

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, WAIVER AND CONSENT
NO. 20110285105-01**

TO: Department of Market Regulation
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA")

RE: OFS Securities, Inc., (n/k/a Oriental Financial Services Corp.), Respondent
Broker-Dealer
CRD No. 39615 (now CRD No. 29753)

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216 of FINRA's Code of Procedure, OFS Securities, Inc. ("TCMC" or the "firm") submits this Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent ("AWC") for the purpose of proposing a settlement of the alleged rule violations described below. This AWC is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, FINRA will not bring any future actions against the firm alleging violations based on the same factual findings described herein.

I.

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT

- 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 FINRA, or to which FINRA 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 FINRA:

BACKGROUND

TCMC became registered as a member of FINRA on March 5, 1996. On January 22, 2013, the firm changed its primary business name from BBVA Securities of Puerto Rico, Inc. to OFS Securities, Inc. On August 1, 2013, OFS Securities, Inc. merged with and into Oriental Financial Services Corp. (CRD No. 29753). Oriental Financial Services Corp. has been registered as a FINRA member since January 4, 1993, and its registration remains in effect.

RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

The firm has no relevant disciplinary history.

FACTS AND VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

In Market Regulation Review No. 20110285105, the staff of the Department of Market Regulation's Fixed Income Section conducted a review of TCMC's compliance with Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") Rules G-17 and G-30 in connection with the firm's fair pricing of municipal bond transactions during the review period January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011. The staff also reviewed the firm's written supervisory procedures in this area.

1. During the review period, in eight pairs of transactions, the firm purchased municipal securities for its own account from a customer and/or sold municipal securities for its own account to a customer at an aggregate price (including any mark-down or mark-up) that was not fair and reasonable, taking into consideration all relevant factors, including the best judgment of the broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer as to the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transaction and of any securities exchanged or traded in connection with the transaction, the expense involved in effecting the transaction, the fact that the broker, dealer, or municipal securities dealer is entitled to a profit, and the total dollar amount of the transaction. The transactions are identified on Exhibit A which is attached. The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes separate and distinct violations of MSRB Rules G-17 and G-30(a).
2. During the review period, the firm failed to enforce its written supervisory procedures with respect to fair pricing of municipal securities transactions with customers. Specifically, the firm's written supervisory procedures provided that it was the firm's "policy not to permit a markup, mark-down or commission in excess of 3%." The conduct described in this paragraph constitutes a violation of MSRB Rule G-27.

- B. The firm also consents to the imposition, at a maximum, of the following sanctions:

A censure and fine of \$40,569.65 (consisting of a fine of \$33,069.65 for violations of MSRB Rules G-17 and G-30(a), and \$7,500 for violation of MSRB Rule G-27), plus restitution of \$13,277.86 to the customers referenced on Exhibit A, plus interest at the rate set forth in Section 6621(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 6621(a)(2), from the date of the violative conduct until the date this AWC is accepted by the National Adjudicatory Council ("NAC"). A registered principal of the firm

shall submit satisfactory proof of payment of the restitution, or of reasonable and documented efforts undertaken to effect restitution, to the COMPLIANCE ASSISTANT, LEGAL SECTION, MARKET REGULATION DEPARTMENT, 9509 KEY WEST AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 or in an e-mail from a work-related account of the registered principal to MarketRegulationComp@finra.org, no later than 120 days after acceptance of this AWC. If for any reason, Respondent cannot locate any customer after reasonable and documented efforts within such period, or such additional period agreed to by the staff, Respondent shall forward any undistributed restitution and interest to the appropriate escheat, unclaimed-property or abandoned-property fund for the state in which the customer is known to have last resided

The firm agrees to pay the monetary sanctions upon notice that this AWC has been accepted and that such payments are due and payable. It has submitted an Election of Payment form showing the method by which it proposes to pay the fine imposed.

The firm specifically and voluntarily waives any right to claim that it is unable to pay, now or at any time hereafter, the monetary sanction(s) imposed in this matter. The sanctions imposed herein shall be effective on a date set by FINRA staff.

II.

WAIVER OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

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

- A. To have a Complaint issued specifying the allegations against the firm;
- B. To be notified of the 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 FINRA Rule 9143 or the separation of functions prohibitions of FINRA 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.

