

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

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Report on Administrative Proceedings For Period April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010

Rule 900 of the Commission's Rule of Practice (17 CFR 201.900) requires the Commission's Secretary to issue a six-month status report on the Commission's administrative proceedings caseload.

The attached report identifies the number of matters pending before the administrative law judges and the Commission at the beginning of the six-month period; the number of matters instituted, filed, and disposed of during the period; and the number pending at the end of the period. For each category of decision, the report shows the median age of the matters at the time of decision and the number of matters decided within the guidelines in Rule 900 for the timely completion of adjudicatory proceedings or within the time specified in orders instituting proceedings for issuance of an initial decision, or any extension granted by the Commission. Finally, the report includes data from the previous two six-month periods.

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Matters Before the Administrative Law Judges

	4/1/2010- 9/30/2010	10/01/2009- 03/31/2010	04/01/2009- 09/30/2009
Number pending at start of period	39	33	25
New matters added during period	92	74	85
Subtotal	131	107	110
Dispositions:	84	68	77
Initial Decisions	10	5	16
Other dispositions (e.g., settlements, defaults) ¹	74	63	61
Total pending at end of period	47	39	33
Initial Decisions:	10	5	16
Median age at decision (days)	146	128	105
Number issued within guideline or specified time period	7	5	13

Matters Before the Commission

	4/1/2010- 9/30/2010	10/01/2009- 03/31/2010	04/01/2009- 09/30/2009
<u>Review of ALJ Matters²</u>			
Number pending at start of period	7	11	12
New matters added during period	7	4	4
Subtotal	14	15	16
Dispositions:	8	8	5
Opinions	5	6	5
Other dispositions (e.g., dismissals)	3	2	0
Total pending at end of period	6	7	11
Dispositions:			
Median age at decision (days)	266	407	211
Number decided within guideline ³	4	2	3

¹ Includes all proceedings disposed of other than by an initial decision, including default orders that dispose of the entire proceeding.

² May include review of initial decisions, review of other non-interlocutory ALJ matters, and matters on remand from the Courts of Appeals. Does not include review of ALJ matters where the review is being conducted by an Office other than the General Counsel.

³ Guideline for matters appealed 7/17/03 or later is seven months, or 11 months if the Commission determines that a matter presents unusual complicating circumstances.

Matters Before the Commission

	4/1/2010- 9/30/2010	10/01/2009- 03/31/2010	04/01/2009- 09/30/2009
<u>Review of Self-Regulatory Organization Decisions⁴</u>			
Number pending at start of period	12	10	12
New matters added during period	7	11	4
Subtotal	19	21	16
Dispositions:	10	9	6
Opinions	6	7	5
Other dispositions (e.g., dismissals, remands)	4	2	1
Total pending at end of period	9	12	10
Dispositions:			
Median age at decision (days)	206	225	266
Number decided within guidelines ⁵	6	4	2

	4/1/2010- 9/30/2010	10/01/2009- 03/31/2010	04/01/2009- 09/30/2009
<u>Miscellaneous Matters</u>			
Interlocutory Motions:			
Number pending at start of period	0	0	0
Number filed during period	0	0	0
Number decided during period	0	0	0
Total pending at end of period	0	0	0
Median age at decision (days)	0	0	0
Number decided within 45 days	0	0	0
Stay Requests:			
Number pending at start of period	0	0	0
Number filed during period	3	4	1
Number decided during period	3	4	1
Total pending at end of period	0	0	0
Median age at decision (days)	26	10	11
Number decided within guidelines ⁶	1	3	1

⁴ May include matters filed pursuant to Section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and matters filed pursuant to Section 105(e) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

⁵ Guideline for matters appealed 7/17/03 or later is seven months, or 11 months if the Commission determines that a matter presents unusual complicating circumstances.

⁶ Guideline is either five days or 45 days from the date for opposing the motion, depending on the effective date of the order requested to be stayed.