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**PHH Corporation** 

April 27, 2012

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of PHH Corporation (the "Company"), which will be held at our offices located at 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054, on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., local time. At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to vote on the matters described in the accompanying Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting.

#### YOUR VOTE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU OWN.

In order to ensure that your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting, whether you plan to attend or not, please vote in accordance with the enclosed instructions. You can vote your shares by telephone, electronically via the Internet or by completing and returning the enclosed proxy card or vote instruction form. If you vote using the enclosed proxy card or vote instruction form, you must sign, date and mail the proxy card or vote instruction form in the enclosed envelope. If you decide to attend the Annual Meeting and wish to modify your vote, you may revoke your proxy and vote in person at the meeting.

Admission to the Annual Meeting will be by admission ticket only. If you are a stockholder of record and plan to attend the Annual Meeting, retain the top portion of your proxy card as your admission ticket and bring it and a photo ID with you so that you may gain admission to the meeting. If your shares are held through a bank, broker or other nominee, please contact your nominee and request that the nominee obtain an admission ticket for you or provide you with evidence of your share ownership, which will gain you admission to the Annual Meeting.

Pursuant to rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, we are furnishing via the Internet our proxy statement and other proxy materials to stockholders holding less than 1,000 shares of our common stock as of the record date for the Annual Meeting. We believe this e-proxy process reduces the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting, reduces our printing and postage costs, and expedites the receipt of proxy materials by our stockholders.

Thank you for your continued interest in PHH Corporation. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Glen A. Messina

President and Chief Executive Officer

# PHH CORPORATION

3000 Leadenhall Road Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054

#### **NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

To Our Stockholders:

The 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of PHH Corporation (the "Company") will be held at our offices located at 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054, on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., local time (the "Annual Meeting"), for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect three Class I directors;
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2012;
- 3. To conduct an advisory vote concerning the compensation of our named executive officers; and
- 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 26, 2012 as the record date for the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on the record date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors

William F. Brown
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

April 27, 2012

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 6, 2012.

THIS NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL MEETING, PROXY STATEMENT AND 2011 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT:

http://www.proxyvote.com

# PHH CORPORATION

3000 Leadenhall Road Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054

# PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

This Proxy Statement is being furnished to the holders of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of PHH Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the solicitation by our Board of Directors of proxies to be voted at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company (the "Annual Meeting") to be held at our offices located at 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., local time, or at any postponement or adjournment of the Annual Meeting, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting.

This Proxy Statement and the other proxy materials are being mailed to stockholders and are first being made available via the Internet on or about April 27, 2012. If a stockholder executes and returns the enclosed proxy card or vote instruction form or submits vote instructions to us by telephone or via the Internet, the stockholder may nevertheless revoke their proxy at any time prior to its use by filing with the Secretary of the Company a written revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date or by submitting revised vote instructions to us by telephone or via the Internet prior to 11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, in accordance with the instructions on the enclosed proxy card or vote instruction form. A stockholder who attends the Annual Meeting in person may revoke his or her proxy at that time and vote in person if so desired.

Admission to the Annual Meeting will be by admission ticket only. If you are a stockholder of record and plan to attend the Annual Meeting, retain the top portion of your proxy card as your admission ticket and bring it and a photo ID with you so that you may gain admission to the meeting. If your shares are held through a bank, broker or other nominee, please contact your nominee and request that the nominee obtain an admission ticket for you or provide you with evidence of your share ownership, which will gain you admission to the Annual Meeting.

Unless revoked or unless contrary instructions are given, each proxy that is properly signed, dated and returned or authorized by telephone or via the Internet in accordance with the instructions on the enclosed proxy card or vote instruction form prior to the start of the Annual Meeting will be voted as indicated on the proxy card or via telephone or the Internet and if no indication is made, each such proxy will be deemed to grant authority to vote, as applicable:

- (1) Proposal 1: *FOR* the election of each of Messrs. James O. Egan, Allan Z. Loren and Gregory J. Parseghian as Class I directors, each to serve until the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier death, retirement or resignation (the "Director Election Proposal");
- (2) Proposal 2: **FOR** the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 (the "Ratification of Auditors Proposal");
- (3) Proposal 3: **FOR** the advisory resolution approving compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K (the "Say on Pay Vote"); and
- (4) At the discretion of the persons named in the enclosed proxy card or vote instruction form, on any other matter that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE NOMINEES LISTED UNDER THE DIRECTOR ELECTION PROPOSAL, "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF AUDITORS PROPOSAL AND "FOR" THE SAY ON PAY VOTE.

