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**UNITED STATES
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Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 12b-25
NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING**

(Check one): Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q Form 10-D Form N-SAR
Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2007

Transition Report on
Form 10-K

Transition Report on
Form 20-F

Transition Report on
Form 11-K

Transition Report on
Form 10-Q

Transition Report on
Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period
Ended:

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Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION

FirstBank 401(k) Retirement Plan for Residents of Puerto Rico (Section 1165(e))

Full Name of Registrant

N/A

Former Name if Applicable

1519 Ponce De Leon Avenue

Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00908-0146

City, State and Zip Code

PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

(a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense

b (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and

(c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Registrant was unable to file its Annual Report on Form 11-K for the FirstBank 401(k) Retirement Plan for Residents of Puerto Rico (Section 1165(e)) (the Plan) for the period ended December 31, 2007 within the prescribed time period without unreasonable effort or expense due to unanticipated difficulties in the collection of necessary information from the Registrant's third-party servicer in a sufficient time to complete the Plan's financial statements and corresponding audit. Accordingly, the Registrant needs additional time to file complete and accurate financial statements required to be included in the Form 11-K. The Registrant expects to file the Form 11-K for the Plan on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date.

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PART IV OTHER INFORMATION

- (1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Pedro Romero
(Name)

(787)
(Area Code)

729-8255
(Telephone Number)

- (2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

- (3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

FirstBank 401(k) Retirement Plan for Residents of Puerto Rico (Section 1165(e))
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date July 1, 2008

By /s/ Pedro Romero

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief
Accounting Officer