

p.m., Monday through Friday. The Board also relies on railroad labor groups and employers for assistance in keeping

railroad personnel informed about its benefit programs.

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Denver, CO	Suite 3300, 1999 Broadway, 80202-5737	Louis E. Austin	303-844-0800
Philadelphia, PA	Suite 304, 900 Market St., 19107-4228	Richard D. Baird	215-597-2647

Electronic Access Railroad Retirement Board information is available electronically through the Internet, at www.rrb.gov.

Employment Inquiries and applications for employment should be directed to the Bureau of Human Resources, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2092. Phone, 312-751-4580. Fax, 312-751-7164.

Congressional and Legislative Assistance Congressional offices making inquiries regarding constituents' claims should contact the Office of Public Affairs, Congressional Inquiry Section. Phone, 312-751-4974. Fax, 312-751-7154. For information regarding legislative matters, contact the Office of Legislative Affairs,

Suite 500, 1310 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20005-3004. Phone, 202-272-7742. Fax, 202-272-7728. E-mail, ola@rrb.gov.

Publications General information pamphlets on benefit programs may be obtained from the Board's field offices or Chicago headquarters. Requests for annual reports or statistical data should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs at the Chicago headquarters. Phone, 312-751-4776. Fax, 312-751-7154. E-mail, opa@rrb.gov.

Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) The Board provides TDD services. Phone, 312-751-4701 for beneficiary inquiries or 312-751-4334 for equal opportunity inquiries.

For further information, contact the Office of Public Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2092. Phone, 312-751-4776. E-mail, opa@rrb.gov. Internet, www.rrb.gov.

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The Securities and Exchange Commission administers Federal securities laws that seek to provide protection for investors; to ensure that securities markets are fair and honest; and, when necessary, to provide the means to enforce securities laws through sanctions.

The Securities and Exchange Commission was created under authority of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a-78jj) and was organized on July 2, 1934. The Commission serves as adviser to United States district courts in connection with reorganization proceedings for debtor corporations in which there is a substantial public interest. The Commission also has certain responsibilities under section 15 of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 286k-1) and section 851(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 851(e)).

The Commission is vested with quasi-judicial functions. Persons aggrieved by its decisions in the exercise of those functions have a right of review by the United States courts of appeals.