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

#### Why am I receiving these proxy materials?

You are receiving these proxy materials because our Board of Directors (the "Board") is soliciting your proxy to cast your vote at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of PHH Corporation, a Maryland corporation ("we," "our," "us," "PHH" or the "Company"), and any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting. This Proxy Statement, the accompanying Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 28, 2012 (the "2011 Annual Report"), and the enclosed proxy card or vote instruction form for those stockholders that have been sent printed copies of our proxy materials are being mailed to stockholders or are first being made available to stockholders via the Internet on or about April 27, 2012.

#### When and where is the Annual Meeting going to be held?

The Annual Meeting will be held at our offices located at 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., local time. Registration and seating will begin at 9:00 a.m., local time.

#### What is the purpose of the Annual Meeting?

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will vote on the matters described in the accompanying Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting and this Proxy Statement. The only matters expected to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting are (1) the Director Election Proposal, (2) the Ratification of Auditors Proposal, and (3) the Say on Pay Vote.

#### What are the Board's recommendations for how I should vote my shares?

The Board recommends that you vote your shares as follows:

Proposal 1: **FOR** the election of each of Messrs. James O. Egan, Allan Z. Loren and Gregory J. Parseghian as Class I directors, each to serve until the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier death, retirement or resignation;

Proposal 2: **FOR** the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012; and

Proposal 3: **FOR** the advisory resolution approving compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K.

# Who can attend the Annual Meeting?

Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 26, 2012, or their duly appointed proxies, may attend the Annual Meeting. Stockholders will be asked to present valid picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport. Please note that, if you hold your shares in "street name" (that is, through a bank, broker or other nominee), you must bring either a copy of the vote instruction form provided by your bank, broker or other nominee or a copy of a brokerage statement reflecting your stock ownership as of the record date.

Cameras and video recording devices will not be permitted at the Annual Meeting. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for examination by any stockholder for any purpose germane to the Annual Meeting beginning ten days prior to the Annual Meeting during ordinary business hours at 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054, our principal place of business, and

ending on the date of the Anni	ual Meeting.
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#### Do I need an admission ticket to attend the Annual Meeting?

Yes. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will be limited to stockholders of record as of the record date, their authorized representatives and our guests. Admission will be by admission ticket only. For registered stockholders, the top portion of the proxy card enclosed with the Proxy Statement will serve as an admission ticket. If you are a beneficial owner and hold your shares in "street name," or through an intermediary, such as a bank, broker or other nominee, you should request an admission ticket from your bank, broker or other nominee or send a request in writing to PHH Corporation, Attention: Investor Relations, 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054, and include proof of ownership of PHH Corporation common stock, such as a bank or brokerage firm account statement or letter from the bank, broker or other nominee holding your stock, confirming your beneficial ownership. Stockholders who do not obtain admission tickets in advance of the Annual Meeting may obtain them on the date of the Annual Meeting at the registration desk upon verifying their stock ownership as of the record date. In accordance with our security procedures, all persons attending the Annual Meeting must present picture identification along with their admission ticket or proof of beneficial ownership in order to gain admission to the meeting. Admission to the Annual Meeting will be expedited if admission tickets are obtained in advance. Admission tickets may be issued to others at our discretion.

#### How many votes must be present at the Annual Meeting to constitute a quorum?

Stockholders holding a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock as of the record date, March 26, 2012, must be present, in person or by proxy, to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. As of the record date, there were 56,613,019 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding. Shares represented by abstentions on any proposal to be acted upon by stockholders at the Annual Meeting will be treated as present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

#### How many votes can be cast by all stockholders?

56,613,019 votes may be cast at the Annual Meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to cast one vote for each share of common stock held by such stockholder as of the record date. There is no cumulative voting and the holders of our common stock vote together as a single class.

#### What vote is needed for each of the proposals to be adopted?

Proposal 1 Director Election Proposal: Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by stockholders of record as of the record date that are present at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, assuming a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting. The three candidates with the highest number of "FOR" votes will be elected, subject to our majority vote standard for directors in uncontested elections as set forth in our Corporate Governance Guidelines and described below. Under applicable Maryland law, abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will not be counted as votes cast for the election of directors and, therefore, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote, although abstentions and broker non-votes will be taken into account for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting.

Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, a director that fails to receive more votes cast "for" than "against" his or her election or re-election is expected to tender his or her resignation from the Board and, within 90 days following certification of the stockholder vote, the Corporate Governance Committee of the Board is required to determine whether to accept the director's resignation and to submit such recommendation for prompt consideration by the Board. Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Board is required to act on any such recommendation from the Corporate Governance Committee and the Board shall nominate for election or re-election as director only candidates who agree to tender, promptly following such person's failure to receive

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the required vote for election or re-election at the next meeting at which such person would face election or re-election, an irrevocable resignation that will be effective upon Board acceptance of such resignation.

