SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. PA-46; File No. S7-20-11]

**Privacy Act of 1974:** Systems of Records.

**AGENCY**: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice to establish three new systems of records and revise two existing systems of

records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5

U.S.C. 552a, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") proposes to

establish three new systems of records and revise two existing systems of records. The three

new systems of records are "Tips, Complaints, and Referrals (TCR) Records (SEC-63)", "SEC

Security in the Workplace Incident Records (SEC-64), and "Investor Response Information

System (IRIS) (SEC-65)." In a companion release published elsewhere in this issue of the

Federal Register the Commission is issuing a Proposed Rule concurrent with this notice.

Additionally, two existing systems of records are being revised: "Personnel Management Code

of Conduct and Employee Performance Files (SEC-38)", last published in the Federal Register

Volume 62, Number 176 on Thursday, September 11, 1997; and "Enforcement Files (SEC-42)",

last published in the Federal Register Volume 67, Number 142 on Wednesday, July 24, 2002.

**DATES**: The proposed systems will become effective July 3, 2011, unless further notice is given.

The Commission will publish a new notice if the effective date is delayed to review comments

or if changes are made based on comments received. To be assured of consideration, comments

should be received on or before June 23, 2011.

**ADDRESSES**: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

## **Electronic Comments:**

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number S7-20-11 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments:

Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number S7-20-11. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml). Comments are also available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cristal Perpignan, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Information Technology, 202-551-7716.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission proposes to establish three new systems of records, "Tips, Complaints, and Referrals (TCR) Records (SEC-63)", "SEC Security in the Workplace Incident Records (SEC-64)", and "Investor Response Information System (IRIS) (SEC-65)." The TCR Records (SEC-63) system of records contains records related to tips, complaints, referrals of misconduct, or related information about actual or potential violations of the federal securities laws; investor harm; conduct of public companies; securities

professionals; regulated entities; and associated persons. The SEC Security in the Workplace Incident Records (SEC-64) system of records contains records related to reports involving incidents of assault, harassment, intimidation, bullying, weapons possession or threats at the SEC workplace. The IRIS (SEC-65) system of records contains records related to complaints/inquiries/requests from members of the public and others. In a companion release published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register the Commission is issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concurrent with this notice to exempt these systems from certain provisions of the Privacy Act to the extent that they contain investigatory materials for law enforcement purposes.

Additionally, the Commission proposes to revise two existing systems of records, "Personnel Management Code of Conduct and Employee Performance Files (SEC-38)", and "Enforcement Files (SEC-42)". As described in the last published notice, the Personnel Management Code of Conduct and Employee Performance Files (SEC-38) system is used to verify employee and agency compliance with law, regulation, case decisions, agency policies, and the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Minor administrative changes to SEC-38 have been incorporated to reflect the Commission's current address in the following sections: System Location; and Notification, Access and Contesting Records Procedures. Substantive changes to the notice have been made to the following sections: (1) System Name, reflecting the new title: "Disciplinary and Adverse Actions, Employee Conduct, and Labor Relations Files"; (2) Categories of Records, deleting records no longer maintained in this system; and (3) Routine Uses, adding certain standard routine uses as applicable to this system of records (those numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9). On September 8, 2009 (74 FR 46254), the Commission published notice that records related to the Ethics Conduct Rules applicable to Commission

Members and employees, including reports on securities transactions, holdings, and accounts required by applicable Federal securities laws and regulations, which were previously contained in SEC-38, would be maintained in a new systems of records titled: Ethics Conduct Rules Files (SEC-60). The Categories of Records Section of SEC-38 has been revised to reflect the removal of these records.

As described in the last published notice, the Enforcement Files (SEC-42) system will be used for purposes of the Commission's investigations and actions to enforce the federal securities laws. Additionally, the information in the system is used in conjunction with the collection of amounts ordered to be paid in enforcement actions. Minor administrative changes to SEC-42 have been incorporated to reflect the Commission's current address in the following sections: System Location; and Notification, Access and Contesting Records Procedures. A substantive change to the notice has been made to the Routine Uses section to allow disclosure of records in the event of a breach of records.

The Commission has submitted a report of the new systems of records and the amended existing systems of records to the appropriate Congressional committees and to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) (Privacy Act of 1974) and guidelines issued by OMB on December 12, 2000 (65 FR 77677).

Accordingly, the Commission is proposing three new systems of records and amendment of two existing systems of records to read as follows:

## **SEC-63**

### **SYSTEM NAME:**

Tips, Complaints, and Referrals (TCR) Records.

## **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Files may also be maintained in the Commission's Regional Offices that conducted an investigation or litigation.

## CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

(1) Individuals that submit tips, complaints, or related information about actual or potential violations of the federal securities laws; investor harm; conduct of public companies, securities professionals, regulated entities, and associated persons; and internal and external referrals of misconduct; (2) Individuals that are the subjects of a tip or complaint related to an actual or potential securities law violation; (3) Attorneys or other related individuals; and (4) SEC personnel or contractors assigned to handle such tips, complaints, and referrals.

## CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records may include individual names; dates of birth; social security numbers; addresses; telephone numbers; tip, complaint, and referral information including allegation descriptions, dates, and supporting details; supporting documentation; web forms; e-mails; criminal history; working papers of the staff; and other documents and records relating to the matter.

## **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

15 U.S.C. 77a et seq., 78a et seq., 80a-1 et seq., 80b-1 et seq., and 5 U.S.C. 302.

## **PURPOSE(S):**

For use by authorized SEC personnel in receiving, recording, assigning, tracking, and taking action on tips, complaints, and referrals received from individuals and entities related to actual or potential violations of the federal securities laws; investor harm; or conduct of public companies, securities professionals, regulated entities and associated persons.

## ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the Commission as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 a(b)(3) as follows:

- 1. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) it is suspected or confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (b) the SEC has determined that, as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise, there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the SEC or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the SEC's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.
- 2. To other federal, state, local, or foreign law enforcement agencies; securities self-regulatory organizations; and foreign financial regulatory authorities to assist in or coordinate regulatory or law enforcement activities with the SEC.
- 3. To national securities exchanges and national securities associations that are registered with the SEC, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; the federal banking authorities, including, but not limited to, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

- state securities regulatory agencies or organizations; or regulatory authorities of a foreign government in connection with their regulatory or enforcement responsibilities.
- 4. By SEC personnel for purposes of investigating possible violations of, or to conduct investigations authorized by, the federal securities laws.
- 5. In any proceeding where the federal securities laws are in issue or in which the Commission, or past or present members of its staff, is a party or otherwise involved in an official capacity.
- 6. In connection with proceedings by the Commission pursuant to Rule 102(e) of its Rules of Practice, 17 CFR 201.102(e).
- 7. To a bar association, state accountancy board, or other federal, state, local, or foreign licensing or oversight authority; or professional association or self-regulatory authority to the extent that it performs similar functions (including the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board) for investigations or possible disciplinary action.
- 8. To a federal, state, local, tribal, foreign, or international agency, if necessary to obtain information relevant to the SEC's decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the issuance of a security clearance; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit.
- 9. To a federal, state, local, tribal, foreign, or international agency in response to its request for information concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the issuance of a security clearance; the reporting of an investigation of an employee; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.
- 10. To produce summary descriptive statistics and analytical studies, as a data source for management information, in support of the function for which the records are collected and

- maintained or for related personnel management functions or manpower studies; may also be used to respond to general requests for statistical information (without personal identification of individuals) under the Freedom of Information Act.
- 11. To any trustee, receiver, master, special counsel, or other individual or entity that is appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as a result of an agreement between the parties in connection with litigation or administrative proceedings involving allegations of violations of the federal securities laws (as defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)) or pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 CFR 201.100 900 or the Commission's Rules of Fair Fund and Disgorgement Plans, 17 CFR 201.1100-1106, or otherwise, where such trustee, receiver, master, special counsel, or other individual or entity is specifically designated to perform particular functions with respect to, or as a result of, the pending action or proceeding or in connection with the administration and enforcement by the Commission of the federal securities laws or the Commission's Rules of Practice or the Rules of Fair Fund and Disgorgement Plans.
- 12. To any persons during the course of any inquiry, examination, or investigation conducted by the SEC's staff, or in connection with civil litigation, if the staff has reason to believe that the person to whom the record is disclosed may have further information about the matters related therein, and those matters appeared to be relevant at the time to the subject matter of the inquiry.
- 13. To interns, grantees, experts, contractors, and others who have been engaged by the Commission to assist in the performance of a service related to this system of records and who need access to the records for the purpose of assisting the Commission in the efficient administration of its programs, including by performing clerical, stenographic, or data

- analysis functions, or by reproduction of records by electronic or other means. Recipients of these records shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a.
- 14. In reports published by the Commission pursuant to authority granted in the federal securities laws (as such term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), which authority shall include, but not be limited to, section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78u(a)).
- 15. To members of advisory committees that are created by the Commission or by Congress to render advice and recommendations to the Commission or to Congress, to be used solely in connection with their official designated functions.
- 16. To any person who is or has agreed to be subject to the Commission's Rules of Conduct, 17 CFR 200.735-1 to 200.735-18, and who assists in the investigation by the Commission of possible violations of the federal securities laws (as such term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), in the preparation or conduct of enforcement actions brought by the Commission for such violations, or otherwise in connection with the Commission's enforcement or regulatory functions under the federal securities laws.
- 17. To a Congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual.
- 18. To members of Congress, the press, and the public in response to inquiries relating to particular Registrants and their activities, and other matters under the Commission's jurisdiction.

- 19. To prepare and publish information relating to violations of the federal securities laws as provided in 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), as amended.
- 20. To respond to subpoenas in any litigation or other proceeding.
- 21. To a trustee in bankruptcy.
- 22. To members of Congress, the General Accountability Office, or others charged with monitoring the work of the Commission or conducting records management inspections.

## POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

## **STORAGE:**

Records are maintained in electronic and paper format. Electronic records are stored in computerized databases and/or on computer disc. Paper records and records on computer disc are stored in locked file rooms and/or file cabinets.

## **RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records may be retrieved by an individual's or entity's name, receipt date, subject matter, keywords that may include personal information, and/or other personal identifier. The system will also enable authorized SEC personnel to search for and retrieve records using conventional methods including but not limited to the use of unique record identifiers, keyword searches, geographic data (e.g. zip code), date and time searches, and sorts and filters.

### **SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are safeguarded in a secured environment. Buildings where records are stored have security cameras and 24 hour security guard service. The records are kept in limited access areas during duty hours and in locked file cabinets and/or locked offices or file rooms at all other times. Access is limited to those personnel whose official duties require access. Computerized

records are safeguarded through use of access codes and information technology security.

Contractors and other recipients providing services to the Commission are contractually obligated to maintain equivalent safeguards.

## **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

These records will be maintained until they become inactive, at which time they will be retired or destroyed in accordance with records schedules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration.

## **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Deputy Director, Division of Risk, Strategy, and Financial Innovation, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549

## **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

All requests to determine whether this system of records contains a record pertaining to the requesting individual may be directed to the FOIA/PA Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

## **RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Persons wishing to obtain information on the procedures for gaining access to or contesting the contents of these records may contact the FOIA/PA Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

## **CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See Record Access Procedures above.

### **RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in these records may be supplied by investors and the general public, Commission-regulated entities including broker-dealers, investment advisers, self-regulatory organizations, other government agencies, and foreign regulators.

## **EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

Under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), this system of records is exempted from the following provisions of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f) and 17 CFR 200.303, 200.304, and 200.306, insofar as it contains investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes. This exemption is contained in 17 CFR 200.312(a)(1).

## **SEC-64**

## **SYSTEM NAME:**

SEC Security in the Workplace Incident Records.

## **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549.

## CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Past and present employees, interns, and volunteers of the Securities and Exchange Commission (employees), contractors, visitors, and others who have access to SEC facilities who report potential or actual workplace violence; persons accused of threatening to commit, or committing workplace violence, and persons interviewed or investigated in connection with reports or allegations of potential or actual workplace violence.

## CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

These records include, but are not limited to: Case number, victim's name, office telephone number, room number, office/division, duty station, position, supervisor, supervisor's telephone number, location of incident, activity at time of incident, circumstances surrounding the incident,

perpetrator, name(s) and telephone number(s) of witness(es), injured party(s), medical treatment(s), medical report, property damages, report(s) to police, and related information needed to investigate violence, threats, harassment, intimidation, or other inappropriate behavior causing SEC employees, contractors, or other individuals to fear for their personal safety in the SEC workplace.

## **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 U.S.C. 7902(d) and (e).

## **PURPOSE(S):**

The records are used by SEC personnel to take action on, or to respond to a complaint about a threat, harassment, intimidation, violence, or other inappropriate behavior involving one or more SEC employees, contractors, interns, or other individuals against an SEC employee; and to make assessments of violent or potentially violent situations and then make recommendations regarding interventions for those persons involved with the situations.

## ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed as follows:

1. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) it is suspected or confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (b) the SEC has determined that, as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise, there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the SEC or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and (c) the disclosure

- made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the SEC's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.
- 2. When a person or property is harmed, or when threats of harm to a person or property are reported, disclosure will be made, as appropriate, to law enforcement authorities, medical treatment authorities, and those persons being threatened or harmed.
- 3. To other federal, state, local, or foreign law enforcement agencies; securities self-regulatory organizations; and foreign securities authorities to assist in or coordinate regulatory or law enforcement activities with the SEC.
- 4. To a bar association, a state accountancy board, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or any similar federal, state, or local licensing authority for possible disciplinary action.
- 5. To a federal, state, local, tribal, foreign, or international agency, if necessary to obtain information relevant to the SEC's decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the issuance of a security clearance; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit.
- 6. To a federal, state, local, tribal, foreign, or international agency in response to its request for information concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the issuance of a security clearance; the reporting of an investigation of an employee; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.
- 7. To produce summary descriptive statistics and analytical studies, as a data source for management information, in support of the function for which the records are collected and

- maintained or for related personnel management functions or manpower studies; may also be used to respond to general requests for statistical information (without personal identification of individuals) under the Freedom of Information Act.
- 8. To any persons during the course of any inquiry, examination, or investigation conducted by the SEC's staff, or in connection with civil litigation, if the staff has reason to believe that the person to whom the record is disclosed may have further information about the matters related therein, and those matters appeared to be relevant at the time to the subject matter of the inquiry.
- 9. To interns, grantees, experts, contractors, and others who have been engaged by the Commission to assist in the performance of a service related to this system of records and who need access to the records for the purpose of assisting the Commission in the efficient administration of its programs, including by performing clerical, stenographic, or data analysis functions, or by reproduction of records by electronic or other means. Recipients of these records shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a.
- 10. To members of advisory committees that are created by the Commission or by Congress to render advice and recommendations to the Commission or to Congress, to be used solely in connection with their official designated functions.
- 11. To any person who is or has agreed to be subject to the Commission's Rules of Conduct, 17 CFR 200.735-1 to 200.735-18, and who assists in the investigation by the Commission of possible violations of the federal securities laws (as such term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), in the preparation or conduct of enforcement actions brought by the Commission for such violations, or otherwise in

- connection with the Commission's enforcement or regulatory functions under the federal securities laws.
- 12. To a Congressional office in response to an inquiry from that Congressional office made at the request of the individual to whom the record pertains.
- 13. To respond to subpoenas in any litigation or other proceeding.
- 14. To members of Congress, the Government Accountability Office, or others charged with monitoring the work of the Commission or conducting records management inspections.

# POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM: STORAGE:

Records are maintained in electronic and paper format. Electronic records are stored in computerized databases and/or on computer disc in accordance with all appropriate laws. Paper records are stored in locked file rooms and/or file cabinets.

## **RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are retrieved by name or case designation (those who reported a violent or potentially violent event and those who were reported), event date, and event location.

## **SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are safeguarded in a secured environment. Buildings where records are stored have security cameras and 24 hour security guard service. Access is limited to those personnel whose official duties require access. Paper records are maintained in limited access areas during duty hours and in locked file cabinets and/or locked offices or file rooms at all other times.

Computerized records are safeguarded through use of access codes and information technology security.

## **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

These records will be maintained until they become inactive, at which time they will be retired or destroyed in accordance with records schedules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration.

## **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Chief, SEC Security Branch, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100

## **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

All requests to determine whether this system of records contains a record pertaining to the requesting individual may be directed to the FOIA/PA Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

## **RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:**

Persons wishing to obtain information on the procedures for gaining access to or contesting the contents of these records may contact the FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

## **CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See Record Access Procedures above.

## **RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Records source is from individuals who report potential or actual workplace security incidents, and reports made on individuals interviewed or investigated in connection with allegations of potential or actual workplace security incidents.

### **EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

Under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), this system of records is exempted from the following provisions of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f) and 17 CFR

200.303, 200.304, and 200.306, insofar as it contains investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes. This exemption is contained in 17 CFR 200.312(a)(1).

## **SEC-65**

## **SYSTEM NAME:**

Investor Response Information System (IRIS).

## **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Also, records covered by Subsystem A are received by and maintained in the Commission's Regional Offices, whose addresses are listed below under System Manager(s) and Address.

## CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

## **Subsystem A:**

Records are maintained on members of the public and others who submit inquiries or make complaints to the Commission, generally, or to Divisions and Offices of the Commission or who contact the Office of Investor Education and Advocacy (OIEA) or the Commission's Regional Offices.

## **Subsystem B:**

Records are maintained on members of the public, members of Congress or their staff, and others who address their inquiries or complaints to the Commission's Chairman or the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

## **Subsystem C:**

Records are maintained on members of the public who submit requests for copies of, or review of records accessible through the Commission's Public Reference Room.

## **Subsystem D:**

Computerized records are comprised of data collected in all of the above subsystems.

## CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Both electronic and paper records in this system/subsystems may contain the name of the complainant/inquirer/requester or their representative, the name of the entity and/or subject of the complaint/inquiry/request, the date relating to the receipt and disposition of the complaint/inquiry/request and, where applicable, the type of complaint/inquiry/request and other information derived from or relating to the complaint/inquiry/request. Paper records may include, but are not limited to, letters of complaint/inquiry/request, responses, and related documentation.

## **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

15 U.S.C. 77s, 77sss, 78d, 78d-1, 78d-2, 78w, 78ll(d), 79t, 80a-37, and 80b-11.

## **PURPOSE(S):**

The records will be used by the staff to track and process complaints/inquiries/requests from members of the public and others.

## ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the Commission as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 a(b)(3) as follows:

1. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) it is suspected or confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (b) the SEC has determined that, as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise, there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security

or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the SEC or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the SEC's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

- 2. To other federal, state, local, or foreign law enforcement agencies; securities self-regulatory organizations; and foreign financial regulatory authorities to assist in or coordinate regulatory or law enforcement activities with the SEC.
- 3. To national securities exchanges and national securities associations that are registered with the SEC, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; the federal banking authorities, including, but not limited to, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; state securities regulatory agencies or organizations; or regulatory authorities of a foreign government in connection with their regulatory or enforcement responsibilities.
- 4. By SEC personnel for purposes of investigating possible violations of, or to conduct investigations authorized by, the federal securities laws.
- 5. In any proceeding where the federal securities laws are in issue or in which the Commission, or past or present members of its staff, is a party or otherwise involved in an official capacity.
- 6. In connection with proceedings by the Commission pursuant to Rule 102(e) of its Rules of Practice, 17 CFR 201.102(e).
- 7. To a bar association, state accountancy board, or other federal, state, local, or foreign licensing or oversight authority; or professional association or self-regulatory authority to the

