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10 DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

11 NUVEEN QUALITY INCOME MUNICIPAL
12 FUND, INC.; NUVEEN PREMIUM INCOME
13 MUNICIPAL FUND 4, INC.; STRONG
14 MUNICIPAL FUND, INC.; SMITH BARNEY
15 MUNICIPAL FUND LIMITED TERM; SMITH
16 BARNEY MUNICIPAL HIGH-INCOME
17 FUND; and VANGUARD HIGH-YIELD TAX-
18 EXEMPT FUND,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES
22 INCORPORATED, a Delaware corporation;
23 WALKER PARKING CONSULTANTS/
24 ENGINEERS, INC., a Michigan corporation;
25 FOSTER PEPPER & SHEFELMAN PLLC, a
26 Washington professional limited liability
company; SPOKANE DOWNTOWN
FOUNDATION, a Washington corporation;
PRESTON GATES & ELLIS LLP, a
Washington limited liability partnership;
CITIZENS REALTY COMPANY, a
Washington corporation; LINCOLN
INVESTMENT COMPANY OF SPOKANE,
a Washington corporation; RPS MALL,
L.L.C., a Washington limited liability
company; RPS II, L.L.C., a Washington
limited liability company; RWR
MANAGEMENT, INC., a Washington
corporation, d/b/a R. W. ROBIDEAUX AND
COMPANY; CITY OF SPOKANE,

NO. CS-01-0127-JLQ

**PROPOSED PLAINTIFF-INTERVENOR
ASSET GUARANTY INSURANCE
COMPANY'S COMPLAINT IN
INTERVENTION**

1 WASHINGTON, a first-class charter city of
2 the State of Washington; and SPOKANE
3 PUBLIC PARKING DEVELOPMENT
4 AUTHORITY, an unregistered Washington
corporation doing business as RIVER
PARK SQUARE PARKING,

5 Defendants.

6 Plaintiff-intervenor Asset Guaranty Insurance Company ("AGIC"), by and through its
7 attorneys, for its Complaint in Intervention against Defendants, and each of them, states as
8 follows:

9 **I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

10 1. This Court has jurisdiction over AGIC's claims in intervention pursuant to the
11 Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and
12 1367 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a).

13 2. Venue lies in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) in that a substantial part
14 of the events or omissions giving rise to AGIC's claims occurred in this District.

15 **II. PARTIES**

16 3. Plaintiff-intervenor AGIC is an insurer of municipal bonds with its principal offices
17 in New York, New York. On or about September 24, 1998, and at other subsequent dates,
18 AGIC insured more than \$14 million of the Spokane Downtown Foundation Parking Revenue
19 Bonds, 1998 ("the Bonds") sold by the Defendants in this action. In addition, AGIC purchased
20 one Bond, valued at \$5,000 and still holds that Bond.

21 4. Defendant **Prudential Securities Incorporated** ("Prudential") is a Delaware
22 corporation and registered broker-dealer that does business in the State of Washington.

23 5. Defendant **Walker Parking Consultants/Engineers, Inc.** ("Walker") is a
24 Michigan corporation with its principal offices in Indianapolis, Indiana, and does business in the
25 State of Washington.

1 6. Defendant **Foster Pepper & Shefelman PLLC** ("Foster Pepper") is a
2 Washington professional limited liability company engaged in the practice of law with its
3 principal offices in Seattle, Washington.

4 7. Defendant **Spokane Downtown Foundation** (the "Foundation") is a Washington
5 non-profit corporation created in 1996 to serve as the issuer of the Bonds.

6 8. Defendant **Preston Gates & Ellis LLP** ("Preston Gates") is a Washington limited
7 liability partnership engaged in the practice of law with its principal offices in Seattle,
8 Washington.

9 9. Defendant **Citizens Realty Company** ("Citizens") is a Washington corporation
10 with its principal place of business in Spokane, Washington. Citizens is a wholly owned
11 subsidiary of Cowles Publishing and is controlled by Elizabeth Cowles.

12 10. Defendant **Lincoln Investment Company of Spokane** ("Lincoln") is a
13 Washington corporation with its principal place of business in Spokane, Washington. Lincoln
14 is controlled by Elizabeth Cowles.

15 11. Defendant **RPS Mall L.L.C.** ("RPS") is a Washington limited liability company
16 comprised of two members, Lincoln and Citizens.

17 12. Defendant **RPS II, L.L.C.** ("RPS II") is a Washington limited liability company with
18 a principal place of business in Spokane, Washington. RPS II is a wholly-owned subsidiary of
19 RPS and is therefore controlled by Elizabeth Cowles.

20 13. Citizens, Lincoln, RPS, and RPS II are hereinafter referred to collectively as the
21 "**Developers.**"

22 14. Defendant **RWR Management, Inc.** is a Washington corporation doing business
23 as R. W. Robideaux and Company ("**Robideaux & Company**") with its principal offices in
24 Spokane, Washington.

25 15. Defendant **City of Spokane** (the "City") is a first-class charter city of the State of
26 Washington.

1 16. Defendant **Spokane Public Parking Development Authority** (the "Authority") is
2 an unregistered Washington corporation doing business as River Park Square Parking. It was
3 created by the City through an Ordinance passed by the city council on November 7, 1988.

4 17. All of the agents and employees of the Defendants identified above were, at all
5 times pertinent hereto, acting within the course and scope of their employment for said
6 Defendants, and said Defendants have ratified, adopted and approved all of the actions taken
7 by said agents and employees that are the subject of this Complaint.