Proposal 2 Ratification of Auditors Proposal: Approval of the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012, requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by stockholders of record as of the record date that are present at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, assuming a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting. Under applicable Maryland law, abstentions will be taken into account for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting, but will not be counted as votes cast or shares voting on the proposal and will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

Proposal 3 Say on Pay Vote: Approval of the advisory resolution approving compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by stockholders of record as of the record date that are present at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, assuming a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting. Under applicable Maryland law, abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will be taken into account for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting, but will not be counted as votes cast or shares voting on the proposal and will have no effect on the outcome of the vote. Although the Say on Pay Vote is only advisory in nature and is not binding on the Board or the Company, we intend to review the voting results with the Board and the Human Capital and Compensation Committee of the Board so that such voting results may be taken into consideration in connection with future executive compensation decisions.

Other business: All other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by stockholders of record as of the record date that are present at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, assuming a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting. Under applicable Maryland law, abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will not be counted as votes cast or shares voting on the proposal and, therefore, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote, although abstentions and broker non-votes will be taken into account for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting.

#### What is a broker non-vote?

Generally, a broker non-vote occurs when shares held by a bank, broker or other nominee for a beneficial owner are not voted with respect to a particular proposal because (i) the nominee has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner and (ii) the nominee lacks discretionary voting power to vote such shares. Under the rules of The New York Stock Exchange, LLC (the "NYSE"), a nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to "non-routine" matters.

"Non-routine" matters under the NYSE's rules include director elections, whether contested or uncontested, and votes concerning executive compensation and certain corporate governance proposals. As a result, your bank, broker or other nominee may only vote your shares on "non-routine" matters if you have provided your bank, broker or other nominee with specific voting instructions.

Thus, if your shares are held in "street name" and you do not provide instructions as to how your shares are to be voted on "non-routine" matters, your bank, broker or other nominee will not be able to vote your shares on your behalf and your shares will be reported as "broker non-votes." For matters that are still considered "routine" under the NYSE's rules (e.g., ratification of auditors), your bank, broker or other nominee may continue to exercise discretionary voting authority and may vote your shares on your behalf for such routine matters even if you fail to provide your bank, broker or other nominee with specific voting instructions as to how you would like your shares voted on such routine matters.

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We urge you to provide instructions to your bank, broker or other nominee so that your votes may be counted for each proposal to be voted upon. You should vote your shares by following the instructions provided on the vote instruction form that you receive from your bank, broker or other nominee.

#### How do I vote?

You can vote in person or by valid proxy received by telephone, via the Internet or by mail. We urge you to vote by doing one of the following:

*Vote by Telephone:* You can vote your shares by calling the toll-free number indicated on your proxy card using a touch-tone telephone 24 hours a day. Easy-to-follow voice prompts enable you to vote your shares and confirm that your voting instructions have been properly recorded. If you are a beneficial owner, or you hold your shares in "street name," please check your vote instruction form or contact your bank, broker or other nominee to determine whether you will be able to vote by telephone.

*Vote by Internet:* You can also vote via the Internet by following the instructions on your proxy card. The website address for Internet voting is indicated on your proxy card. Internet voting is also available 24 hours per day. If you are a beneficial owner, or you hold your shares in "street name," please check your vote instruction form or contact your bank, broker or other nominee to determine whether you will be able to vote via the Internet.

*Vote by Mail:* If you choose to vote by mail, complete, sign, date and return your proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided. Please promptly mail your proxy card to ensure that it is received on or before June 5, 2012.

The deadline for voting by telephone or electronically through the Internet is 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 5, 2012.

#### Can I change my vote?

Yes. A proxy may be revoked at any time prior to the voting at the Annual Meeting by submitting a later dated proxy (including a proxy authorization submitted by telephone or electronically through the Internet prior to the deadline for voting by telephone or the Internet), by giving timely written notice of such revocation to our Corporate Secretary in advance of the Annual Meeting or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. However, if you hold shares in "street name," you may not vote shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you bring with you a legal proxy from the stockholder of record. Only the latest dated and properly executed or authorized proxy that you timely submit will be counted.

#### Could other matters be decided at the Annual Meeting?

The Board does not intend to bring any matter before the Annual Meeting other than those described in this Proxy Statement. If any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy, or their duly appointed substitutes acting at the Annual Meeting, will be authorized to vote or otherwise act in respect of any such matters in their discretion.

