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## POWER FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION ANNOUNCES LESLEY GARCIA-SUAREZ AS SVP/CHIEF LENDING OFFICER

**PEMBROKE PINES, Fla.** – (February 15, 2017) – Power Financial Credit Union is pleased to announce the appointment of **Lesley Garcia-Suarez** as Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer. In her new position, Garcia-Suarez will lead the Credit Union's loan operations and its consumer lending, commercial lending, and real estate lending teams.

Garcia-Suarez brings a rich and exhaustive background in sophisticated lending verticals to the position. She joined Power Financial Credit Union's Lending Team in June 2016 from Bluestone Financial Group, LLC, where she was Managing Director and Portfolio Manager overseeing a diversified loan portfolio of more than \$46 million.

"Since coming on board, Lesley helped fine-tune our commercial lending processes, grew the portfolio to more than \$41 million, and stepped in as acting Senior Vice President-Chief Lending Officer late last year," said Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Operations Officer Dr. David Tuyo in making the announcement. "We congratulate Lesley and look forward to many more extraordinary accomplishments in the coming years."

Prior to Bluestone Financial Group, Garcia-Suarez was VP-Operations and Portfolio Manager for Willow Capital Group, LLC, following various portfolio and credit management position with CU Business Capital, LLC (now Small Business America), Vesta Commercial Mortgage, Inc., and The International Bank of Miami, NA.

A resident of Pembroke Pines, FL, Garcia-Suarez earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Florida International University and her Master of Business Administration at Nova Southeastern University.

## **About Power Financial Credit Union**

Power Financial Credit Union is a community-based, member-owned financial institution that has been providing high-quality, family-based financial services to the South Florida community for 65 years. We hear you. Respect You. And treat you like family. Power Financial

Credit Union, which has been awarded a 5-Star Rating from BauerFinancial, Inc., the nation's top bank rating service, was named a 2016 "Top Workplace" by South Florida's *Sun Sentinel* and, for a third consecutive year in 2016, was ranked as one of *Credit Union Journal*'s "Best Credit Unions to Work For."

Following its merger with Ryder System Federal Credit Union in October 2016, Power Financial Credit Union serves more than 35,000 members with combined total assets approaching \$650 million and six branches and eight ATMs throughout South Florida, along with an ATM in Alpharetta, GA. The institution offers all the advanced products, services and tools of large banks, but with a unique, personalized, family friendly, community-centered focus. It also provides extensive electronic services to members, with 90% of all transactions conducted outside its branches. Additional information is available at <a href="https://www.powerfi.org">www.powerfi.org</a> or by calling 800.548.5465.