8 **III. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

9 18. AGIC incorporates as if set forth fully herein the allegations and claims for relief
10 set forth in the Complaint filed by Plaintiffs in this matter.

11 19. This matter arises out of the issuance on September 15, 1998, of \$31,465,000 in
12 Bonds by the Foundation to fund the purchase of the River Park Square Parking Garage ("the
13 Garage") from the Developers. The Bonds were securities within the meaning of the Securities
14 Exchange Act of 1934 and the Washington State Securities Act ("WSSA"). The debt on the
15 Bonds was to be retired through payments generated by revenue from the operation of the
16 Garage, and, if necessary, operating and other expenses of the Garage were to be paid from
17 loans made by the City. At present, the revenues from the Garage are insufficient to pay the
18 Garage's operating expenses and service the debt on the Bonds.

19 20. Plaintiffs in this matter have brought claims against the Defendants, seeking both
20 damages and rescissionary relief. In reliance on actions and statements made by the
21 Defendants in this matter, AGIC insured more than \$14 million of the Bonds. Because of the
22 shortfall in revenues from the Garage, and because of the City's refusal to loan money for the
23 payment of the Garage's operating expenses, AGIC reasonably anticipates that it will be called
24 upon to make payments pursuant to its policies of insurance. Further, as a purchaser of a
25 Bond, AGIC has incurred damages. Consequently, AGIC brings this Complaint in Intervention
26 to assert its claims and protect its interests in this matter.

1 **IV. WRONGFUL CONDUCT ON THE PART OF THE DEFENDANTS**

2 21. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, each and all of the Defendants
3 took actions and made statements, or aided and abetted others in taking actions and making
4 statements, that they knew were false and misleading. Further, each and all of the Defendants
5 failed to disclose material facts that they knew should have been disclosed to prevent other
6 actions and statements from being misleading. AGIC did not know the truth with regard to
7 these false and/or misleading statements and omissions and would not have purchased or
8 insured the Bonds had it known the truth. AGIC has suffered injury as a direct and proximate
9 result of those false and misleading actions, statements, and failures to disclose.

10 22. Specifically, the defendants engaged in the following conduct in regard to the
11 issuance of the Bonds:

12 **A. Prudential**

13 23. Prudential, the underwriter for the Bonds, prepared the Preliminary Official
14 Statement ("POS") and the Official Statement ("OS") for the Bonds. Prudential knew that
15 potential purchasers and insurers of the Bonds, including AGIC, would rely on the POS and
16 OS in determining whether or not to purchase and/or insure the Bonds. Further, Prudential
17 knew that the POS and the OS contained false and misleading information and failed to
18 disclose information that would have made the POS and OS not misleading.

19 24. Specifically, at least the following statements from the POS and OS were false
20 and misleading, and Prudential knew that these statements were false and misleading:

21 25. The OS is false and misleading in stating that "[t]he City engaged Walker to
22 conduct [a] Feasibility Analysis, which was issued on June 14, 1996." This statement is false
23 and misleading because it fails to disclose the fact that in 1995 Walker had issued (along with
24 the firm Ernst & Young) a prior report ("the Walker/Ernst & Young Report"), which had
25 projected revenues from the Garage far lower than those in the Feasibility Analysis issued on
26 June 14, 1996, and had determined the Garage's value to be less than \$10 million—more than

1 \$16 million less than the purchase price of the Garage. Further, the Walker/Ernst & Young
2 Report demonstrated that the Garage could not support a bond issue of more than \$30 million.
3 Prudential knew of the Walker/Ernst & Young Report and had a duty to disclose its existence
4 and the opinions expressed in it. Prudential's failure to do so made the POS and OS false and
5 misleading.

6 26. The OS is also false and misleading in stating that "[a]t the City's request,
7 Robideaux engaged Walker to revise the Feasibility Analysis on April 22, 1998 and again on
8 June 29, 1998." This statement is false and misleading because it fails to disclose the
9 Walker/Ernst & Young Report issued in 1995.

10 27. The OS also makes the following false and misleading statement:

11 Second, the Feasibility Analysis does not account for the potential
12 impact on revenues of a parking validation program or other
13 negotiated arrangements with tenants of the Commercial Project.
14 The Authority is authorized to participate in a validation program.
15 The validation program currently in place is revenue neutral;
16 however, if any future program were to cost more than the revenue
17 generated by additional parking, revenues generated by the
18 Parking Facility could fall short of projections. Third, the impact of
19 any parking validation program between the Authority and the
20 cinema operator is unknown.

21 This statement is false and misleading for at least the following reasons: (1) Prudential knew
22 that the Feasibility Analysis issued by defendant Walker on June 14, 1996, should have
23 accounted for the potential impact on revenues of a validation program. That failure had been
24 pointed out to the Developers and the City in written studies prepared by the Real Estate
25 Advisory Services Group of the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand, which provided a report
26 to the City in 1997, and by Sabey Corporation, a commercial real estate company with its
principal place of business in Seattle, Washington, which provided two reports to the City in
December 1996, including one report ("the Sabey Garage Report") concerning the purchase of
the Garage by the City. Prudential knew of those criticisms and knew that Walker's failure to
consider a potential validation program made Walker's projection of revenues for the Garage