#### How do participants in our employee savings plans vote?

For participants in the PHH Corporation Employee Savings Plan and the PHH Home Loans, LLC Employee Savings Plan (the "Savings Plans") with shares of our common stock credited to their accounts, voting instructions for the trustees of the Savings Plans are also being solicited through this Proxy Statement. In accordance with the provisions of the Savings Plans, the respective trustees will vote shares of our common stock in accordance with instructions received from the plan participants to whose accounts such shares are credited. To the extent such instructions are not received prior to 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 1, 2012, the trustees of the Savings Plans will vote the shares with respect to which they have not

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received instructions proportionately in accordance with the votes received for shares which they have received instructions. Instructions given with respect to shares in accounts of the Savings Plans may be changed or revoked only in writing, and no such instructions may be revoked after 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 1, 2012. Participants in the Savings Plans are not entitled to vote in person at the Annual Meeting. If a participant in the Savings Plans has shares of our common stock credited to his or her account and also owns other shares of our common stock in registered form or through a bank, broker or other nominee, he or she should receive a separate proxy card or vote instruction form for shares credited to his or her account in the Savings Plans and any other shares that he or she owns. All such proxy cards and vote instruction forms should be completed, signed and returned to ensure that votes are cast for all shares owned either directly or beneficially.

#### What if I vote for some but not all of the proposals?

Shares of our common stock represented by proxies received by us (whether received through the return of the enclosed proxy card or received via telephone or the Internet) where the stockholder has provided voting instructions with respect to the proposals described in this Proxy Statement, including the Director Election Proposal, the Ratification of Auditors Proposal, and the Say on Pay Vote will be voted in accordance with the voting instructions so made. If your proxy card is properly executed and returned but does not contain voting instructions as to one or more of the proposals to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, or if you give your proxy by telephone or via the Internet without indicating how you want to vote on each of the proposals to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, your shares will be voted:

FOR the Director Election Proposal;

FOR the Ratification of Auditors Proposal;

FOR the Say on Pay Vote; and

At the discretion of the persons named in the enclosed proxy card or vote instruction form, on any other matter that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held in street name and you do not properly instruct your bank, broker or other nominee how to vote your shares, your bank, broker or other nominee may either use its discretion to vote your shares on matters deemed "routine" by the NYSE or may not vote your shares. For any matters deemed "non-routine" by the NYSE, your bank, broker or other nominee would not be able to vote your shares on such matters. We encourage you to provide instructions to your bank, broker or other nominee by carefully following the instructions provided to ensure that your shares are voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with your desires.

## Who will pay for the cost of this proxy solicitation?

We will pay the cost of soliciting proxies on behalf of our Board. Our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies on our behalf in person or by telephone, facsimile or electronically through the Internet, as described above. We have engaged Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") to assist us in the distribution and solicitation of proxies. We will also reimburse brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their expenses incurred in sending our proxy materials to beneficial owners of our common stock as of the record date.

#### Who will count and certify the vote?

Representatives of Broadridge will count the votes and certify the voting results. The voting results are expected to be published in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC within four business days following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

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#### How can I access the proxy materials and 2011 Annual Report electronically?

Copies of the Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and 2011 Annual Report, as well as other materials filed by us with the SEC, are available without charge to stockholders on our corporate website at www.phh.com or upon written request to PHH Corporation, Attention: Investor Relations, 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054. You can elect to receive future annual reports, proxy statements and other proxy materials electronically by marking the appropriate box on your proxy card or vote instruction form or by following the instructions provided if you vote by telephone or via the Internet.

Copies of our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Independence Standards for Directors, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Directors, Code of Conduct for employees and officers, and the charters of each standing committee of our Board, including our Audit Committee, Human Capital and Compensation Committee, Corporate Governance Committee, and Finance and Risk Management Committee, are also available without charge to stockholders on our corporate website at www.phh.com or upon written request to PHH Corporation, Attention: Investor Relations, 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054.

#### PROPOSAL 1 TO ELECT THREE CLASS I DIRECTORS

The Board has nominated Messrs. James O. Egan, Allan Z. Loren and Gregory J. Parseghian, currently Class I directors, for re-election at the Annual Meeting, each to serve as Class I directors until the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier death, retirement or resignation. Each nominee has consented to being named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected. Shares of our common stock represented by duly authorized proxies will be voted *FOR* Messrs. Egan, Loren and Parseghian, or any substitute nominee or nominees designated by the Board if, prior to the Annual Meeting, any nominee should become unable to serve, unless the Board determines to reduce the total number of directors in accordance with our Articles of Amendment and Restatement (as amended) (the "Charter") and amended and restated by-laws.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH DIRECTOR NOMINATED BY THE BOARD USING THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD OR VOTE INSTRUCTION FORM. UNLESS MARKED TO THE CONTRARY, PROPERLY EXECUTED PROXY CARDS RECEIVED BY US WILL BE VOTED "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH DIRECTOR NOMINATED BY THE BOARD.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Our Board currently consists of nine members. The principal occupations of, and certain other information regarding, each of the Class I director nominees and our other incumbent directors, as of April 27, 2012, are set forth below. During 2011, our Board held twenty-four meetings and each incumbent director and director nominee attended at least 90% of the meetings held by the Board during the period in which each such director served as a member of the Board. All directors are expected to attend each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, as well as each annual meeting of our stockholders (subject to certain limited exceptions). All of our directors that were serving as directors on June 8, 2011, attended the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on June 8, 2011.

