UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING FILE NO. 3-11780

In the Matter of Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P.,

Respondent.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION PLAN AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rule 1103 of the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("Commission") Rules on Fair Fund and Disgorgement Plans, 17 C.F.R. § 201.1103, that the Division of Enforcement has submitted to the Commission a proposed plan ("Distribution Plan") for the distribution of monies placed into a Fair Fund in the above-captioned matter. On December 22, 2004, in the above-captioned matter, the Commission issued an Order Instituting Administrative and Cease-and Desist Proceedings, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions and a Cease-and-Desist Order Pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Sections 15(b) and 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Order") (Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 8520, Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Release No. 50910). Among other things, the Commission's Order authorized and established the Fair Fund at issue.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Pursuant to this Notice, all interested parties are advised that they may print a copy of the proposed Distribution Plan from the Commission's public website, http://www.sec.gov/litigation/admin/2006/34-53660-pdp.pdf and Edward Jones' public website, <u>www.edwardjones.com</u>. Interested parties may also obtain a written copy of the proposed Distribution Plan by submitting a written request to Anne C. McKinley, United States Securities and Exchange Commission, 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 900, Chicago, Illinois 60604. All persons who desire to comment on the Distribution Plan may submit their comments, in writing, no later than May 17, 2006:

- to the Office of the Secretary, United States Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549-1090;
- by using the Commission's Internet comment form (<u>http://www.sec.gov/litigation/admin.shtml</u>); or
- by sending an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include the appropriate Administrative Proceeding File Number 3-11780 on the subject line.

THE DISTRIBUTION PLAN

The Distribution Plan provides for distribution of the disgorgement, prejudgment interest and civil penalties paid by Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. ("Edward Jones") in this matter to all eligible customers of Edward Jones who purchased shares of mutual funds from seven Preferred Mutual Fund Families that were available for sale by Edward Jones' registered representatives from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2004 ("Eligible Customers"). The seven Preferred Mutual Fund Families are: American Funds, Federated Investors, Goldman Sachs Group, Hartford Mutual Funds, Lord Abbett Funds, Putnam Investments and Van Kampen Investments. The Fair Fund consists of the \$75 million paid by Edward Jones plus any accumulated interest. As proposed in the Distribution Plan, if approved, eligible customers of Edward Jones would receive a *pro rata* share of the Fair Fund as calculated by Edward Jones and the Fair Fund administrator. The *pro rata* shares of the Fair Fund would be determined based on information contained in Edward Jones' records and audited by the Fair Fund administrator. Eligible customers would not need to go through a claims process.

For the Commission, by its Secretary, pursuant to delegated authority.

Nancy M. Morris Secretary