1 false and/or misleading. (2) Prudential knew that the validation program in place at the Garage
2 at the time that the POS and OS were issued was not revenue neutral, but instead resulted in
3 decreased revenues to the Garage. (3) Prudential knew that, in the event that a validation
4 program was instituted between the Garage and the cinema operator (AMC theaters), that
5 validation program would result in a loss of revenues to the Garage. (4) Prudential knew that
6 the Feasibility Analysis was misleading because it failed to disclose that the proposed AMC
7 theater would face substantial competition from existing theaters that provided free parking to
8 patrons and that the proposed AMC theater would insist on the Garage offering a validation
9 program to AMC theater patrons. (5) Prudential knew that the Feasibility Analysis had been
10 subjected to many criticisms in the reports issued by Coopers & Lybrand and Sabey
11 Corporation (identified above) and had also been questioned in reports prepared by Auble &
12 Associates and Daniel Barrett, who had prepared analyses of the investment value of the
13 Garage at the behest of the City. (6) Prudential knew that the Walker/Ernst & Young Report
14 had projected revenues from the Garage far lower than those in the Feasibility Analysis.
15 Those projected revenues were revised based on false and/or misleading assumptions
16 provided to Walker by the City, the Developers, and Robideaux & Company. The reliance on
17 those false assumptions made the Feasibility Analysis false and/or misleading. (7) Further, the
18 OS's description of the Feasibility Analysis suggested that Walker was independent, whereas
19 in fact Walker was acting at the behest of the City, the Developers, and Robideaux &
20 Company. Prudential's failure to disclose Walker's lack of independence made the Feasibility
21 Analysis appear reliable and thus rendered the POS and OS false and misleading.

22 28. Table 1, "Projected Operating Revenues and Expenses, Debt Service
23 Requirements and Debt Service Coverage," set out on page 21 of the OS is misleading. The
24 source of the Projected Operating Revenues column for the first ten years after the Bond
25 issuance is stated to be the Feasibility Analysis. The Projected Operating Revenues column of
26 Table 1 is misleading because it fails to disclose that the cash flow projections set out in the

1 Feasibility Analysis were grossly inflated by Walker at the request of the City and the
2 Developers without any reasonable justification.

3 29. The OS is also misleading because, under the heading "Other Risks," it fails to
4 disclose material facts concerning those "other risks." Specifically, the OS fails to disclose the
5 material facts underlying the criticisms of the Feasibility Analysis made by Coopers & Lybrand,
6 Auble & Associates, Daniel Barrett, and Sabey Corporation.

7 30. The OS is also misleading because it states that "[t]he purchase price is based
8 primarily on two MAI appraisals commissioned by the City. Those appraisals determine the
9 'Investment Value' rather than the 'Market Value' of the Parking Facility." That statement is
10 misleading because the two so-called appraisals were in fact not MAI appraisals, which would
11 have determined the Garage's market value, but were instead designed to support the position
12 desired by the City and the Developers, which resulted in an inflated value for the Garage.
13 Further, the persons who had prepared those "appraisals" (Auble & Associates and Barrett)
14 had stated that their reports were not appraisals. Further, this statement in the OS is
15 misleading because it fails to disclose that both Auble & Associates and Barrett noted that use
16 of the "investment value method" results in an inflated and unrealistic value for the Garage.
17 Further, this statement in the OS is misleading because it fails to disclose criticisms of the
18 "investment value method" made by Coopers & Lybrand and by Sabey Corporation.
19 Prudential knew these material facts.

20 31. The OS is also false and misleading because it states that the Developers' equity
21 in the Garage, including the land underlying the Garage, was \$21.7 million. That statement is
22 false and misleading because the figure set forth is based on the "investment value method" of
23 arriving at the value of the property to the City, not the property's value to the Developers.
24 Further, that statement is false and misleading because it fails to disclose the criticisms of the
25 "investment value method" identified above. That statement is also false and misleading
26 because it fails to disclose earlier negotiations between the City and the Developers in which

1 the Developers had offered to sell the Garage to the City for \$4.8 million. In addition, the
2 statement is false and misleading because it fails to disclose that, in earlier negotiations, the
3 City and the Developer had contemplated sale of the Garage by the Developers to the City for
4 less than \$15 million. Prudential knew these material facts.

5 32. The OS is also false and misleading because, under the heading "Public
6 Facilities Parking Demand" (at pages 19-20), it implies that the presence of five public facilities,
7 including the River Park Square Mall, within two blocks of the Garage created a demand for
8 parking that exceeded current parking supply by 1,000 spaces. That statement was false and
9 misleading because there existed a surplus of parking spaces in downtown Spokane on
10 evenings and weekends. The Walker Feasibility Analysis ignored that surplus of evening and
11 weekend parking spaces. The failure to account for that surplus of evening and weekend
12 parking spaces made the revenue projections in the Walker Feasibility Analysis false and
13 misleading. Prudential knew these material facts.

14 33. The following statement in the OS is misleading:

15 Pursuant to the Parking Facility Purchase and Sale Agreement (the
16 "Purchase Agreement") dated as of August 1, 1998, between the
17 Foundation and the Developer, upon completion of the expansion
18 and renovation of the Parking Facility, the Developer will sell the
19 Parking Facility (but not the land on which it is located) to the
20 Foundation for a purchase price of \$26 million.

21 That statement is misleading because it falsely implies that the \$26 million purchase price was
22 arrived at through arms-length negotiations and was based on a reasonable good faith
23 estimate of the market value of the Garage rather than the "investment value methodology"
24 actually used. Prudential knew that this statement was misleading.