Nominees to Serve as Class I Directors Term Expires in 2015

James O. Egan, 63, serves as our Non-Executive Chairman of the Board and has served as a director since March 30, 2009. Mr. Egan served as a Managing Director of Investcorp International, Inc., an alternative asset management firm specializing in private equity, hedge fund offerings and real estate and technology investments, from 1998 through 2008. Mr. Egan was the partner-in-charge, M&A Practice, U.S. Northeast Region for KPMG LLP from 1997 to 1998 and served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Riverwood International, Inc. from 1996 to 1997. Mr. Egan began his career with PricewaterhouseCoopers (formerly Coopers & Lybrand) in 1971 and served as partner from 1982 to 1996 and a member of the Board of Partners from 1995 to 1996. Mr. Egan possesses over forty years of business experience involving companies of varying sizes from start-ups to Fortune 500 public companies operating across numerous industries, including twenty-five years of public accounting experience having served as lead audit partner involved in the audits of annual financial statements of numerous public companies. He also has ten years of private equity experience working with portfolio companies in the US and Europe to create shareholder value. Mr. Egan also currently serves as a director of New York & Company, Inc. and privately-held Thermadyne Technologies Holdings, Inc. and Dots, LLC. Mr. Egan's broad business, strategic, operational, financial, and private equity experience led to a conclusion that it is appropriate that he be nominated to stand for re-election as a director.

Allan Z. Loren, 73, has served as a director since June 10, 2009. Mr. Loren currently serves as an Executive Coach to chief executive officers. He served as both Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dun & Bradstreet from 2000 through 2004 and as Chairman in 2005. Prior to joining Dun & Bradstreet, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer of American Express from 1994 to 2000, as President and Chief Executive Officer of Galileo International from 1991 to 1994, as President of Apple Computer USA from 1988 to 1990, and as Chief Information Officer of Apple Computer from 1987 to 1988. Mr. Loren was also the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Information Officer of Cigna from 1979 to 1987 and 1971 to 1987, respectively. He currently serves as a director of Iron Mountain Inc. and on the Board of Trustees of Queens College, City University of New York as a director. Mr. Loren previously served on the board of directors of Fair Isaac Corporation, Hershey Foods, Reynolds & Reynolds, U.S. Cellular, and Venator Group (currently known as Foot Locker, Inc.) Mr. Loren's operational, technological, executive coaching and leadership experience, including experience leading transformational change, led to a conclusion that it is appropriate that he be nominated to stand for re-election as a director.

*Gregory J. Parseghian*, 51, has served as a director since June 10, 2009. Mr. Parseghian is currently a private investor and, from September 2007 through December 2008, served as Director of Research for Brahman Capital. He has substantial experience in the financial and mortgage industries, having served in executive positions at First Boston Corp., BlackRock Financial Management and Salomon Brothers from 1982 through 1995. In 1996, Mr. Parseghian became Chief Investment Officer of Freddie Mac and served in that position until June 2003 at which time he was promoted by Freddie Mac's board of directors to

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serve as Chief Executive Officer until December 2003. He previously served on the board of directors of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund and The Langley School, both of which are non-profit organizations, and Everquest Financial, Ltd., a specialty finance holding company. Mr. Parseghian has had over twenty-five years of progressively increasing responsibility in the areas of investment banking, investment management and risk management. His background includes substantial involvement in the analysis, securitization and management of mortgage-backed securities. Mr. Parseghian's mortgage industry and risk management experience led to a conclusion that it is appropriate that he be nominated to stand for re-election as a director.

# Continuing Class II Directors Term Expires in 2013

Thomas P. (Todd) Gibbons, 55, has served as a director since July 1, 2011. Mr. Gibbons currently serves as a Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation and BNY Mellon, N.A. Mr. Gibbons served as Chief Risk Officer of BNY Mellon from July 2007 to July 2008. Prior to the merger of The Bank of New York with Mellon Financial Corporation, Mr. Gibbons served as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. from September 2006 until June 2007, and in various other capacities at The Bank of New York Company, Inc. since 1986. Mr. Gibbons currently serves on the Board of Managers of ConvergEx Holdings, LLC, is on the advisory board of Wake Forest University's Business School and is also on the board of the Summit Area YMCA. Mr. Gibbon's senior financial management and leadership experience in the financial services industry led to a conclusion that it is appropriate that he continue to serve as a director.

