

the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Application for Survivor Insurance Annuities.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-17, AA-17b, AA-18, AA-19, AA-19a, AA-20.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0030.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 10/31/1998.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 5,765.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 5,765.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 2,864.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under Section 2(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act, monthly survivor annuities are payable to surviving widow(ers), parents, unmarried children, and in certain cases, divorced wives (husbands), mothers (fathers), remarried widow(ers) and grandchildren of deceased railroad employees. The collection obtains information needed by the RRB for determining entitlement to and amount of the annuity applied for.

Additional Information or Comments

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-23396; 813-176]

Hambrecht & Quist Employee Venture Fund, L.P., et al.; Notice of Application

August 21, 1998.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under sections 6(b) and 6(e) of the

Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") exempting the applicants from all provisions of the Act, except section 9, sections 17 (other than certain provisions of paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (j)) and 30 (other than certain provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), (e), and (h)), sections 36 through 53, and the rules and regulations under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to exempt certain limited partnership formed for the benefit of key employees of Hambrecht & Quist Group ("H&Q Group") and its affiliates from certain provisions of the Act. Each partnership will be an employees' securities company within the meaning of section 2(a)(13) of the Act.

APPLICANTS: Hambrecht & Quist Employee Venture Fund, L.P. ("Initial Partnership"), and H&Q Group, on behalf of other partnerships or other investment vehicles that may be formed in the future ("Other Partnerships") (together with the Initial Partnership, the "Partnerships").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on October 28, 1997. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment to the application, the substance of which is incorporated in this notice, during the notice period.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on September 15, 1998, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicants, One Bush Street, San Francisco, California 94104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Amanda Machen, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-7120, or Christine Greenlees, Branch Chief, (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth

Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 (tel. 202-942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. H&Q Group, a holding company, operates as an investment bank through its subsidiaries. Its principal wholly-owned subsidiary is Hambrecht & Quist LLC, a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act"). H&Q Group and its affiliates, as defined in rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act ("Affiliates"), are referred to this notice collectively as "H&Q" and individually as an "H&Q entity."

2. H&Q proposes to offer various investment programs for the benefit of certain key employees. The programs may be structured as different Partnerships or as separate plans within the same Partnership. Each Partnership will be a limited partnership or limited liability company formed as an "employees' securities company" within the meaning of section 2(a)(13) of the Act, and will operate as a closed-end, non-diversified, management investment company. The Partnerships will be established primarily for the benefit of highly compensated employees of H&Q as part of a program designed to create capital building opportunities that are competitive with those at other investment banking firms and to facilitate the recruitment of high caliber professionals. Participation in a Partnership will be voluntary.

3. H&Q Plan Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, will act as the general partner of the Initial Partnership (together with any Affiliate that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with H&Q Group and that acts as a Partnership's general partner, the "General Partner"). The General Partner will manage, operate, and control each of the Partnerships; however, the General Partner will be authorized to delegate management responsibility to H&Q or to a committee of H&Q employees. An H&Q entity will act as the investment adviser to a Partnership and will be registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act.

4. Interests in the Partnerships ("Interests") will be offered without registration in reliance on section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), or Regulation D under the Securities Act, and will be sold without a sales load only to "Eligible Employees" and "Qualified Participants," in each case as defined below (collectively, "Participants"). Prior to offering Interests to an Eligible

Employee, the General Partner must reasonably believe that the Eligible Employee will be a sophisticated investor capable of understanding and evaluating the risks of participating in the Partnership without the benefit of regulatory safeguards. An Eligible Employee is (i) an individual who is a current or former employee, officer, director, or "Consultant" of H&Q and, except for certain individuals who manage the day-to-day affairs of the Partnership in question ("Managing Employees"), meets the standards of an accredited investor under rule 501(a)(6) of Regulation D under the Securities Act, or (ii) an entity that is a current or former "Consultant" of H&Q and meets the standards of an accredited investor under rule 501(a) of Regulation D.¹ Eligible Employees will be experienced professionals in the investment banking and securities businesses, or in related administrative, financial, accounting, legal, or operational activities.