25 34. The POS and OS are also misleading because they fail to disclose: (1) the true
26 content of the Coopers & Lybrand report provided to the City in January 1997; (2) the
existence and content of the Walker/Ernst & Young Report; (3) the existence and content of
the Sabey Corporation report provided to the City in December 1996; and (4) the existence

1 and content of the reports prepared by Auble & Associates and Daniel Barrett. Each of those
2 reports contained information that criticized the assumptions on which the financial projections
3 set forth in the POS and OS were based. Prudential knew of the existence of each of those
4 reports, but failed to disclose them in the POS and OS.

5 **B. Foster Pepper**

6 35. Foster Pepper, acting as counsel for the underwriter, assisted in the preparation
7 of the POS and OS and also issued an opinion letter ("the Foster Pepper Opinion Letter") on
8 September 24, 1998. Foster Pepper knew that potential purchasers and insurers of the Bonds
9 would rely on the POS, the OS, and the Foster Pepper Opinion Letter in determining whether
10 to purchase and/or insure the Bonds. In addition, Foster Pepper provided AGIC with opinion
11 letters issued by Preston Gates, Perkins Coie LLP, and the City Attorney, Jim Sloane. (These
12 opinion letters are described at greater length below.) AGIC relied on the existence of the
13 POS, the OS, the Foster Pepper Opinion Letter, and the opinion letters issued by Preston
14 Gates, Perkins Coie LLP, and the City Attorney, Jim Sloane in determining whether to insure
15 the Bonds. For the reasons set forth above in regard to Prudential and below in regard to
16 Preston Gates and the City, Foster Pepper knew that the POS, the OS, the Foster Pepper
17 Opinion letter, and the opinion letters issued by Preston Gates, Perkins Coie LLP, and the City
18 attorney contained false and misleading information and failed to set forth other information
19 that would have made the POS, OS, and the Foster Pepper Opinion Letter not misleading.

20 **C. The Foundation**

21 36. The Foundation assisted in the preparation of the POS and OS and issued the
22 Bonds. The Foundation knew that potential purchasers and/or insurers of the Bonds, including
23 AGIC, would rely on the POS and the OS, including their attachments, in determining whether
24 to purchase and/or insure the Bonds. AGIC received and relied on the POS and the OS,
25 including their attachments, in determining whether to insure the Bonds. The Foundation knew
26 that the POS and the OS contained the false and misleading statements identified above. The

1 Foundation permitted the POS and OS to be issued containing that false and misleading
2 information and lacking other information that would have made the POS and OS not
3 misleading.

4 **D. Preston Gates**

5 37. Preston Gates, acting as issuer's counsel and bond counsel, issued an opinion
6 letter on September 24, 1998 ("the Preston Gates Opinion Letter"). Preston Gates knew that
7 potential purchasers and/or insurers of the Bonds would rely on its Opinion Letter in
8 determining whether to purchase and/or insure the Bonds. AGIC received the Preston Gates
9 Opinion Letter and reasonably relied on the existence of that Opinion Letter in determining to
10 insure the Bonds. Preston Gates knew that its Opinion Letters contained false and misleading
11 information and failed to disclose other information that would have made its Opinion Letters
12 not misleading. Further, Preston Gates reviewed the POS and OS and knew that they
13 contained false and misleading information and failed to disclose other information that would
14 have made the POS and OS not misleading. Nevertheless, Preston Gates failed to take steps
15 to ensure that the POS and OS would not be issued containing that false and misleading
16 information and lacking other information that would have made the POS and OS not
17 misleading.

18 **E. Walker**

19 38. As noted above, in or about June 1996, Walker issued a document that it called a
20 "Financial Feasibility Analysis," together with two revised and updated reports dated April 22,
21 1998, and June 29, 1998 (collectively, the "Feasibility Analysis"). Walker knew that the
22 Feasibility Analysis contained false and misleading information and failed to set forth
23 information that would have made the information contained in the Feasibility Analysis not
24 misleading. The reasons for the false and/or misleading nature of the Feasibility Analysis are
25 set forth above in regard to Prudential.

1 39. In addition, Walker knew that the following assumptions relied on in the
2 Feasibility Analysis were false and misleading: (1) that parkers at the Garage would stay for
3 an average of 3.0 hours apiece, whereas the historical average had been between 1.2 and 1.9
4 hours; (2) that all parkers at the Garage would pay \$1.50 per hour, whereas persons parking
5 on evenings and weekends would expect to pay reduced rates, and whereas patrons of the
6 proposed AMC theater would expect to obtain the benefits of a validation program; and (3) that
7 there was a shortage of parking in the downtown Spokane area, whereas in fact there was a
8 surplus of parking available on evenings and weekends. Walker's reliance on these false and
9 misleading assumptions in turn made the Feasibility Analysis, the POS, the OS, and the
10 reports prepared by Auble & Associates and Daniel Barrett false and misleading. Walker knew
11 that the Feasibility Analysis would be attached to the POS and the OS and that the POS and
12 the OS would rely on the Feasibility Analysis and the reports prepared by Auble & Associates
13 and Daniel Barrett. Walker also knew that potential purchasers and/or insurers of the Bonds
14 would rely on the Feasibility Analysis, the POS, and the OS in determining whether to
15 purchase and/or insure the Bonds. AGIC received the Feasibility Analysis and reasonably
16 relied on it in determining to insure the Bonds.