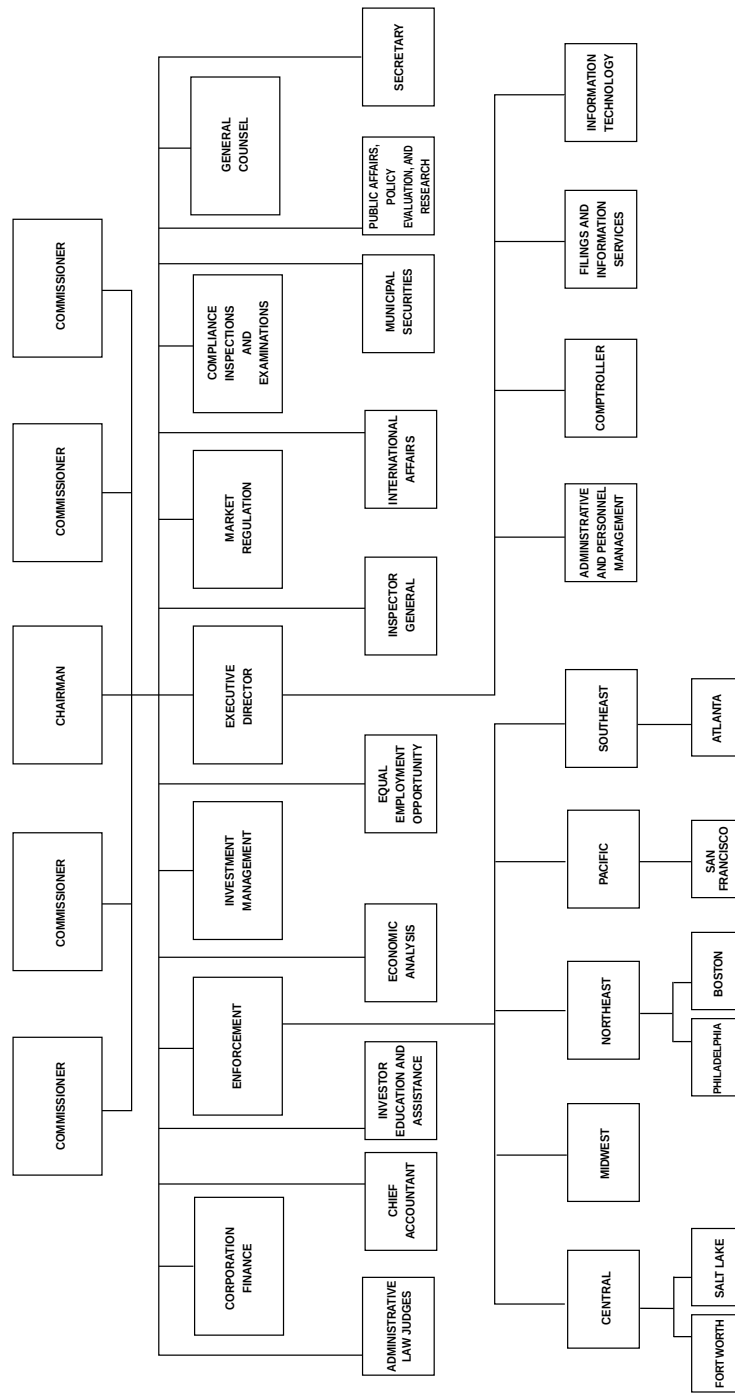
Activities

Full and Fair Disclosure The Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) requires issuers of securities and their controlling

persons making public offerings of securities in interstate commerce or through the mails to file with the Commission registration statements containing financial and other pertinent data about the issuer and the securities being offered. There are limited exemptions, such as government securities, nonpublic offerings, and intrastate offerings, as well as certain offerings not exceeding \$1.5 million. The effectiveness of a registration statement may be refused or suspended after a public hearing if the statement contains material misstatements or omissions, thus barring sale of the securities until it is appropriately amended.

Regulation of Companies Controlling Utilities The Commission regulates the purchase and sale of securities and assets by companies in electric and gas utility holding company systems, their intrasystem transactions and service, and management arrangements. It limits holding companies to a single coordinated utility system and requires

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simplification of complex corporate and capital structures and elimination of unfair distribution of voting power among holders of system securities.

The purchase and sale of utility properties and other assets may not be made in contravention of rules, regulations, or orders of the Commission regarding the consideration to be received, maintenance of competitive conditions, fees and commissions, accounts, disclosure of interest, and similar matters. In passing upon proposals for reorganization, merger, or consolidation, the Commission must be satisfied that the objectives of the act generally are complied with and that the terms of the proposal are fair and equitable to all classes of securities holders affected.

Regulation of Investment Advisers

Persons who, for compensation, engage in the business of advising others with respect to securities must register with the Commission. The Commission is authorized to define what practices are considered fraudulent or deceptive and to prescribe means to prevent those practices.

Regulation of Mutual Funds and Other Investment Companies

The Commission registers investment companies and regulates their activities to protect investors. The regulation covers sales load, management contracts, composition of boards of directors, and capital structure. The Commission must also determine the fairness of various transactions of investment companies before these actually occur.

The Commission may institute court action to enjoin the consummation of mergers and other plans of reorganization of investment companies if such plans are unfair to securities holders. It also may impose sanctions by administrative proceedings against investment company management for violations of the act and other Federal securities laws and file court actions to enjoin acts and practices of management officials involving breaches of fiduciary duty and personal misconduct and to disqualify such officials from office.

Regulation of Securities Markets The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 assigns to the Commission broad regulatory responsibilities over the securities markets, the self-regulatory organizations within the securities industry, and persons conducting a business in securities. Persons who execute transactions in securities generally are required to register with the Commission as broker-dealers. Securities exchanges and certain clearing agencies are required to register with the Commission, and associations of brokers or dealers are permitted to register with the Commission. The act also provides for the establishment of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board to formulate rules for the municipal securities industry.

The Commission oversees the self-regulatory activities of the national securities exchanges and associations, registered clearing agencies, and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. In addition, the Commission regulates industry professionals, such as securities brokers and dealers, certain municipal securities professionals, government securities brokers and dealers, and transfer agents.

Rehabilitation of Failing Corporations

In cases of corporate reorganization proceedings administered in Federal courts, the Commission may participate as a statutory party. The principal functions of the Commission are to protect the interests of public investors involved in such cases through efforts to ensure their adequate representation, and to participate in legal and policy issues that are of concern to public investors generally.