- extent that it performs similar functions (including the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board) for investigations or possible disciplinary action.
- 8. To a federal, state, local, tribal, foreign, or international agency, if necessary to obtain information relevant to the SEC's decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the issuance of a security clearance; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit.
- 9. To a federal, state, local, tribal, foreign, or international agency in response to its request for information concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the issuance of a security clearance; the reporting of an investigation of an employee; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.
- 10. To produce summary descriptive statistics and analytical studies, as a data source for management information, in support of the function for which the records are collected and maintained or for related personnel management functions or manpower studies; may also be used to respond to general requests for statistical information (without personal identification of individuals) under the Freedom of Information Act.
- 11. To any trustee, receiver, master, special counsel, or other individual or entity that is appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as a result of an agreement between the parties in connection with litigation or administrative proceedings involving allegations of violations of the federal securities laws (as defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)) or pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 CFR 201.100 900 or the Commission's Rules of Fair Fund and Disgorgement Plans, 17 CFR 201.1100-1106, or otherwise, where such trustee, receiver, master, special

- counsel, or other individual or entity is specifically designated to perform particular functions with respect to, or as a result of, the pending action or proceeding or in connection with the administration and enforcement by the Commission of the federal securities laws or the Commission's Rules of Practice or the Rules of Fair Fund and Disgorgement Plans.
- 12. To any persons during the course of any inquiry, examination, or investigation conducted by the SEC's staff, or in connection with civil litigation, if the staff has reason to believe that the person to whom the record is disclosed may have further information about the matters related therein, and those matters appeared to be relevant at the time to the subject matter of the inquiry.
- 13. To interns, grantees, experts, contractors, and others who have been engaged by the Commission to assist in the performance of a service related to this system of records and who need access to the records for the purpose of assisting the Commission in the efficient administration of its programs, including by performing clerical, stenographic, or data analysis functions, or by reproduction of records by electronic or other means. Recipients of these records shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a.
- 14. In reports published by the Commission pursuant to authority granted in the federal securities laws (as such term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), which authority shall include, but not be limited to, section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78u(a)).
- 15. To members of advisory committees that are created by the Commission or by Congress to render advice and recommendations to the Commission or to Congress, to be used solely in connection with their official designated functions.

- 16. To any person who is or has agreed to be subject to the Commission's Rules of Conduct, 17 CFR 200.735-1 to 200.735-18, and who assists in the investigation by the Commission of possible violations of the federal securities laws (as such term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), in the preparation or conduct of enforcement actions brought by the Commission for such violations, or otherwise in connection with the Commission's enforcement or regulatory functions under the federal securities laws.
- 17. To a Congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual.
- 18. To members of Congress, the press, and the public in response to inquiries relating to particular Registrants and their activities, and other matters under the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 19. To prepare and publish information relating to violations of the federal securities laws as provided in 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), as amended.
- 20. To respond to subpoenas in any litigation or other proceeding.
- 21. To a trustee in bankruptcy.
- 22. To members of Congress, the General Accountability Office, or others charged with monitoring the work of the Commission or conducting records management inspections.
- 23. To respond to inquiries from individuals who have submitted complaints/inquiries/request, or from their representatives.
- 24. To entities against which complaints/inquiries/requests are directed when Commission staff requests them to research the issues raised and report back to the staff.

## POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

### STORAGE:

Records are maintained in electronic and paper format. Electronic records are stored in computerized databases and/or on computer disc. Paper records and records on computer disc are stored in file rooms and/or file cabinets, as well as off-site locations including the Federal Records Center, pursuant to applicable record retention guidelines.

## **RETRIEVABILITY:**

By use of the computerized records in Subsystem D, the files (both paper and electronic) in Subsystems A, B, and C are retrievable by the name, receipt date, name of the registered representative or associated person named in the complaint/inquiry/request, or the name of the entity/issuer that is the subject of the complaint/inquiry/request.

## **SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are safeguarded in a secured environment. Buildings where records are stored have security cameras and 24 hour security guard service. The records are kept in limited access areas during duty hours and in file cabinets and/or offices or file rooms at all other times.

Computerized records are safeguarded through use of access codes and information technology security. Contractors and other recipients providing services to the Commission are contractually obligated to maintain equivalent safeguards.

## **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

These records will be maintained until they become inactive, at which time they will be retired or destroyed in accordance with records schedules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration.

## **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Subsystem A: Chief Counsel, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549; New York Regional Office, Regional Director, 3 World Financial Center, Suite 400, New York, NY 10281-1022; Boston Regional Office, Regional Director, 33 Arch Street, 23rd Floor, Boston, MA 02110-1424; Philadelphia Regional Office, Regional Director, The Mellon Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Suite 2000, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532; Miami Regional Office, Regional Director, 801 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1800, Miami, FL 33131-4901, Atlanta Regional Office, Regional Director, 3475 Lenox Road, NE, Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30326-1232; Chicago Regional Office, Regional Director, 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60604-2908; Denver Regional Office, Regional Director, 1801 California Street, Suite 1500, Denver, CO 80202-2656; Fort Worth Regional Office, Regional Director, Burnett Plaza, Suite 1900, 801 Cherry Street, Unit #18, Fort Worth, TX 76102-6882; Salt Lake Regional Office, Regional Director, 15 West South Temple Street, Suite 1800, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1573; Los Angeles Regional Office, Regional Director, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, 11th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90036-3648; San Francisco Regional Office, Regional Director, 44 Montgomery Street, Suite 2600, San Francisco, CA 94104-4716. **Subsystem B**: Office of the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. **Subsystem C:** Records Officer, Office of Records Management Services, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, Subsystem D: Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, Operations Center, Mail Stop 0-4, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312.