17 **F. The City**

18 40. The City conspired with the Developers and Robideaux & Company (acting on
19 behalf of the Developers) to induce Walker to rely on false and misleading assumptions in
20 preparing the Feasibility Analysis and to fail to disclose other information that would have
21 made the Feasibility Analysis not misleading. The reasons for the false and misleading nature
22 of the Feasibility Analysis are alleged above in regard to Prudential and Walker. The City
23 knew that the Feasibility Analysis relied on false and misleading assumptions and failed to
24 disclose other information that would have made the Feasibility Analysis not misleading.
25 Further, the City knew that potential purchasers and insurers of the Bonds would rely on the
26 Feasibility Analysis to determine whether to purchase and/or insure the Bonds.

1 41. In addition, the City retained John Evans and David Auble of Auble & Associates
2 and Daniel E. Barrett to analyze the value of the Garage and the land underlying the Garage
3 using the "investment value method." For the reasons alleged above in regard to Prudential,
4 the City knew that the "investment value method" would result in an inflated and unreasonable
5 value for the Garage. The City knew that the analyses performed by Auble & Associates and
6 Barrett would be used to support the POS and OS. The City also knew that potential
7 purchasers and insurers of the Bonds would rely on the POS and OS in determining whether
8 to purchase and/or insure the Bonds. Further, the City knew that the use of the "investment
9 value method" by Auble & Associates and Barrett, by providing an inflated and unreasonable
10 value for the Garage, would render the POS and the OS false and misleading.

11 42. Further, the City continued to negotiate with the Developers for the purchase of
12 the Garage despite the fact that Auble & Associates, Daniel Barrett, Coopers & Lybrand, and
13 Sabey Corporation had all provided reports to the City outlining the flaws in the Feasibility
14 Analysis and the inappropriateness of the "investment value method" used to value the
15 Garage. The City knew that potential purchasers and/or insurers would rely on the City's
16 continued negotiations with the Developers and support for the purchase of the Garage by the
17 Foundation in determining whether or not to purchase and/or insure the Bonds. In light of the
18 City's knowledge of the criticisms set forth by Auble & Associates, Daniel Barrett, Coopers &
19 Lybrand, and Sabey Corporation, the City's continued negotiations with the Developers and
20 support for the purchase of the Garage by the Foundation constituted false and misleading
21 conduct in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

22 43. In addition, the City caused to be enacted on January 27, 1997, Ordinance
23 C31823 ("the Ordinance") that obligated the City to provide loans to the Authority in the event
24 that revenue from the Garage was insufficient to meet certain financial obligations of the
25 Garage. The City enacted the Ordinance acknowledging that there might be a shortfall in the
26 revenues generated by the Garage. Further, the City knew that bond rating agencies,

1 purchasers, and/or insurers of the Bonds would rely on the Ordinance in determining the bond
2 rating for the Bonds and whether or not to purchase and/or insure the Bonds. The City has
3 subsequently asserted that the Ordinance does not obligate it to make up any shortfall in
4 revenues generated by the Garage. Instead, the City now asserts that there are numerous
5 defenses to its obligation to make loans pursuant to the Ordinance, including that there must
6 be a new vote of the City Council to authorize a loan to the Authority in the event of a shortfall
7 in revenues generated by the Garage. Further, the City now asserts that it can refuse to make
8 any such loan. The City had an obligation to disclose its actual interpretation of the Ordinance,
9 its belief that there were such defenses, and its unwillingness to make loans under the
10 Ordinance. Its failure to disclose these facts rendered the Ordinance, the OS, and the POS
11 false and misleading at the time that the Bonds were issued.

12 44. In addition, the City caused its employee, City Attorney Jim Sloane ("Sloane"), to
13 issue an opinion letter ("the City's Opinion Letter"), which was separately issued to AGIC. The
14 City's Opinion Letter stated that the Ordinance obligates the City to provide loans to the
15 Authority in the event that revenue from the Garage is insufficient to meet certain obligations of
16 the Garage. The City's Opinion Letter also stated that statements made in the Official
17 Statement under the captions "Introduction—Purpose of the Bonds—Public Purpose," "Project
18 Participants—The City," "—Financing Structure—City Pledge of Parking Meter Revenues,"
19 "Source of Payment and Security for the Bonds—City Pledge of Parking Meter Revenues," and
20 "Project Participants—The City," insofar as such statements purported to summarize certain
21 positions of the City Resolutions and the Ordinance or to describe the City's participation in
22 and support for the RPS Mall and Garage, were true, accurate, and correct summaries or
23 descriptions in all material respects and did not omit to state any material facts necessary in
24 order to make those statements not misleading. Sloane and the City knew that purchasers
25 and insurers of the Bonds would rely on the City's Opinion Letter in determining whether or not
26 to purchase and/or insure the Bonds. The City knew that the City's Opinion Letter was false

1 and misleading and/or failed to disclose other information that would have made the City's
2 Opinion Letter not misleading. Further, the City knew that the POS and OS were false and
3 misleading because of their reliance on the Ordinance.

