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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

Defendants.

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

**RECEIVER'S NOTICE OF
RECEIVER'S FOURTH INTERIM
APPLICATION TO ALLOW AND
PAY (1) RECEIVER'S FEES AND
EXPENSES AND (2) ATTORNEY'S
FEES AND EXPENSES AND BRIEF
IN SUPPORT**

Date: February 9, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Courtroom 10

TO: THE PARTIES AND ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD:

On February 9, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard before the Honorable Garland E. Burrell, Jr., at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, 501 I Street, Sacramento, California, Michael J. Quilling, the Receiver appointed in these proceedings, ("Receiver"), will apply to this Court for an Order allowing payment of Receiver's fees and expenses and Receiver's attorney's fees and expenses.

1 The application will be based upon Receiver's Application and Brief in Support, the
2 papers on file in this matter and any testimony or argument received by the Court during the
3 hearing on the motion. A proposed order is submitted contemporaneously with this motion.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

6 BOUTIN GIBSON DI GIUSTO HODELL INC.
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8 Dated: December 31, 2008

9 By /s/ Maralee MacDonald
10 Maralee MacDonald
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12 Secure Investment Services, Inc.,
13 American Financial Services, Inc., and
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22 TO THE HONORABLE GARLAND E. BURRELL, JR., UNITED STATES DISTRICT
23 JUDGE:

24 Michael J. Quilling, Receiver, files this, his Fourth Interim Application to Allow and Pay
25 (1) Receiver's Fees and Expenses and (2) Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and in support of such
26 would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:
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BACKGROUND

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2 1. On November 17, 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed its
3 Complaint and request for appointment of a receiver. On October 31, 2007, the Court issued its
4 Order Appointing Receiver pursuant to which Michael J. Quilling was appointed to serve as
5 Receiver in this case.

6 2. Pursuant to the terms of the Order Appointing Receiver, the Receiver was
7 authorized to employ such attorneys as is necessary and proper in connection with the claims
8 process. Subsequent to his appointment, the Receiver employed the law firm of Quilling
9 Selander Cummiskey & Lownds, P.C. ("QSCL") as his general counsel. The Receiver is an
10 attorney and a shareholder of the law firm and has rendered many of the legal services which are
11 the subject of this Application as well as performing his duties as the Receiver.

12 3. This Application seeks approval and payment of the fees and reimbursement of
13 expenses for the Receiver and QSCL for the time period from September 1, 2008 through
14 November 30, 2008.

15 4. **Pursuant to paragraph 17 of the Order Appointing Receiver and after**
16 **obtaining the consent of the SEC, the Receiver has paid himself and QSCL 90% of their**
17 **fees (\$87,075.00) and 100% of their expenses (\$4,674.63). The purpose of this Application**
18 **is to request Court approval of all of the fees and expenses and to allow payment of the**
19 **10% fee holdback (\$9,675.00).**

20 5. During the period covered by this Application, the Receiver has incurred fees and
21 expenses with respect to his activities as Receiver and with respect to QSCL as to these
22 proceedings on a monthly basis as follows:

Month	Fees	Expenses
September, 2008	\$33,235.00	\$3,016.75
October, 2008	\$38,492.50	\$940.64
November, 2008	\$25,022.50	\$717.24
TOTAL:	\$96,750.00	\$4,674.63

1 total of more than 584 hours of attorney, Receiver and paraprofessional time have been
2 expended.

3 (b) The Novelty and Difficulty of the Questions. Many of the tasks reflected in
4 Exhibit "A" involved factual and legal questions which were of substantial complexity.

5 (c) The Skill Requisite to Perform the Service. The Receiver believes that the
6 services performed in this case have required individuals possessing considerable experience in
7 asset seizure, tracing and liquidation. Both the Receiver and QSCL have considerable
8 experience in such areas.

9 (d) The Preclusion of Other Employment Due to Acceptance of the Case. The
10 Receiver and QSCL have not declined any representation solely because of their services as
11 Receiver and counsel for the Receiver.

12 (e) The Customary Fee. The Receiver believes that the hourly rates sought herein are
13 commensurate with or lower than the rates charged by other practitioners of similar experience
14 levels in the Eastern District of California. During the course of these proceedings, the following
15 lawyers at QSCL have performed legal services on behalf of the Receiver with respect to these
16 proceedings: Michael J. Quilling (\$350.00 per hour), licensed in Texas in 1982 and Texas Board
17 Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law and Civil Trial Law; Keith Cummiskey (\$225.00 per
18 hour) licensed in Texas in 1981; D. Dee Raibourn (\$275.00 per hour) licensed in Texas in 1998;
19 and Brent Rodine (\$200.00 per hour) licensed in Texas in 2005 (previously licensed in
20 Oklahoma).

21 (f) Whether the Fee is Fixed or Contingent. The Receiver's and QSCL's fees are
22 fixed insofar as monies exist by way of Receivership Assets from which to pay such fees.
23 Payment of such fees, however, is subject to Court approval.

24 (g) Time Limitations Imposed by the Client or Other Circumstances. The time
25 requirements during the period covered by this Application have been extreme at times, requiring
26 almost daily attention by the Receiver and his attorneys.

27 (h) The Amount Involved and the Results Obtained. This case involves 48 insurance
28 policies having a death benefit of close to \$50 million. In excess of 600 investors invested more

1 than \$31 million to purchase fractionalized interests in the insurance policies. At the time this
2 case was filed, there was approximately \$400,000.00 of cash available to meet premium
3 obligations in excess of \$1.6 million per annum.

4 Since his appointment, the Receiver has closed all known bank accounts and has taken
5 possession of all known books and records. He has obtained accurate, current information
6 regarding each policy and has been able to pay premiums on the policies on a current basis. The
7 Receiver has also arranged for a \$3 million line of credit to be utilized to pay premiums and
8 other administrative expenses. The Receiver is investigating whether fraudulent transfer and
9 other recoveries may be possible. A website is maintained by the Receiver so as to update the
10 investors. Claim forms have been approved and mailed to all known investors. Approximately
11 650 claim forms have been received back from investors. During the period covered by this
12 Application, the majority of the time has been spent in connection with attempting to convince
13 investors to transfer their interests to the Receiver to keep policies from lapsing.

14 (i) The Experience, Reputation and Ability of the Attorneys. QSCL has several
15 attorneys who specialize exclusively in the practice of civil trial law. The practice of those
16 attorneys regularly includes the representation of bankruptcy trustees and receivers. The
17 reputation of QSCL's attorneys is recognized and respected in their community in Texas.

18 (j) The Undesirability of the Case. The representation of the Receiver incident to
19 this case has not been undesirable.

20 (k) The Nature and Length of the Professional Relationship with the Client. QSCL
21 did not represent the Receiver in these proceedings prior to being retained in these proceedings.

22 (l) Awards in Similar Cases. QSCL believes that the fees requested in this case are
23 less than or equal to those which have been awarded in similar cases in this District.

24 WHEREFORE, the Receiver respectfully requests that the Court allow the requested
25 compensation for professional services and expenses rendered by the Receiver and QSCL and
26 authorize the Receiver to pay the 10% fee holdback of \$9,675.00, as per itemization in Exhibit
27 "A" attached hereto and for such other and further relief, general or special, at law or in equity,
28 to which the Receiver and QSCL may show themselves justly entitled.

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DATED: December 31, 2008.

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