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(/en_US/web/guest/home) Washington, PA 'A' GO Debt Rating Placed On CreditWatch Negative Due To Information Lapse

13-Feb-2018 12:12 EST View Analyst Contact Information NEW YORK (S&P Global Ratings) Feb. 13, 2018--S&P Global Ratings placed its 'A' long-term rating and underlying rating (SPUR) on Washington, Pa.'s general obligation (GO) debt and Washington Parking Authority, Pa.'s guaranteed parking revenue refunding bonds, reflecting the creditworthiness of the city as guarantor of the bonds, on CreditWatch with negative implications.

The CreditWatch placement reflects the city's failure to provide information, specifically its fiscal 2017 financial projections, fiscal 2018 budget, and various other metrics. S&P Global Ratings considers the receipt of this information necessary to maintain the rating.

This rating action follows S&P Global Ratings' repeated attempts to obtain timely, satisfactory information to maintain its rating on the securities in accordance with its applicable criteria and policies.

If the city does not provide the requested information within 15 days after the placement of the rating on CreditWatch, S&P Global Ratings will likely remove the rating. However, if the district provides the requested information and if S&P Global Ratings considers it sufficient, the rating service will conduct a review and take a rating action within 90 days of the CreditWatch placement.

The city's full-faith-and-credit pledge secures its GO bonds.

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