**Deborah M. Reif**, 59, has served as a director since April 1, 2010. Ms. Reif served most recently as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Equipment Services division of General Electric Company, a global transportation equipment enterprise, from 2006 through 2009 with responsibility for a global operating lease portfolio and a supply chain service strategy. From 2005 to 2006, Ms. Reif served as President of Digital Media of NBC Universal where she led the transformation of that operation to a digital business model. Prior to that, Ms. Reif served as Executive Vice President of Financial Structuring for NBC Universal where she led the assessment and restructuring of the Universal Theme Park portfolio from 2004 through 2005. From 2001 through 2004, she served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Financial Guaranty Insurance Company and earlier in her career, in various financial roles of increasing importance with GE Capital from 1971 through 2001. Ms. Reif's financial, risk management and relevant operational experience and leadership roles within a large, publicly-traded global enterprise led to a conclusion that it is appropriate that she continue to serve as a director.

Carroll R. Wetzel, Jr., 68, has served as a director since January 1, 2010. Mr. Wetzel also serves as a director of Exide Technologies, Inc. He previously served as Vice Chairman and lead director at Arch Wireless from 2001 through 2002; as non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Safety Components International from 2000-2005; as a director of Laidlaw International, Inc. from 2004 to 2007; as a director of Brink's Home Security Holdings, Inc. from 2008-2010; and as a director of The Brink's Company during 2008. Before that, he spent approximately 20 years working in investment banking and corporate finance. From 1988 to 1996, Mr. Wetzel served as head of the Merger and Acquisition Group at Chemical Bank and following its merger with Chase Manhattan Bank as co-head of the Merger and Acquisition Group and also previously served as a corporate finance officer at Dillon Read & Co., Inc. and Smith Barney. Mr. Wetzel's investment banking and financial services industry experience and his past service as a member of several other public company Board's led to a conclusion that it is appropriate that he continue to serve as a director.

Continuing Class III Directors Term Expires in 2014

James W. Brinkley, 75, has served as a director since January 31, 2005. In July 2009, Mr. Brinkley became Vice Chairman of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Global Wealth Management, effective with the new joint venture of Morgan Stanley and Smith Barney. In December 2005, Mr. Brinkley became Vice Chairman of Smith Barney's Global Private Client Group following Citigroup Inc.'s acquisition of Legg Mason Wood Walker, Incorporated ("LMWW"). Mr. Brinkley served as a director of Legg Mason, Inc., a holding company that, through its subsidiaries, provides financial services to individuals, institutions, corporations, governments and government agencies since its formation in 1981. Mr. Brinkley has served as a Senior Executive Vice President of Legg Mason, Inc. since December 1983. Mr. Brinkley became Chairman of LMWW, Legg Mason Inc.'s principal brokerage subsidiary, in February 2004. Mr. Brinkley previously served as LMWW's Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from July 2003 through February 2004, as its President from 1985 until July 2003 and as its Chief Operating Officer from February 1998 until July 2003. Mr. Brinkley is Chairman of the Mason School of Business Foundation Board of the College of William and Mary, the Founding Board Chair of Business Volunteers Unlimited of Maryland and a former Director of AARP Services Inc. and former Chairman of the Securities Industry Association. Mr. Brinkley's nearly five decades of senior management and leadership experience in the financial services industry, as well as his past contributions to the Board, led to a conclusion that it is appropriate that he continue to serve as a director. As previously disclosed, Mr. Brinkley has informed the Board of Directors of his intention to retire from the Board as of June 30, 2012.

Glen A. Messina, 50, has served as a director and as President and Chief Executive Officer since January 3, 2012. Mr. Messina served as our Chief Operating Officer from July 2011 to December 2011. Prior to joining PHH, Mr. Messina spent 17 years at General Electric Company ("GE") most recently as Chief Executive Officer of GE Chemical and Monitoring Solutions, a global water and process specialty chemicals services business, from 2008 until July 2011. Previously, Mr. Messina served as Chief Financial Officer of GE Water and Process Technologies from 2007 to 2008 and Chief Financial Officer of GE Equipment Services from 2002 to 2007. Prior thereto, Mr. Messina served in various other senior level positions at GE including, at GE Capital Mortgage Corporation, Chief Executive Officer from 1998 to 2000 and Chief Financial Officer from 1996 to 1998. Mr. Messina's position as our President and Chief Executive Officer and his operational and leadership experience led to a conclusion that it is appropriate that he continue to serve as a director.

Charles P. Pizzi, 61, has served as a director since January 26, 2012. Mr. Pizzi was a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia from 2006 through 2011 and served as its Chairman from 2010 through 2011. He served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Tasty Baking Company from 2002 until its merger with Flowers Foods, Inc. in 2011. From 1989 to 2002, Mr. Pizzi was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Pizzi currently serves on the boards of Brandywine Realty Trust, AlliedBarton Security Services LLC, Independence Blue Cross, and FS Energy and Power Fund. Mr. Pizzi holds a B.S. in Business Administration from LaSalle University and an M.S. from the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Pizzi's operational and leadership experience, including experience leading transformational change, led to a conclusion that it is appropriate that he continue to serve as a director.