## **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

All requests to determine whether this system of records contains a record pertaining to the requesting individual may be directed to the FOIA/PA Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

## **RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Persons wishing to obtain information on the procedures for gaining access to or contesting the contents of these records may contact the FOIA/PA Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

## **CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See Record access procedures above.

## **RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information collected in all subsystems is received from individuals primarily through letters, telephone calls, or personal visits to the Commission's offices.

## **EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

Under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), this system of records is exempted from the following provisions of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f) and 17 CFR 200.303, 200.304, and 200.306, insofar as it contains investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes. This exemption is contained in 17 CFR 200.312(a)(1).

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## **SYSTEM NAME:**

Disciplinary and Adverse Actions, Employee Conduct, and Labor Relations Files.

## **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Human Resources100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-3990.

## CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Present and former SEC employees.

## CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system of records includes information in the following categories of records: (a)

Disciplinary and adverse action cases, regulatory appeal files, grievances and complaints relating to an employee, union issues (including collective bargaining documents and dues withholding forms), leave bank/transfer date, and third party complaints; (b) Investigatory materials gathered in connection with the individual's initial appointment to the agency as well as materials gathered in connection with investigations into allegations of employee misconduct.

## **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 U.S.C. §1302 & §2951 and 17 C.F.R. § 200.735-13

## **PURPOSE(S):**

Assigned staff uses records to verify employee and agency compliance with law, regulation, case decisions, agency policies, and the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

## ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the Commission as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 a(b)(3) as follows:

1. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) it is suspected or confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (b) the SEC has determined that, as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise, there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security

or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the SEC or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the SEC's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

- 2. To other federal, state, local, or foreign law enforcement agencies; securities self-regulatory organizations; and foreign financial regulatory authorities to assist in or coordinate regulatory or law enforcement activities with the SEC.
- 3. In any proceeding where the human resources law or regulations are in issue or in which the Commission, or past or present members of its staff, is a party or otherwise involved in an official capacity.
- 4. To a federal, state, local, tribal, foreign, or international agency, if necessary to obtain information relevant to the SEC's decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the issuance of a security clearance; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit.
- 5. To produce summary descriptive statistics and analytical studies, as a data source for management information, in support of the function for which the records are collected and maintained or for related personnel management functions or manpower studies; may also be used to respond to general requests for statistical information (without personal identification of individuals) under the Freedom of Information Act.
- 6. To any persons during the course of any inquiry, examination, or investigation conducted by the SEC's staff, or in connection with civil litigation, if the staff has reason to believe that the person to whom the record is disclosed may have further information about the matters

- related therein, and those matters appeared to be relevant at the time to the subject matter of the inquiry.
- 7. To interns, grantees, experts, contractors, and others who have been engaged by the Commission to assist in the performance of a service related to this system of records and who need access to the records for the purpose of assisting the Commission in the efficient administration of its programs, including by performing clerical, stenographic, or data analysis functions, or by reproduction of records by electronic or other means. Recipients of these records shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a.
- 8. To a Congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual.
- 9. To members of Congress, the Government Accountability Office, or others charged with monitoring the work of the Commission or conducting records management inspections.
- 10. To a commercial contractor in connection with benefit programs administered by the contractor on the Commission's behalf, including, but not limited to, supplemental health, dental, disability, life and other benefit programs.

# POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM: STORAGE:

Records are maintained in electronic and paper format. Electronic records are stored in computerized databases and/or on computer disc. Paper records and records on computer disc are stored in locked file rooms and/or file cabinets.

## **RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are indexed and retrieved by employee name or assigned ID.

## **SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are safeguarded in a secured environment. Buildings where records are stored have security cameras and 24 hour security guard service. The records are kept in limited access areas during duty hours and in locked file cabinets and/or locked offices or file rooms at all other times. Access is limited to those personnel whose official duties require access. Computerized records are safeguarded through use of access codes and information technology security. Contractors and other recipients providing services to the Commission are contractually obligated to maintain equivalent safeguards.

## **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

These records will be maintained until they become inactive, at which time they will be retired or destroyed in accordance with records schedules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration.

## **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Associate Executive Director, Office of Human Resources, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-3990.

