders. These interest rate caps are designated as non-hedging derivative instruments and are marked-to-market currently in the consolidated statements of income. Losses of \$1.2 million for

the first quarter of 2007 were recognized as part of long-term interest expense.

Forward Contracts

The Corporation has loan sales commitments to economically hedge the changes in fair value of mortgage loans held-for-sale associated with interest rate lock commitments through both mandatory and best efforts forward sale agreements. These contracts are entered into in order to optimize the gain on sales of loans. These contracts are recognized at fair value with changes directly reported in income as part of gain on sale of loans. For the first quarter of 2007, losses of \$672 thousand were recognized due to changes in fair value of these forward sale commitments.

Table of Contents**Note 10 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the quarters ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, allocated by reportable segment were as follows (refer to Note 21 for the definition of the Corporation's reportable segments):

(In thousands)	Balance at January 1, 2007	2007		Balance at March 31, 2007
		Goodwill acquired	Other	
Banco Popular de Puerto Rico:				
P.R. Commercial Banking	\$ 14,674			\$ 14,674
P.R. Consumer and Retail Banking	34,999			34,999
P.R. Other Financial Services	4,391			4,391
Popular North America:				
Banco Popular North America	568,647			568,647
Popular Financial Holdings				
EVERTEC	45,142	\$ 775	(\$12)	45,905
Total Popular, Inc.	\$ 667,853	\$ 775	(\$12)	\$ 668,616

(In thousands)	Balance at January 1, 2006	2006		Balance at March 31, 2006
		Purchase accounting adjustments	Other	
Banco Popular de Puerto Rico:				
P.R. Commercial Banking	\$ 14,674			\$ 14,674
P.R. Consumer and Retail Banking	34,999			34,999
P.R. Other Financial Services	4,110			4,110
Popular North America:				
Banco Popular North America	542,834	\$ 1,966	(\$210)	544,590
Popular Financial Holdings	14,236	3		14,239
EVERTEC	43,131			43,131
Total Popular, Inc.	\$ 653,984	\$ 1,969	(\$210)	\$ 655,743

Purchase accounting adjustments consist of adjustments to the value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed resulting from the completion of appraisals or other valuations, adjustments to initial estimates recorded for transaction costs, if any, and contingent consideration paid during a contractual contingency period. The purchase accounting adjustments during the first quarter of 2006 at the PNA reportable segment were mostly related to the E-LOAN acquisition.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, a goodwill impairment loss of \$14 million was recognized in the Popular North America segment, specifically at Popular Financial Holdings, due to a restructuring plan. Refer to Note 22 for information on this plan.

At March 31, 2007, other than goodwill, the Corporation had \$65 million of identifiable intangibles with indefinite useful lives, mostly associated with E-LOAN's trademark (December 31, 2006 \$65 million; March 31, 2006 \$59 million).

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The following table reflects the components of other intangible assets subject to amortization:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2007		December 31, 2006		March 31, 2006	
	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Core deposits	\$76,708	\$50,285	\$76,708	\$48,367	\$76,956	\$42,795
Other customer relationships	11,672	2,670	11,156	2,171	8,393	884
Other intangibles	9,099	3,980	9,099	3,426	9,320	2,234
Total	\$97,479	\$56,935	\$96,963	\$53,964	\$94,669	\$45,913

During the quarter ended March 31, 2007, the Corporation recognized \$3.0 million in amortization expense related to other intangible assets with definite lives (March 31, 2006 \$2.7 million).

The following table presents the estimated aggregate annual amortization expense of the intangible assets with definite lives for each of the following fiscal years:

	<u>(In thousands)</u>
2007	\$10,346
2008	8,564
2009	6,742
2010	5,787
2011	4,112

No significant events or circumstances have occurred that would reduce the fair value of any reporting unit below its carrying amount.

Note 11 Borrowings

The composition of federal funds purchased and assets sold under agreements to repurchase was as follows:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	March 31, 2006
Federal funds purchased	\$1,390,015	\$1,276,818	\$1,448,640
Assets sold under agreements to repurchase	4,882,402	4,485,627	6,866,740
	\$6,272,417	\$5,762,445	\$8,315,380

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Other short-term borrowings consisted of:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	March 31, 2006
Advances with FHLB paying interest at:			
-fixed rates ranging from 5.40% to 5.44% (March 31, 2006 4.81% to 5.00%)	\$ 355,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 250,000
-a floating rate of 0.06% over the fed funds rate (Fed funds rate at March 31, 2006 was 4.88%)			105,000
Advances under credit facilities with other institutions at:			
-fixed rates ranging from 5.32% to 5.57% (March 31, 2006 4.32% to 4.96%)	433,000	386,000	144,214
-floating rates ranging from 0.45% to 0.75% over the 1-month LIBOR rate (1-month LIBOR rate at March 31, 2006 was 4.83%)		481,062	24,202
-a floating rate of 0.20% (March 31, 2006 0.16%) over the 3-month LIBOR rate (3-month LIBOR rate at March 31, 2007 was 5.35%; March 31, 2006 5.00%)	10,000	10,000	20,000
Commercial paper at rates ranging from 4.80% to 5.41% (March 31, 2006 3.97% to 4.89%)	99,578	193,383	376,813
Term funds purchased at:			
-fixed rates ranging from 5.28% to 5.38% (March 31, 2006 4.59% to 4.81%)	1,935,000	2,140,900	1,375,000
-a floating rate of 0.08% over the fed funds rate (Fed funds rate at March 31, 2007 was 5.38%; March 31, 2006 - 4.88%)	275,000	500,000	350,000
Others	94,394	92,780	292
	\$3,201,972	\$4,034,125	\$2,645,521

Note: Refer to the Corporation's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, for rates and maturity information corresponding to the borrowings outstanding as of such date.

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Notes payable consisted of:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006	March 31, 2006
Advances with FHLB:			
-maturing from 2007 through 2018 paying interest at fixed rates ranging from 3.07% to 6.55% (March 31, 2006 1.77% to 6.98%)	\$237,289	\$289,881	\$663,847