

Rating Action: Moody's upgrades to A3 six gas prepay bonds guaranteed by Merrill Lynch

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New York, December 08, 2017 -- Moody's Investors Service has upgraded to A3 the long-term ratings of the below listed gas prepayment bonds (collectively, the Bonds).

- » Clarksville City Natural Gas Acquisition Corporation, Gas Revenue Bonds, Series 2006
- » Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, CA, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A & Series 2007B
- » Main Street Natural Gas, Inc., Gas Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B
- » Public Authority for Colorado Energy, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2008
- » Roseville Natural Gas Financing Authority, CA, Gas Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A
- » Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition & Supply Corporation I, Gas Supply Revenue Bonds (Senior Lien Series) Series 2006A, Series 2006B & Series 2008D

RATINGS RATIONALE

This action results from Moody's upgrade to A3 from Baa1 of the senior unsecured rating of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (Merrill Lynch) announced on December 6, 2017. Merrill Lynch supports certain payment obligations of the Bonds as described below in Detailed Rating Considerations.

Factors that Could Lead to an Upgrade

- Upgrade of the lowest rated entity whose performance on contractual obligations can affect payment of debt service on the Bonds.

Factors that Could Lead to a Downgrade

- Downgrade of the lowest rated entity whose performance on contractual obligations can affect payment of debt service on the Bonds.

The principal methodology used in this rating was Gas Prepayment Bonds published in March 2017. Please see the Rating Methodologies page on www.moody.com for a copy of this methodology.

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