4 45. In addition, the City caused its special counsel, Perkins Coie LLP, to issue an
5 opinion letter ("the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter"). The Perkins Coie Opinion Letter stated that
6 the Ordinance obligates the City to provide loans to the Authority in the event that revenue
7 from the Garage is insufficient to meet certain obligations of the Garage. The City's Opinion
8 Letter also stated that statements made in the Official Statement under the captions
9 "Introduction—Purpose of the Bonds—Public Purpose," "Project Participants—The City," "
10 Financing Structure—City Pledge of Parking Meter Revenues," "Source of Payment and
11 Security for the Bonds—City Pledge of Parking Meter Revenues," and "Project Participants—
12 The City," insofar as such statements purported to summarize certain positions of the City
13 Resolutions and the Ordinance or to describe the City's participation in and support for the
14 RPS Mall and Garage, were true, accurate, and correct summaries or descriptions in all
15 material respects and did not omit to state any material facts necessary in order to make those
16 statements not misleading. The City knew that purchasers and insurers of the Bonds would
17 rely on the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter in determining whether or not to purchase and/or
18 insure the Bonds. The Perkins Coie Opinion Letter was provided to AGIC, and AGIC relied on
19 the existence of the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter in determining to insure the Bonds. The City
20 knew that the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter was false and misleading and/or failed to disclose
21 other information that would have made the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter not misleading.

22 **G. The Developers and Robideaux & Company**

23 46. The Developers and Robideaux & Company induced Walker to rely on false
24 and/or misleading assumptions in preparing the Feasibility Analysis (as alleged above in
25 regard to Prudential). The Developers and Robideaux & Company knew that the Feasibility
26 Analysis would be used in preparation of the POS and the OS. Further, the Developers and

1 Robideaux & Company knew that potential purchasers and/or insurers of the Bonds would rely
2 on the POS and OS—and, consequently, on the Feasibility Analysis—in determining whether
3 to purchase and/or insure the bonds. For the reasons alleged above in regard to Prudential,
4 the Developers knew that the Feasibility Analysis was based on false and/or misleading
5 assumptions and thus generated false and/or misleading revenue projections. Further, the
6 Developers knew that the Feasibility Analysis failed to disclose other information that would
7 have made the Feasibility Analysis not misleading.

8 47. In addition, the Developers and Robideaux & Company induced the City to
9 instruct Auble & Associates and Daniel Barrett to use the “investment value method” to value
10 the Garage and the land underlying the Garage. The Developers and Robideaux & Company
11 knew that the reports prepared by Auble & Associates and Daniel Barrett would be used in
12 preparation of the POS and the OS. Further, the Developers and Robideaux & Company
13 knew that potential purchasers and/or insurers of the Bonds would rely on the POS and OS—
14 and, consequently, on the reports prepared by Auble & Associates and Daniel Barrett—in
15 determining whether to purchase and/or insure the bonds. For the reasons alleged above in
16 regard to Prudential and the City, the Developers and Robideaux & Company knew that the
17 reports prepared by Auble & Associates and Daniel Barrett were based on false and/or
18 misleading assumptions and thus generated an inflated and unreasonable value for the
19 Garage.

20 **H. The Authority**

21 48. The Authority, which included members of the City Council, participated in the
22 negotiations and operation of the Garage and participated in making factual representations
23 included in the POS and the OS, which the Authority knew to be inaccurate and misleading, as
24 alleged above. The Authority knew that potential purchasers and/or insurers of the Bonds
25 would rely on the POS and the OS in determining whether to purchase and/or insure the
26 Bonds.

1 **V. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: VIOLATION OF SECTION 10(B) OF THE 1934 ACT**
2 **(15 U.S.C. § 78J) AND OF SEC RULE 10B-5 PROMULGATED THEREUNDER (ASSERTED**
3 **AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS); VIOLATION OF SECTION 20(A) OF THE 1934 ACT (15**
4 **U.S.C. § 78T(A) (ASSERTED AGAINST THE DEVELOPERS AND THE CITY)**

5 49. AGIC repeats the allegations of all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and
6 incorporates the same by reference.

7 50. Each and all of the Defendants, in connection with the insurance and purchase of
8 the Bonds by AGIC, directly and indirectly, singly and in concert, recklessly, knowingly or with
9 an intention to defraud, engaged in, offered for sale, and sold securities by means of one or
10 more misrepresentations or failures to disclose material facts, which material facts were
11 necessary in order to make the statements made in connection with those offerings and sales
12 not misleading in light of the circumstances under which those statements were made. In
13 addition, each and all of the Defendants employed a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud
14 AGIC and engaged in acts, practices and a course of business that operated as a fraud or
15 deceit upon AGIC, all in violation of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15
16 U.S.C. § 78j) and subsections 2(a), (b), and (c) of SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.

17 51. Defendants Lincoln, Citizens, RPS and RPS II are each, individually, persons
18 who directly or indirectly controlled the Foundation within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the
19 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78t(a)) because of their ability to appoint the
20 board of directors of the Foundation.

21 52. The City is a person who directly or indirectly controlled the Authority within the
22 meaning of Section 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78t(a)) because
23 of its ability to appoint the board of directors of the Authority. The City appointed two city
24 council persons with knowledge of the fraudulently inflated purchase price of the Garage to
25 control the Foundation in furtherance of the City's fraudulent scheme. Further, the City caused
26 the Ordinance to be enacted and caused its employee, City Attorney Jim Sloane, to issue the
City's Opinion Letter stating that the Ordinance obligated the City to loan funds to the Authority

1 to make up certain shortfalls in revenues generated by the Garage. In addition, the City
2 caused its special counsel, Perkins Coie LLP, to issue the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter stating
3 that the Ordinance obligated the City to loan funds to the Authority to make up certain
4 shortfalls in revenues generated by the Garage. Those opinion letters were provided to AGIC.
5 The Ordinance, the City's Opinion Letter, and the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter were false and
6 misleading.