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## **Independence of the Board of Directors**

Under the rules of the NYSE and the SEC, our Board is required to affirmatively determine which directors are independent and to disclose such determination in our annual report to stockholders and in our proxy statement for each annual meeting of stockholders. Our Board has reviewed each director's relationships with us in conjunction with our previously adopted categorical Independence Standards for Directors (the "Independence Standards") and Section 303A of the NYSE's Listed Company Manual (the "NYSE Listing Standards"). A copy of our categorical Independence Standards is available on our corporate website at www.phh.com under the heading "Investor Relations Corporate Governance." A copy of our Independence Standards is also available to stockholders upon request, addressed to the Corporate Secretary at 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, 08054. Based on the Board's review, our Board has affirmatively determined that each of our current non-employee directors and director nominees Messrs. Brinkley, Egan, Gibbons, Loren, Parseghian, Pizzi and Wetzel and Ms. Reif is independent within the meaning of our categorical Independence Standards and the NYSE Listing Standards and has no material relationship with us or any of our subsidiaries, either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us. Our Board has also determined that Mr. Messina, who serves as our Chief Executive Officer, is not an independent director. Accordingly, approximately 89% of our incumbent directors, representing more than two-thirds of our incumbent directors as required by our Corporate Governance Guidelines, are independent.

#### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The Board has a standing Audit Committee, Human Capital and Compensation Committee, Corporate Governance Committee, and Finance and Risk Management Committee. Each such committee consists solely of directors who have been affirmatively determined to be "independent" within the meaning of the NYSE Listing Standards and our Independence Standards. Each such committee operates pursuant to a written charter and a copy of each committee's charter is available on our corporate website at www.phh.com under the heading "Investor Relations Corporate Governance." A copy of each committee's charter is also available to stockholders upon request, addressed to the Corporate Secretary at 3000 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, 08054.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee assists our Board in the oversight of the integrity of our financial statements, our independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, the performance of our independent registered public accounting firm and our internal audit function, and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee is a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The Audit Committee also oversees our corporate accounting and reporting practices by:

meeting with our financial management and independent registered public accounting firm to review and discuss our financial statements, quarterly earnings releases and financial data, and internal controls over financial reporting;

appointing and pre-approving all services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm that will audit our financial statements:

reviewing the internal audit plan; and

reviewing the scope, procedures and results of our audits.

The Audit Committee is currently comprised of Messrs. Egan (Chair), Gibbons, Parseghian and Wetzel. Our Board has determined that Messrs. Egan and Gibbons qualify as "audit committee financial experts" within the meaning of applicable SEC rules and are independent directors under the Independence Standards and the NYSE Listing Standards. During 2011, the Audit Committee met ten times and each incumbent member of the Audit Committee attended at least 90% of the meetings held by the Audit Committee during the period in which each such member served as a member of the Audit Committee.

#### **Human Capital and Compensation Committee**

The Human Capital and Compensation Committee determines and approves all elements of compensation for our senior management and our Chief Executive Officer, whose compensation is subject to further approval by the Board; reviews and approves our compensation strategy, including the elements of total compensation for senior management; reviews and approves the annual bonus and long-term bonus incentive plans, and reviews and grants equity awards for our employees. The Human Capital and Compensation Committee also assists us in developing compensation and benefit strategies to attract, develop and retain qualified employees. See "Executive Compensation" for additional information regarding the process for the determination and consideration of executive compensation. The Human Capital and Compensation Committee is also responsible for reviewing and recommending to the Board the compensation of our non-employee directors. The Human Capital and Compensation Committee is currently comprised of Messrs. Loren (Chair), Brinkley and Pizzi and Ms. Reif. During 2011, the Human Capital and Compensation Committee met eighteen times and each incumbent member of the Human Capital and Compensation Committee attended at least 94% of the meetings held by the Human Capital

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and Compensation Committee during the period in which each such member served as a member of the Human Capital and Compensation Committee.

#### **Corporate Governance Committee**

The Corporate Governance Committee's responsibilities with respect to its governance function include considering matters of corporate governance and reviewing and revising our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Directors and our Code of Conduct for employees and officers. The Corporate Governance Committee identifies, evaluates and recommends nominees for our Board for each annual meeting (see "Corporate Governance Nomination Process and Qualifications for Director Nominees" below); evaluates the composition, organization and governance of our Board and its committees, and develops and recommends corporate governance principles and policies applicable to us. The Corporate Governance Committee is currently comprised of Messrs. Wetzel (Chair), Brinkley, Egan, Loren and Parseghian and Ms. Reif. During 2011, the Corporate Governance Committee met six times and each incumbent member of the Corporate Governance Committee attended at least 67% of the meetings held by the Corporate Governance Committee during the period in which each such member served as a member of the Corporate Governance Committee.