## **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

All requests to determine whether this system of records contains a record pertaining to the requesting individual may be directed to the FOIA/PA Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:** 

Persons wishing to obtain information on the procedures for gaining access to or contesting the

contents of these records may contact the FOIA/PA Officer, Securities and Exchange

Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:** 

See Record access procedures above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:** 

Employees, managers, union officials.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:** 

Under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), this system of records is exempted from the following provisions of

the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f) and 17 CFR

200.303, 200.304, and 200.306, insofar as it contains investigatory materials compiled to

determine an individual's suitability, eligibility, and qualifications for Federal civilian

employment or access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such

material would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the Government

under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or, prior to

September 27, 1975, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in

confidence. This exemption is contained in 17 CFR 200.312(b)(1).

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**SYSTEM NAME:** 

Enforcement Files.

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## **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Files may also be maintained in the Commission's Regional Offices that conducted an investigation or litigation, or at a records management company under contract with the Commission. Closed investigatory files are stored at a federal records center.

## CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Records are maintained on persons who have been involved in Commission investigations or litigation, or in activities which violated or may have violated federal, state or foreign laws relating to transactions in securities, the conduct of securities business or investment advisory activities, and banking or other financial activities.

## CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records contain names and addresses of persons involved in Commission investigations or litigation. Also, correspondence relevant to the matter, internal staff memoranda, Commission Minutes and Commission Orders, copies of subpoenas issued in the course of the matter, affidavits, transcripts of testimony and exhibits thereto, copies of pleadings and exhibits in related private or governmental actions, documents and other evidence obtained in the course of the matter, computerized records, working papers of the staff and other documents and records relating to the matter, opening reports, progress reports and closing reports, and miscellaneous records relating to investigations or litigation.

## **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

15 U.S.C. 77s, 77t, 78u, 77uuu, 80a-41, and 80b-9. 17 CFR 202.5.

## **PURPOSE(S):**

The records are maintained for purposes of the Commission's investigations and actions to enforce the federal securities laws. Additionally, the information in the system is used in conjunction with the collection of amounts ordered to be paid in enforcement actions, a function that is a necessary component of litigation.

## ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the Commission as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 a(b)(3) as follows:

- 1. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) it is suspected or confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (b) the SEC has determined that, as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise, there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the SEC or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the SEC's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.
- 2. To other federal, state, local, or foreign law enforcement agencies; securities self-regulatory organizations; and foreign financial regulatory authorities to assist in or coordinate regulatory or law enforcement activities with the SEC.

- 3. To national securities exchanges and national securities associations that are registered with the SEC, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; the federal banking authorities, including, but not limited to, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; state securities regulatory agencies or organizations; or regulatory authorities of a foreign government in connection with their regulatory or enforcement responsibilities.
- 4. By SEC personnel for purposes of investigating possible violations of, or to conduct investigations authorized by, the federal securities laws.
- 5. In any proceeding where the federal securities laws are in issue or in which the Commission, or past or present members of its staff, is a party or otherwise involved in an official capacity.
- 6. In connection with proceedings by the Commission pursuant to Rule 102(e) of its Rules of Practice, 17 CFR 201.102(e).
- 7. To a bar association, state accountancy board, or other federal, state, local, or foreign licensing or oversight authority; or professional association or self-regulatory authority to the extent that it performs similar functions (including the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board) for investigations or possible disciplinary action.
- 8. To a federal, state, local, tribal, foreign, or international agency, if necessary to obtain information relevant to the SEC's decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the issuance of a security clearance; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit.
- 9. To a federal, state, local, tribal, foreign, or international agency in response to its request for information concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the issuance of a security

- clearance; the reporting of an investigation of an employee; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.
- 10. To produce summary descriptive statistics and analytical studies, as a data source for management information, in support of the function for which the records are collected and maintained or for related personnel management functions or manpower studies; may also be used to respond to general requests for statistical information (without personal identification of individuals) under the Freedom of Information Act.
- 11. To any trustee, receiver, master, special counsel, or other individual or entity that is appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as a result of an agreement between the parties in connection with litigation or administrative proceedings involving allegations of violations of the federal securities laws (as defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)) or pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 CFR 201.100 900 or the Commission's Rules of Fair Fund and Disgorgement Plans, 17 CFR 201.1100-1106, or otherwise, where such trustee, receiver, master, special counsel, or other individual or entity is specifically designated to perform particular functions with respect to, or as a result of, the pending action or proceeding or in connection with the administration and enforcement by the Commission of the federal securities laws or the Commission's Rules of Practice or the Rules of Fair Fund and Disgorgement Plans.
- 12. To any persons during the course of any inquiry, examination, or investigation conducted by the SEC's staff, or in connection with civil litigation, if the staff has reason to believe that the person to whom the record is disclosed may have further information about the matters

- related therein, and those matters appeared to be relevant at the time to the subject matter of the inquiry.
- 13. To interns, grantees, experts, contractors, and others who have been engaged by the Commission to assist in the performance of a service related to this system of records and who need access to the records for the purpose of assisting the Commission in the efficient administration of its programs, including by performing clerical, stenographic, or data analysis functions, or by reproduction of records by electronic or other means. Recipients of these records shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a.
- 14. In reports published by the Commission pursuant to authority granted in the federal securities laws (as such term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), which authority shall include, but not be limited to, section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78u(a)).
- 15. To members of advisory committees that are created by the Commission or by Congress to render advice and recommendations to the Commission or to Congress, to be used solely in connection with their official designated functions.
- 16. To any person who is or has agreed to be subject to the Commission's Rules of Conduct, 17 CFR 200.735-1 to 200.735-18, and who assists in the investigation by the Commission of possible violations of the federal securities laws (as such term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), in the preparation or conduct of enforcement actions brought by the Commission for such violations, or otherwise in connection with the Commission's enforcement or regulatory functions under the federal securities laws.