7 53. AGIC, acting through its employees, read and reasonably relied upon the
8 existence of the POS, the OS, the appendices to the OS (including the Feasibility Analysis),
9 the Ordinance, the City's Opinion Letter, the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter, the Preston Gates
10 Opinion Letter, the Foster Pepper Opinion Letter, and all other documents identified above that
11 were prepared by the Defendants in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

12 54. The purpose, effect, and result of the Defendants' violations of Section 10(b) of
13 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder were to
14 induce AGIC to insure and purchase the Bonds, something that AGIC would not have done
15 otherwise.

16 55. All of the Defendants conspired to conceal their fraud from AGIC by virtue of all
17 of the conduct alleged above attributable to the Defendants and events that occurred in
18 connection with and subsequent to AGIC's insurance and purchase of the Bonds. As a result
19 of such fraudulent concealment, AGIC, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, did not
20 discover its claims against the Defendants, and each of them, until May 2000, at the earliest.
21 This claim was brought on behalf of AGIC within one year after the discovery of the facts giving
22 rise to this cause of action and within three years of the date that AGIC insured and purchased
23 the Bonds.

24 56. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' violations of Section 10(b) of
25 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, AGIC has
26 incurred or will incur damages in an amount that is presently unknown, but that is estimated to

1 consist of a substantial portion of the stated principal amount of the Bonds insured and owned
2 by AGIC, plus interest.

3 57. Further, each of the Defendants acted in concert with the other Defendants to
4 achieve the unlawful purposes alleged herein so that each is liable for the acts and conduct of
5 the other Defendants.

6 58. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' violations of Section 20(a) of
7 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, AGIC has incurred or will incur damages consisting of a
8 substantial portion of the stated principal amount on the Bonds insured and owned by AGIC,
9 plus interest.

10 **VI. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF: VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF**
11 **WASHINGTON, RCW 21.20.430(1); 21.20.430(3); 21.20.430(7) (ASSERTED AGAINST ALL**
DEFENDANTS)

12 59. AGIC repeats the allegations of all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint in
13 Intervention and incorporate the same by reference.

14 60. Prudential offered the Bonds to AGIC and induced AGIC to insure the Bonds in
15 violation of RCW 21.20.010. The Foundation, through the Official Statements issued on its
16 behalf, offered the Bonds to AGIC and induced AGIC to insure the bonds in violation of RCW
17 21.20.010. Foster Pepper, Preston Gates, Walker, Lincoln, Citizens, RPS, RPSII, and the
18 Authority offered and sold the Bonds to AGIC, and induced AGIC to insure the bonds, because
19 of their substantial participation in the bond underwriting process.

20 61. Each and all of the Defendants, in connection with the insurance and purchase of
21 the Bonds by AGIC, directly and indirectly, singly and in concert, negligently, recklessly,
22 knowingly or with an intention to defraud, engaged in, offered for sale and sold to each of the
23 Plaintiffs securities by means of one or more misrepresentations of or failures to disclose
24 material facts, which material facts were necessary in order to make the statements made in
25 connection with those offerings and sales not misleading in light of the circumstances under
26 which those statements were made and, in addition, employed a device, scheme or artifice to

1 defraud AGIC and engaged in acts, practices and a course of business which operated as a
2 fraud or deceit upon AGIC, all in violation of RCW 21.20.010(1), (2) and (3).

3 62. Defendants Lincoln, Citizens, RPS and RPSII are persons who directly or
4 indirectly controlled the Foundation within the meaning of RCW 21.20.430(3). The Foundation
5 is liable as a principal for violation of RCW 21.20.430(1).

6 63. Defendant Prudential is a broker-dealer within the meaning of RCW
7 21.20.430(3). Defendants Walker, Foster Pepper, Preston Gates, Citizens, Lincoln, RPS,
8 RPSII, RWR Management, and the Authority are persons who materially aided in the
9 transactions alleged above and whose conduct was a substantial factor in the fraud
10 perpetrated on AGIC.

11 64. Any Defendant that falls within the scope of RCW 21.20.430(7) acted with
12 scienter within the meaning of that statute. Specifically, the City and the Authority both acted
13 with scienter. Defendant Prudential is an underwriter within the meaning of RCW
14 21.20.430(7). Defendant Preston Gates is a bond counsel within the meaning of RCW
15 21.20.430(7).

16 65. Each of the Defendants, by engaging in the conduct alleged above, materially
17 aided the Foundation in connection with the underwriting, issuance, offer, and sale of the Bond
18 to AGIC, and the inducement of AGIC to insure the Bonds, when, having knowledge that the
19 POS, the OS, the Feasibility Analysis, the Foster Pepper Opinion Letter, the Preston Gates
20 Opinion Letter, the City's Opinion Letter, Perkins Coie Opinion Letter, and the Ordinance were
21 false and misleading, as alleged above, nonetheless failed to take action to ensure that full and
22 fair disclosure of all material facts was made to prospective bond purchasers and insurers,
23 including AGIC.

24 66. The following Defendants materially aided the Foundation in connection with the
25 underwriting, issuance, offer and sale of the Bond to AGIC, and the inducement of AGIC to
26 insure the Bonds:

1 67. Prudential served in the role of underwriter with respect to the bond issue and
2 had primary responsibility for conducting due diligence, for drafting the POS and OS, and for
3 ensuring that the POS and OS made full and fair disclosure of all material facts.