Representation of Debt Securities Holders

The Commission safeguards the interests of purchasers of publicly offered debt securities issued pursuant to trust indentures.

Enforcement Activities The Commission's enforcement activities are designed to secure compliance with the Federal securities laws administered by the Commission and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder. These activities include measures to:

—compel compliance with the disclosure requirements of the registration and other provisions of the relevant acts;

—prevent fraud and deception in the purchase and sale of securities;

—obtain court orders enjoining acts and practices that operate as a fraud upon investors or otherwise violate the laws;

—suspend or revoke the registrations of brokers, dealers, investment companies, and investment advisers who willfully engage in such acts and practices;

—suspend or bar from association persons associated with brokers, dealers, investment companies, and investment advisers who have violated any provision of the Federal securities laws; and

—prosecute persons who have engaged in fraudulent activities or other willful violations of those laws.

In addition, attorneys, accountants, and other professionals who violate the securities laws face possible loss of their privilege to practice before the Commission.

To this end, private investigations are conducted into complaints or other indications of securities violations. Evidence thus established of law violations is used in appropriate administrative proceedings to revoke registration or in actions instituted in Federal courts to restrain or enjoin such activities. Where the evidence tends to establish criminal fraud or other willful violation of the securities laws, the facts are referred to the Attorney General for criminal prosecution of the offenders. The Commission may assist in such prosecutions.

Regional/District Offices—Securities and Exchange Commission

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Northeast			
New York, NY	Suite 1300, 7 World Trade Ctr., 10048	Wayne Carlin (R)	212-748-8000
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Atlanta, GA	Suite 1000, 3475 Lenox Rd. NE., 30326-1232	Richard P. Wessel (D)	404-842-7600
Midwest			
Chicago, IL	Suite 1400, 500 W. Madison St., 60661-2511	Mary Keefe (R)	312-353-7390
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Denver, CO	Suite 4800, 1801 California St., 80202-2648	Randall Fons (R)	303-844-1000
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San Francisco, CA	Suite 1100, 44 Montgomery St., 94104	Helene Morrison (D)	415-705-2500

Sources of Information

Inquiries regarding the following matters should be directed to the appropriate office, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Contracts Inquires regarding SEC procurement and contracting activities should be directed to the Office of

Administrative and Personnel Management. Phone, 202-942-4990.

Electronic Access Information on the Commission is available through the Internet, at www.sec.gov.

Employment With the exception of the attorney category, positions are in the competitive civil service, which means applicants must apply for consideration for a particular vacancy and go through

competitive selection procedures. The Commission operates a college and law school recruitment program, including on-campus visitations for interview purposes. Inquiries should be directed to the Office of Administrative and Personnel Management. Phone, 202-942-4070. Fax, 703-256-2796 or 703-914-0556.

Investor Assistance and Complaints

The Office of Investor Education and Assistance answers questions from investors, assists investors with specific problems regarding their relations with broker-dealers and companies, and advises the Commission and other offices and divisions regarding problems frequently encountered by investors and possible regulatory solutions to such problems. Phone, 202-942-7040. Consumer information line, 800-SEC-0330 (toll-free). Fax, 202-942-9634. Complaints and inquiries may also be directed to any regional or district office.

Publications Blank copies of SEC forms and other publications are available in the Publications Unit. Phone, 202-942-4040. *Official Summary*—A monthly

summary of securities transactions and holdings of officers, directors, and principal stockholders (\$47 per issue) is available through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Phone, 202-512-1800.

Reading Rooms The Commission maintains a public reference room (phone, 202-942-8090) in Washington, DC, where registration statements and other public documents filed with the Commission are available for public inspection. Much of this information is also available at the Northeast and Midwest regional offices. Copies of public material may be purchased from the Commission's contract copying service at prescribed rates. The Commission also maintains a library (phone, 202-942-7090; fax, 202-942-9629) where additional information may be obtained.

Small Business Activities Information on securities laws that pertain to small businesses in relation to securities offerings may be obtained from the Commission. Phone, 202-942-2950.

For further information, contact the Office of Public Affairs, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC 20549-0711. Phone, 202-942-0020. Fax, 202-942-9654. Internet, www.sec.gov.

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