- 17. To a Congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual.
- 18. To members of Congress, the press, and the public in response to inquiries relating to particular Registrants and their activities, and other matters under the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 19. To prepare and publish information relating to violations of the federal securities laws as provided in 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47)), as amended.
- 20. To respond to subpoenas in any litigation or other proceeding.
- 21. To a trustee in bankruptcy.
- 22. To any governmental agency, governmental or private collection agent, consumer reporting agency or commercial reporting agency, governmental or private employer of a debtor, or any other person, for collection, including collection by administrative offset, federal salary offset, tax refund offset, or administrative wage garnishment, of amounts owed as a result of Commission civil or administrative proceedings.

## DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

When the Commission seeks to collect a debt arising from a civil action or administrative proceeding, it may disclose the following information to a consumer reporting agency: (i) information necessary to establish the identity of the debtor, including name, address and taxpayer identification number or social security number; (ii) the amount, status, and history of the debt; and (iii) the fact that the debt arose from a Commission action or proceeding to enforce the federal securities laws.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

## **STORAGE:**

Records are maintained in electronic and paper format. Electronic records are stored in computerized databases and/or on computer disc. Paper records and records on computer disc are stored in locked file rooms and/or file cabinets.

## **RETRIEVABILITY:**

The records are retrieved by the name under which the investigation is conducted or administrative or judicial litigation is filed. Access to information about an individual may be obtained through the Commission's Name-Relationship Search Index system by the name of the individual. Information concerning an individual may also be obtained by reference to computer-based indices maintained by the Division of Enforcement.

## **SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are safeguarded in a secured environment. Buildings where records are stored have security cameras and 24 hour security guard service. The records are kept in limited access areas during duty hours and in locked file cabinets and/or locked offices or file rooms at all other times. Access is limited to those personnel whose official duties require access. Computerized records are safeguarded through use of access codes and information technology security. Contractors and other recipients providing services to the Commission are contractually obligated to maintain equivalent safeguards.

## **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

These records will be maintained until they become inactive, at which time they will be retired or destroyed in accordance with records schedules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration.

## **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-0801; Records Officer, Office of Records Management Services, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549; New York Regional Office, Regional Director, 3 World Financial Center, Suite 400, New York, NY 10281-1022; Boston Regional Office, Regional Director, 33 Arch Street, 23rd Floor, Boston, MA 02110-1424; Philadelphia Regional Office, Regional Director, The Mellon Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532; Miami Regional Office, Regional Director, 801 Brickell Ave., Suite 1800, Miami, FL 33131, Atlanta Regional Office, Regional Director, 3475 Lenox Road, N.E., Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30326-1232; Chicago Regional Office, Regional Director, 175 W. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60604; Denver Regional Office, Regional Director, 1801 California Street, Suite 1500, Denver, CO 80202-2656; Fort Worth Regional Office, Regional Director, Burnett Plaza, Suite 1900, 801 Cherry Street, Unit 18, Fort Worth, TX 76102; Salt Lake Regional Office, Regional Director, 15 W. South Temple Street, Suite 1800, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; Los Angeles Regional Office, Regional Director, 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, 11th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90036-3648; San Francisco Regional Office, Regional Director, 44 Montgomery Street, Suite 2600, San Francisco, CA 94104.

## **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

All requests to determine whether this system of records contains a record pertaining to the requesting individual may be directed to the FOIA/PA Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

## **RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Persons wishing to obtain information on the procedures for gaining access to or contesting the contents of these records may contact the FOIA/PA Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-5100.

## **CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See Record Access Procedures above.

## **RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in these records is supplied by: Individuals including, where practicable, those to whom the information relates; witnesses, banks, corporations, or other entities; self-regulatory organizations; the Postal Inspection Service, the Department of Justice, state securities commissions, other Federal, state, or local bodies and law enforcement agencies or foreign governmental authorities; public sources, i.e., libraries, newspapers, television, radio, court records, filings with Federal, state, and local bodies; filings made with the SEC pursuant to law; electronic information sources; other offices within the Commission; documents, litigation, transcripts of testimony, evidence introduced into court, orders entered by a court and correspondence relating to litigation; pleadings in administrative proceedings, transcripts of testimony, documents, including evidence entered in such proceedings, and miscellaneous other sources.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:** 

Under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), this system of records is exempted from the following provisions of

the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f) and 17 CFR

200.303, 200.304, and 200.306, insofar as it contains investigatory materials compiled for law

enforcement purposes. This exemption is contained in 17 CFR 200.312(a)(1).

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy

Secretary

Date: May 18, 2011

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