4 68. In its capacity as underwriter's counsel, Foster Pepper assisted in the
5 preparation of the POS and OS and issued the Foster Pepper Opinion in connection with the
6 issuance of the Bonds and served in the capacity of underwriter's counsel.

7 69. Walker issued the Feasibility Analysis with all of the false and misleading
8 statements alleged above.

9 70. The Developers, both individually and collectively, caused the Foundation to be
10 formed, controlled the Foundation, instructed Walker to utilize unreasonable and unrealistic
11 assumptions, knowing that the use of such assumptions would result in substantially increased
12 but unachievable projected cash flows, coerced the City to cause Auble & Associates and
13 Daniel Barrett to utilize the improper "investment value method" in connection with their
14 reports, and took an active role in minimizing and defeating all challenges that were made to
15 the Project, including, specifically, the challenges set forth in the report provided to the City by
16 Sabey Corporation.

17 71. The Authority, with full knowledge of the fraudulent scheme alleged above,
18 agreed to and entered into the lease of the Garage with the Foundation, entered into the
19 sublease of the ground from the Foundation, and undertook the day-to-day management of the
20 Garage.

21 72. Preston Gates served as bond counsel and issued the bond opinion with
22 knowledge of the false and misleading statements alleged above.

23 73. The City caused the Ordinance to be enacted and caused its employee, City
24 Attorney Jim Sloane, to issue the City's Opinion Letter **and caused its special counsel,**
25 **Perkins Cole LLP, to issue the Perkins Cole Opinion Letter.** The City knew that the POS,
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1 the OS, the Ordinance, the City's Opinion Letter, and the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter were
2 false and/or misleading.

3 74. The Bonds could not have been issued without each of the Defendants providing
4 material aid to the Foundation as herein alleged.

5 75. Each of the Defendants acted in concert with the other Defendants to achieve the
6 unlawful purposes alleged herein so that each is liable for the acts and conduct of the other
7 Defendants.

8 76. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' violations of the WSSA, AGIC
9 has incurred or will incur damages consisting of a substantial portion of the stated principal
10 amount of the Bonds insured and owned by AGIC, plus interest.

11 **VII THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF: FRAUD AND/OR AIDING AND ABETTING FRAUD**
12 **(ASSERTED AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

13 77. AGIC repeats the allegations of all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and
14 incorporates the same by reference.

15 78. As alleged above, all of the Defendants made material misrepresentations and
16 omissions of material existing facts. The Defendants knew that the misrepresentations and
17 omissions were false and/or misleading.

18 79. The misrepresentations and omissions, as alleged above, were made with the
19 intent to induce AGIC to purchase and/or insure the Bonds.

20 80. AGIC justifiably relied upon the representations contained in the POS, the OS,
21 the Feasibility Analysis, the City's Opinion Letter, the Foster Pepper Opinion Letter, and the
22 Preston Gates Opinion Letter. AGIC did not know that the representations contained in the
23 POS, the OS, the Feasibility Analysis, the City's Opinion Letter, the Foster Pepper Opinion
24 Letter, and the Preston Gates Opinion Letter were false and/or misleading.

25 81. Each of the Defendants acted in concert with the other Defendants to achieve the
26 unlawful purposes alleged herein so that each is liable for the acts and conduct of the other

1 Defendants. Any of the Defendants not liable as a principal for common law fraud is liable to
2 AGIC for aiding and abetting common law fraud.

3 82. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' fraud or aiding and abetting
4 fraud, AGIC has incurred or will incur damages consisting of a substantial portion of the stated
5 principal amount of the Bonds insured and owned by AGIC, plus interest.

6 **VIII. FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF: NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION (ALL**
7 **DEFENDANTS)**

8 83. AGIC repeats the allegations of all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and
9 incorporates the same by reference.

10 84. Each Defendant had a duty to disclose or cause to be disclosed to potential
11 purchasers and insurers of the Bonds, including AGIC, the material facts set forth above.
12 Each Defendant had a duty to ensure that the representations made in the POS and the OS
13 were accurate. In addition, Foster Pepper had a duty to ensure that the representations made
14 in the Foster Pepper Opinion Letter were accurate. Preston Gates had a duty to ensure that
15 the representations made in the Preston Gates Opinion Letter were accurate. The City had a
16 duty to ensure that the representations made in the City's Opinion Letter were accurate.
17 Walker had a duty to ensure that the representations made in the Feasibility Analysis were
18 accurate.

19 85. Defendants breached their duty to AGIC by negligently making the
20 misrepresentations of and failures to disclose material facts alleged above.

21 86. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligent misrepresentations,
22 AGIC has incurred or will incur damages consisting of a substantial portion of the stated
23 principal amount of the Bonds insured and owned by AGIC, plus interest.

24 WHEREFORE, AGIC requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of AGIC and
25 against the Defendants, and each of them, jointly and severally, on each of AGIC's Claims for
26 Relief and award AGIC rescission or monetary damages as provided for violations of Section

1 10(b) of the 1934 Act, Section 20(a) of the 1934 Act, the WSSA and the common law, together
2 with pre-judgment interest, costs, expenses under applicable law, attorney fees pursuant to the
3 pertinent provisions of the WSSA, and any other relief, legal or equitable, that the Court deems
4 proper.

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6 DATED this 25 day of April, 2001.

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I hereby certify that on the 25th day of April, 2001, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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