III.

OTHER MATTERS

The firm understands that:

- A. Submission of this AWC is voluntary and will not resolve this matter unless and until it has been reviewed and accepted by the NAC, a Review Subcommittee of the NAC, or the Office of Disciplinary Affairs ("ODA"), pursuant to FINRA Rule 9216;
- B. If this AWC is not accepted, its submission will not be used as evidence to prove any of the allegations against the firm; and
- C. If accepted:
 - 1. this AWC will become part of the firm's permanent disciplinary record and may be considered in any future actions brought by FINRA or any other regulator against the firm;
 - 2. this AWC will be made available through FINRA's public disclosure program in response to public inquiries about the firm's disciplinary record;
 - 3. FINRA may make a public announcement concerning this agreement and the subject matter thereof in accordance with FINRA Rule 8313; and
 - 4. The firm may not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any finding in this AWC or create the impression that the AWC is without factual basis. The firm may not take any position in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of FINRA, or to which FINRA is a party, that is inconsistent with any part of this AWC. Nothing in this provision affects the firm's: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which FINRA is not a party.
- D. The firm 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 FINRA, nor does it reflect the views of FINRA or its staff.

The undersigned, on behalf of the firm, certifies that a person duly authorized to act on its behalf has read and understands all of the provisions of this AWC and has been given a full opportunity to ask questions about it; that it has agreed to the AWC's provisions voluntarily; and that no offer, threat, inducement, or promise of any kind, other than the terms set forth herein and the prospect of avoiding the issuance of a Complaint, has been made to induce the firm to submit it.

11.13.13
Date

Respondent
OFS Securities, Inc.
(n/k/a Oriental Financial Services Corp.)

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

January 7, 2014
Date

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Exhibit A
Review No. 20110285105

Item No.	Date	CUSIP	Issue	Quantity	Contra 1	Trade 1 Time	Trade 1 Price	Firm	Contra 2*	Trade 2 Time	Trade 2 Price	Mark-up	Restitution
1	02/02/2011	74529JHT5	PUERTO RICO SALES TAX	\$350,000	B-D (S)	12:22:46	21.518	TCMC	C (B)	12:22:46	22.768	5.81%	\$609.35
2	02/23/2011	74529JLP8	PUERTO RICO SALES TAX FINANCING CORP CAP APPREC	\$500,000	B-D (S)	10:18:33	17.215	TCMC	C (B)	10:18:33	18.465	7.26%	\$1,946.25
3	02/24/2011	745220ES8	PUERTO RICO COMWLTH INFRASTRUCTURE FING AUTH	\$70,000	B-D (S)	9:37:03	14.998	TCMC	C (B)	9:37:03	16.248	8.33%	\$350.07
4	03/03/2011	74529JLQ6	PUERTO RICO SALES TAX FINANCING CORP CAP APPREC	\$100,000	B-D (S)	13:26:56	15.477	TCMC	C (B)	13:26:56	16.727	8.08%	\$476.15
5	03/21/2011	745220EV1	PUERTO RICO COMWLTH INFRASTRUCTURE FING AUTH	\$575,000	B-D (S)	10:06:09	8.837	TCMC	C (B)	10:06:09	9.837	11.32%	\$3,209.36
6	03/21/2011	745220EW9	PUERTO RICO COMWLTH INFRASTRUCTURE FING AUTH	\$165,000	B-D (S)	9:55:12	8.119	TCMC	C (B)	9:55:12	9.119	12.32%	\$980.18
7	03/21/2011	745220EW9	PUERTO RICO COMWLTH INFRASTRUCTURE FING AUTH	\$500,000	B-D (S)	14:36:21	8.650	TCMC	C (B)	14:36:21	9.650	11.56%	\$2,837.50
8	3/25/2011	745220EW9	PUERTO RICO COMWLTH INFRASTRUCTURE FING AUTH	\$500,000	B-D (S)	12:06:20	8.524	TCMC	C (B)	12:06:20	9.524	11.73%	\$2,869.00
Total Restitution													\$13,277.86
* C (S) indicates a customer selling to the firm; and C (B) indicates a customer buying from the firm.													