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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
13 SACRAMENTO DIVISION

14 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 SECURE INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.,
18 AMERICAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,
19 LYNDON GROUP, INC., DONALD F. NEUHAUS,
20 and KIMBERLY A. SNOWDEN,

21 Defendants.

Case No. 2:07-cv-01724 LEW CMK

STIPULATED MOTION FOR ORDER
AUTHORIZING RECEIVER TO
EMPLOY QUILLING SELANDER
CUMMISKEY & LOWNDS, P.C.;
ORDER

22 The parties, at the request of Michael J. Quilling, the Receiver appointed in these
23 proceedings, ("Receiver"), respectfully submit this Stipulated Motion for Order Authorizing
24 Receiver to Employ Quilling Selander Cummiskey & Lownds, P.C. under L.R. 66-232.

25 **BACKGROUND & AUTHORITY**

26 1. By Order of August 24, 2007, the Court appointed Michael J. Quilling as
27 Receiver for Secure Investment Services, Inc. ("SIS"), American Financial Services, Inc.
28 ("AFS") and Lyndon Group, Inc. ("LGI") and other related individuals and entities. In that
capacity, the Court has authorized and charged the Receiver to take complete and exclusive
control, possession, and custody of all receivership assets.

1 2. The Order Appointing Temporary Receiver authorizes the Receiver to employ
2 attorneys as needed to preserve and maintain the Receivership Assets in this case:

3 Given the emergency nature of these proceedings, the Receiver is
4 hereby authorized to employ such employees, accountants, and
5 attorneys as is necessary and proper for the collection,
6 preservation, maintenance and operation of the Receivership
7 Assets and Receivership Records and to open bank accounts or
8 other depository accounts in the name of the Receiver on behalf of
the receivership estate. As soon as possible after retaining such
professionals, the Receiver shall file written applications to
retroactively approve the employment pursuant to Local Rule 66-
232(g).

9 *Order Appointing Temporary Receiver* [Dkt. No. 27] at ¶ 11.

10 3. Accordingly, the Receiver requests authority under L.R. 66-232(g) to employ
11 Quilling Selander Cummiskey & Lownds, P.C. (“QSCL”) of Dallas, Texas, to act as his legal
12 counsel. QSCL has extensive experience in the discrete area of federal equitable receiverships,
13 with three attorneys who practice in that field exclusively. Profiles of those attorneys and their
14 practice experience are attached as Exhibit A. QSCL also has full-time claim analysts capable of
15 handling the 500 potential investor claims in this case.

16 4. QSCL recently acted as the Receiver’s legal counsel in two other receiverships
17 involving large viatical companies, each with life insurance policy portfolios valued at over \$230
18 million. The Receiver believes that employing QSCL is in the best interest of the receivership
19 estate because it has the experience and resources to efficiently and effectively represent the
20 Receiver in this case.

21 5. QSCL will provide legal representation in this case at the hourly rates set forth in
22 Exhibit B. The Receiver seeks Court approval to pay those amounts on a tentative basis pending
23 a hearing for final approval under L.R. 66-232.

24 6. The Receiver requests that this Court enter an order authorizing him to employ
25 QSCL and to compensate it consistent with the terms described in Exhibit B.

1 **STIPULATION**

2 WHEREFORE, THE PARTIES STIPULATE to the entry of an order of this Court
3 authorizing the Receiver to employ QSCL and to compensate it consistent with the terms
4 described in Exhibit B.

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6 BOUTIN DENTINO GIBSON DI GIUSTO
HODELL INC.

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8 Dated: August 29, 2007

9 By /s/ Maralee MacDonald
Maralee MacDonald
Attorneys for Receiver

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11 SECURITIES EXCHANGE
COMMISSION

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13 Dated: August 29, 2007

14 By /s/ John S. Yun (as authorized on August 29, 2007)
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17 KENNY, SNOWDEN & NORINE

18 Dated: August 29, 2007

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Kimberly Snowden

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21 **ORDER**

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated:

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Honorable Ronald S. W. Lew
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE