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§ 800.218 Lead agency.

The term lead agency means an agency designated by the Chairperson of the Committee to have primary responsibility, on behalf of the Committee, for the specific activity for which the Chairperson designates it as a lead agency, including all or a portion of a review, an investigation, or the negotiation or monitoring of a mitigation agreement or condition.

§ 800.219 Parent.

(a) The term parent means a person who or which directly or indirectly:

(1) Holds or will hold at least 50 percent of the outstanding voting interest in an entity; or

(2) Holds or will hold the right to at least 50 percent of the profits of an entity, or has or will have the right in the event of the dissolution to at least 50 percent of the assets of that entity.

(b) Any entity that meets the conditions of paragraphs (a)(1) or (2) of this section with respect to another entity (i.e., the intermediate parent) is also a parent of any other entity of which the intermediate parent is a parent.

Example 1. Corporation P holds 50 percent of the voting interest in Corporations R and S. Corporation R holds 40 percent of the voting interest in Corporation X; Corporation S holds 50 percent of the voting interest in Corporation Y, which in turn holds 50 percent of the voting interest in Corporation Z. Corporation P is a parent of Corporations R, S, Y, and Z, but not of Corporation X. Corporation S is a parent of Corporation Y and Z, and Corporation Y is a parent of Corporation Z.

Example 2. Corporation A holds warrants which when exercised will entitle it to vote 50 percent of the outstanding shares of Corporation B. Corporation A is a parent of Corporation B.

§ 800.220 Party or parties to a transaction.

The terms party to a transaction and parties to a transaction mean:

(a) In the case of an acquisition of an ownership interest in an entity, the person acquiring the ownership interest, and the person from which such ownership interest is acquired, without regard to any person providing brokerage or underwriting services for the transaction;

(b) In the case of a merger, the surviving entity, and the entity or entities that are merged into that entity as a result of the transaction;

(c) In the case of a consolidation, the entities being consolidated, and the new consolidated entity;

(d) In the case of a proxy solicitation, the person soliciting proxies, and the person who issued the voting interest;

(e) In the case of the acquisition or conversion of convertible voting instruments, the issuer and the person holding the convertible voting instruments; and

(f) In the case of any other type of transaction, any person who is in a role comparable to that of a person described in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

§ 800.221 Person.

The term person means any individual or entity.

§ 800.222 Section 721.


§ 800.223 Solely for the purpose of passive investment.

Ownership interests are held or acquired solely for the purpose of passive investment if the person holding or acquiring such interests does not plan or intend to exercise control, does not possess or develop any purpose other than passive investment, and does not take any action inconsistent with holding or acquiring such interests solely for the purpose of passive investment. (See §800.302(b).)

Example. Corporation A, a foreign person, acquires a voting interest in Corporation B, a U.S. business. In addition to the voting interest, Corporation A negotiates the right to appoint a member of Corporation B’s Board of Directors. The acquisition by Corporation A of a voting interest in Corporation B is not solely for the purpose of passive investment.

§ 800.224 Transaction.

The term transaction means a proposed or completed merger, acquisition, or takeover. It includes:

(a) The acquisition of an ownership interest in an entity.