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LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
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TO: Department of Market Regulation
NASD

RE: FSC Securities Corporation, Respondent
Broker-Dealer
CRD No. 7461

Pursuant to Rule 9216 of NASD Code of Procedure, FSC Securities Corporation (the "firm") submits this Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") for the purpose of proposing a settlement of the alleged rule violations described in Part II below. This AWC is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, NASD will not bring any future actions against the firm alleging violations based on the same factual findings.

The firm understands that:

1. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by NASD's Department of Market Regulation and National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC") Review Subcommittee or Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to NASD Rule 9216;
2. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will not be used as evidence to prove any of the allegations against the firm; and
3. If accepted:
 - a. this AWC will become part of the firm's permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by NASD or any other regulator against the firm;
 - b. this AWC will be made available through NASD's public disclosure program in response to public inquiries about the firm's disciplinary record;
 - c. NASD may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with NASD Rule 8310 and IM-8310-3; and
 - d. The firm may not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise,

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denying, directly or indirectly, any finding in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. Nothing in this provision affects the firm's testimonial obligations or right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which NASD is not a party.

The firm also understands that its experience in the securities industry and disciplinary history may be factors that will be considered in deciding whether to accept this AWC. That experience and history are as follows:

The firm has been a member of NASD since August 22, 1977 and its registration remains in effect. The firm has no relevant prior disciplinary history.

I.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

The firm specifically and voluntarily waives the following rights granted under NASD's Code of Procedure:

- A. To have a Formal Complaint issued specifying the allegations against the firm;
- B. To be notified of the Formal Complaint and have the opportunity to answer the allegations in writing;
- C. To defend against the allegations in a disciplinary hearing before a hearing panel, to have a written record of the hearing made and to have a written decision issued; and
- D. To appeal any such decision to the NAC and then to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and a U.S. Court of Appeals.

Further, the firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim bias or prejudgment of the General Counsel, the NAC, or any member of the NAC, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including acceptance or rejection of this AWC.

The firm further specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that a person violated the ex parte prohibitions of Rule 9143 or the separation of functions prohibitions of Rule 9144, in connection with such person's or body's participation in discussions regarding the terms and conditions of this AWC, or other consideration of this AWC, including its acceptance or rejection.

II.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

In 20050014029, staff of NASD's Department of Market Regulation ("staff") reviewed the firm's compliance with NASD's Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine ("TRACE") rules applicable to trade reporting during the period January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005 ("review period").

- A. The firm hereby accepts and consents, without admitting or denying the findings, and solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any other proceeding brought by or on behalf of NASD, or to which NASD is a party, prior to a hearing and without an adjudication of any issue of law or fact, to the entry of the following findings by NASD:
1. The firm failed to report to TRACE 446 transactions in TRACE-eligible securities executed on a business day during TRACE system hours within 30 minutes of the time of execution. These late transactions constituted approximately 69 percent of all transactions in TRACE-eligible securities that the firm was required to report to TRACE during the review period. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of NASD Marketplace Rule 6230(a) and a pattern or practice of late reporting without exceptional circumstances in violation of NASD Conduct Rule 2110.
 2. The firm's supervisory system did not provide for supervision reasonably designed to achieve compliance with respect to the applicable securities laws and regulations, and the Rules of NASD concerning TRACE reporting. Specifically, the firm's supervisory system did not include written supervisory procedures providing for: (1) the identification of the person(s) responsible for supervision with respect to the applicable rules; (2) a statement of the supervisory step(s) to be taken by the identified person(s); (3) a statement as to how often such person(s) should take such step(s); and (4) a statement as to how the completion of the step(s) included in the written supervisory procedures should be documented. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes a violation of NASD Conduct Rules 2110 and 3010.
- B. The firm also consents to the imposition, at a maximum, of the following sanctions:

A censure and fine of \$12,500.

The sanctions imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by NASD staff.

III.

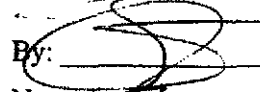
OTHER MATTERS

- A. The firm understands that it may attach a Corrective Action Statement to this AWC that is a statement of demonstrable corrective steps taken to prevent future misconduct. The firm understands that it may not deny the charges or make any statement that is inconsistent with the AWC in this Statement. This Statement does not constitute factual or legal findings by NASD, nor does it reflect the views of NASD or its staff.
- B. The firm agrees to pay any monetary sanctions imposed on it upon notice that this AWC has been accepted and that such payments are due and payable, and has attached an Election of Payment form showing the method by which the firm proposes to pay any fine imposed.
- C. The firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that the firm is unable to pay, now or at any time hereafter, any monetary sanction imposed in this matter.

The firm certifies that it has read and understands all of the provisions of this AWC and has been given a full opportunity to ask questions about it, and that no offer, threat, inducement, or promise of any kind, other than the terms set forth herein, has been made to induce the firm to submit it.

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Date

Respondent
FSC Securities Corporation

By: 
Name: JOSEPH B. GRUBER

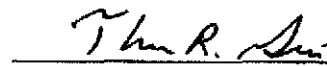
Title: PRESIDENT

Reviewed by:

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Counsel for Respondent
Ethan H. Cohen
Schiff Hardin LLP

Accepted by NASD:

7/10/07
Date


Thomas R. Gira
Executive Vice President
Department of Market Regulation

Signed on behalf of the Director of
ODA, by delegated authority

This Corrective Action Statement is submitted by FSC Securities Corporation. It does not constitute factual or legal findings by NASD, nor does it reflect the views of NASD, or its staff.

To: Department of Enforcement
NASD

From: FSC Securities Corporation, Member
CRD No. 7461

FSC Securities Corporation ("FSC") submits this Statement of Corrective Action in support of the attached Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") regarding NASD Review No. 20050014029 involving compliance with NASD's Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine ("TRACE") rules applicable to trade reporting during the period January 1, 2005, through March 31, 2005. This Statement outlines the demonstrable steps taken to address the matters that resulted in the issuance of the AWC.

FSC has cooperated fully with NASD in its investigation at all times. FSC remains committed to undertaking and fulfilling its regulatory and compliance obligations, including the continued enhancement of its systems and processes relating to applicable TRACE rules. FSC previously updated its supervisory procedures to reasonably ensure compliance with applicable TRACE rules, and, in addition to these corrective measures, FSC also took steps to focus its internal controls and procedures to reflect FSC's commitment to remaining compliant with applicable TRACE rules.

FSC believes that the corrective action outlined above demonstrates the efforts by FSC to prevent future occurrences of the matters noted in the AWC. FSC appreciates the opportunity to present this Statement of Corrective Action and requests that it be considered in determining whether the AWC should be accepted.

FSC Securities Corporation

By: 

Joseph B. Gruber
President and CEO

June 8, 2007.

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