#### Finance and Risk Management Committee

The Finance and Risk Management Committee assists our Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to the assessment of our overall capital structure and its impact on the generation of appropriate risk adjusted returns, as well as the existence, operation and effectiveness of our risk management programs, policies and practices. The Finance and Risk Management Committee is currently comprised of Messrs. Parseghian (Chair) and Wetzel and Ms. Reif. During 2011, the Finance and Risk Management Committee met eight times and each incumbent member of the Finance and Risk Management Committee attended at least 88% of the meetings held by the Finance and Risk Management Committee.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### Board of Directors' Role in Risk Oversight

Our business and affairs are managed under the direction of the Board in accordance with our amended and restated by-laws. The role of the Board is one of oversight, including as to matters relating to risk management. Our management is responsible for managing our day-to-day operations and affairs, including the development and implementation of systems and processes to identify and monitor risks to the Company and policies and procedures to ensure that risks undertaken by the Company are consistent with our business objectives and risk tolerances. To assist it in fulfilling its oversight function, including as to matters related to risk management, the Board has established four standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Human Capital and Compensation Committee, the Corporate Governance Committee, and the Finance and Risk Management Committee. Each standing committee regularly reports to the Board and is responsible for risk oversight in connection with actions taken by such committee consistent with the exercise of fiduciary duties by the directors serving on such committee. Our risk management process is intended to ensure that our risks are undertaken knowingly and purposefully.

As noted above, the primary purpose of the Finance and Risk Management Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to the assessment of our overall capital structure and its impact on the generation of appropriate risk adjusted returns, as well as the existence, operation and effectiveness of our risk management programs, policies and practices, among other things. The Finance and Risk Management Committee regularly discusses with our management, including, among others, our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Risk Officer and Treasurer, risks facing the Company and management's plans and initiatives undertaken to mitigate such risks.

The Audit Committee charter provides that the Audit Committee is responsible for discussing our guidelines and policies governing the process by which we undertake risk assessment and risk management, including our major financial risk exposures and the steps our management has taken to monitor and control such exposures. Further, as part of our periodic reporting process, management reviews with the Audit Committee our disclosure process and the disclosures contained in our periodic reports filed with the SEC, including disclosure concerning our risk factors.

The Human Capital and Compensation Committee has focused on aligning our compensation policies with our long-term interests and avoiding short-term rewards for management decisions that could pose long-term risks to us as described in more detail below under "Executive Compensation." The Board's compensation risk governance includes the Human Capital and Compensation Committee consulting with the Board's Audit Committee and Finance and Risk Management Committee around compensation and risk. The Finance and Risk Management Committee reviews the risk factors each year, and reviews program changes for these factors, consistent with its Charter.

#### **Board Leadership Structure**

Since 2005, our Chairman of the Board has been an independent, non-employee director. The Chairman of the Board is elected by a majority vote of the directors. Currently, James O. Egan serves as our non-executive Chairman of the Board, a position he has held since June 17, 2009. Mr. Egan has served as a director and as Chair of the Audit Committee of the Board since March 30, 2009. Mr. Egan also serves as a member of the Corporate Governance Committee of the Board.

In his capacity as non-executive Chairman of the Board, Mr. Egan leads all meetings of our Board at which he is present, but does not serve as an employee or corporate officer. The non-executive Chairman of the Board serves on appropriate committees as requested by the Board, sets meeting schedules and agendas and manages information flow to the Board to assure appropriate understanding of, and discussion regarding matters of interest or concern to the Board. The non-executive Chairman of the

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Board also has such additional powers and performs such additional duties consistent with organizing and leading the actions of the Board as the Board may from time-to-time prescribe.

The decision to separate the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer was made at the time of our spin-off in early 2005. Although the Board does not currently have a policy requiring that the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer be separated, the Board continues to believe that it is appropriate for the Chairman of the Board to be an independent, non-employee director to ensure that the Board operates independently of management in the fulfillment of its oversight function and that the matters presented for consideration by the Board and its committees reflect matters of key importance to the Company and its stockholders as determined by the independent directors.

#### **Executive Sessions of Non-Management Directors**

Executive sessions of non-management directors are held regularly by the Board and its Committees without management present to discuss the criteria upon which the performance of the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives is based, the performance of the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives against such criteria, the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives and any other relevant matters. Our Board has designated Mr. Egan, our non-executive Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Audit Committee, as the presiding director of executive sessions of the non-management directors of the Board.

#### **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

The Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines to assist the Board in monitoring the effectiveness of decision-making, both at the Board and management levels and to enhance long-term stockholder value. The Corporate Governance Guidelines outline the following: