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## Via FedEx

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank, Henderson, Nevada, 1601 Bryan Street, Suite 1701, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Attention: Regional Counsel (Litigation Branch) & Deputy Director (DRR - Filed Operations Branch)

Re: <u>Indemnification Obligations</u>

Dear Sirs:

We refer to the Purchase and Assumption Agreement Whole Bank, dated as of September 25, 2008 (the "Agreement") by and among the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in its corporate capacity ("FDIC Corporate") and as receiver ("FDIC Receiver" and, together with FDIC Corporate, "FDIC") and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (together with its subsidiaries and affiliates, "JPMC") relating to the resolution of Washington Mutual Bank, Henderson, Nevada ("WMB"). This letter supplements our prior indemnification notices and provides you with written notice of an additional matter for which JPMC is entitled to indemnification under Section 12.1 of the Agreement.

The additional matter that gives rise to JPMC's indemnity is a lawsuit entitled Mark Faughn, et al. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Case No. 4:14-cv-00245 ("Faughn"), located in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. In Faughn, Plaintiffs allege that, prior to the Agreement, Washington Mutual Bank and its employees

(Compl. ¶¶ 19, 20-24.) The complaint names JPMC as a defendant and alleges that it "acquired WAMU's assets, including the accounts, from the Federal Deposit Insurance Company on September 25, 2008, following WAMU's failure." (Id. ¶ 28.) Enclosed for your convenience is a copy of the complaint. The Faughn complaint in many respects echoes the allegations of the complaints in Geoffrey A. Hollis et al. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., No. 1:12-cv-10544 ("Hollis"), and Kimberly Benson, et al. and Jon Lowell, et al. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

("Benson/Lowell"), which were resolved in JPMC's favor in early 2012 by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. JPMC previously notified you of Benson/Lowell on May 6, 2010 and Hollis on April 2, 2012.

JPMC is not aware of any claim filed by Plaintiffs in the FDIC receivership by the December 30, 2008 claims bar date, as required by the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, 12 U.S.C. § 1821(d)(3) (13) ("FIRREA"). As you know, if Plaintiffs did not file a claim in the FDIC receivership by the claims bar date, then any claims they may seek to assert against either the FDIC or JPMC based on conduct by WMB or its subsidiaries prior to the receivership is statutorily barred for failure to exhaust the administrative claims process mandated by FIRREA. FIRREA's statutory bar would apply equally to any unexhausted claims that Plaintiffs might assert against either the FDIC or JPMC. If your records show that Plaintiffs did not file timely proofs of claim, we request that you immediately inform them that any claims against either the FDIC or JPMC are barred, just as you have informed certain taxing authorities in recent correspondence, that their claims are barred.

In the event Plaintiffs did submit a timely claim in the WMB receivership (we would appreciate receiving copies if any were filed), we note that at the time of WMB's closure, its books and records showed no such liability. (If you disagree, please identify where on WMB's books and records such a liability was reflected.) As you know, the liabilities assumed by JPMC were limited to those on WMB's "Books and Records," with a "Book Value," when WMB was closed. JPMC did not assume any WMB liabilities that did not have a book value on WMB's books and records at the time WMB was placed into receivership, nor did it assume, for those liabilities on WMB's books and records, liability for any amounts in excess of such book value. Thus, any liability for conduct that precedes WMB's closure remains with the FDIC.

JPMC is advising you that the liability it incurs in connection with these claims, including the costs it incurs in defending against the claims as well as the amount of any settlement or adverse judgment, are subject to indemnification by the FDIC pursuant to Section 12.1 of the Agreement. In addition, should JPMC decide to settle any of the claims, the costs and expenses incurred by any such settlement would also be subject to indemnification. We understand the FDIC Receiver consents to our defending and, if we deem it to be prudent, settling such claims. As you know, and as the FDIC has acknowledged in court, if the FDIC disclaims responsibility for any liabilities that may arise in connection with this action and instead asserts that Section 12 of the Agreement does not apply to any such liabilities, then the FDIC may not purport to exercise its rights to direct the defense of this action or determine whether to settle it.

## Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

As you are aware from previous correspondence notifying you of the FDIC's indemnification obligations in other matters, the matters identified in this letter are not intended to be exhaustive or to constitute a statement that no other facts have or may come to our attention that could result in claims for which indemnification is provided, and we reserve the right to supplement this notice as additional facts or circumstances may arise.

Sincerely,

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