1 **KENNY, SNOWDEN &** NORINE 2 A LAW CORPORATION P.O. BOX 994608 REDDING, CA 96099-4608 3 4 MARK NORCROSS, SBN: 130345 5 Attorneys for Defendants DONALD NEUHAUS and KIMBERLY SNOWDEN 6 7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE Case No.: 2:07 – CV – 01724 – LEW - CMK COMMISSION, 11 **DEFENDANTS' REQUEST FOR** 12 Plaintiff, ADEQUATE TIME TO RESPOND TO TRO 13 VS. 14 SECURE INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC., 15 AMERICAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., LYNDON GROUP, INC., DONALD FRED 16 NEUHAUS, and KIMBERLY SNOWDEN, 17 Defendants. 18 Defendants Donald Neuhaus and Kimberly Snowden request an adequate opportunity to 19 respond to the TRO application, but given its tremendous volume and the fact that Mr. Norcross is 20 the only attorney in this small office responsible for this matter, a response within 24 hours on an 21 application (that doesn't even announce that it is an "emergency" petition) is impossible. From what 22 we can gather, not even Judge Lew has been able to plow through the voluminous filing within that 23 time frame. Further, as the Court is probably aware, the U.S.Attorneys Office unsealed its 24 indictment yesterday morning, adding to the difficulty of responding as those indicted have not yet 25 26 27 28

retained or been provided counsel.<sup>1</sup> This firm will not be representing any defendant in the criminal action, but must act to preserve those defendants' Fifth Amendment privileges as if it did. Finally, the SEC has a large staff and has undoubtedly spent weeks, perhaps even months, preparing this paperwork, which, we note, includes a 22 page memorandum of points and authorities and multiple declarations. Under the circumstance, we respectfully request a minimum of two weeks to respond to the application. I will be available on short notice to appear at a telephone conference today.

This firm was advised that the SEC would file papers seeking a TRO at 9:00 a.m. on August 23, 2007, not that it would be seeing "emergency interim relief." The SEC began e-mailing documents at 3:26 p.m., a process that continued for nearly an hour. The complaint was not e-mailed until the next morning. Nor did the SEC give notice of the time and place of the hearing, an impossibility given that no hearing had yet been set, or for that matter has yet to be set.

Finally, the Commission has not identified a simple investor loss by policy lapse, nor shown that any policy will lapse if defendants are given due process of law.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although it is true that this firm will not be representing these defendants in the criminal action, it does not mean that we have had no involvement in that case; rather, Mr. Norcross spent most of the day dealing with issues arising from that other case.