5. Managing Employees, who also will qualify as Eligible Employees, will have primary responsibility for operating the Partnership. These responsibilities will include, among other things, identifying, investigating, structuring, negotiating, and monitoring investments for the Partnership, communicating with the Limited Partners of the Partnership, maintaining the books and records of the Partnership, and making recommendations with respect to investment decisions by the General Partner. Each Managing Employee will (a) be closely involved with and knowledgeable with respect to the Partnership's affairs, (b) be an officer or employee of H&Q, and (c) have reportable income from all sources (including any profit shares and bonuses) in the calendar year immediately preceding the Employee's participation in the Partnership in excess of \$120,000 and have a reasonable expectation of reportable income of at least \$150,000 in the years in which the Employee invests in a Partnership.

6. A Qualified Participant (a) is an Eligible Family Member or Qualified Entity (in each case as defined below) of an Eligible Employee, and (b) if the individual or entity is purchasing an Interest from a Partner or directly from the Partnership, comes within one of the categories of an "accredited investor"

under rule 501(a) of Regulation D.² An "Eligible Family Member" is a spouse, parent, child, spouse of child, brother, sister, or grandchild of an Eligible Employee. A "Qualified Entity" is: (a) a trust of which the trustee, grantor, and/or beneficiary is an Eligible Employee; (b) a partnership, corporation, or other entity controlled by an Eligible Employee; or (c) a trust or other entity established for the benefit of Eligible Family Members of an Eligible Employee.

7. The terms of a Partnership will be fully disclosed to each Eligible Employee and, if applicable, to a Qualified Participant of the Eligible Employee, in a limited partnership agreement (the "Limited Partnership Agreement"), which will be furnished at the time the Eligible Employee is invited to participate in the Partnership. Each Partnership will send audited financial statements to each Participant within 120 days or as soon as practicable after the end of its fiscal year. In addition, each Participant will receive a copy of Schedule K-1 showing the Participant's share of income, credits, deductions, and other tax items.

8. Interests in a Partnership will be non-transferable except with the prior written consent of the General Partner. No person will be admitted into a Partnership as a Partner unless the person is an Eligible Employee, a Qualified Participant of an Eligible Employee, or an H&Q entity.

9. An Eligible Employee's interest in a Partnership may be subject to repurchase or cancellation if: (a) the Eligible Employee's relationship with H&Q is terminated for cause; (b) the Eligible Employee becomes a consultant to or joins any firm that the General Partner determines, in its reasonable discretion, is competitive with any business of H&Q; or (c) the Eligible Employee voluntarily resigns from employment with H&Q. Upon repurchase or cancellation, the General

² "Partner" means any partner of a Partnership, including the General Partner.

³ The inclusion of partnerships, corporations, or other entities controlled by an Eligible Employee in the definition of "Qualified Entities" is intended to enable Eligible Employees to make investments in the Partnerships through personal investment vehicles for the purpose of personal and family investment and estate planning objectives. Eligible Employees will exercise investment discretion or control over these investment vehicles, thereby creating a close nexus between H&Q and these investment vehicles. In the case of a partnership, corporation, or other entity controlled by a Consultant entity, individual participants will be limited to senior level employees, members, or partners of the Consultant who will be required to qualify as an "accredited investor" under rule 501(a)(6) of Regulation D and who will have access to the General Partner or H&Q.

Partner will pay to the Eligible Employee at least the lesser of (a) the amount paid by the Eligible Employee to acquire the Interest (plus interest, as determined by the General Partner), and (b) the fair market value of the Interest as determined at the time of repurchase or cancellation by the General Partner. The terms of any repurchase or cancellation will apply equally to any Qualified Participant of an Eligible Employee.

10. Subject to the terms of the applicable Limited Partnership Agreement, a Partnership will be permitted to enter into transactions involving (a) an H&Q entity, (b) a portfolio company, (c) any Partner or any person or entity affiliated with a Partner, (d) an investment fund or separate account that is organized for the benefit of investors who are not affiliated with H&Q and over which an H&Q entity will exercise investment discretion ("Third Party Fund"), or (e) any partner or other investor of a Third Party Fund that is not affiliated with H&Q (a "Third Party Investor"). These transactions may include a Partnership's purchase or sale of an investment or an interest from or to any H&Q entity or Third Party Fund, acting as principal. Prior to entering into these transactions, the General Partner must determine that the terms are fair to the Partners.

11. A Partnership will not invest more than 15% of its assets in securities issued by registered investment companies (with the exception of temporary investments in money market funds). A Partnership will not acquire any security issued by a registered investment company if immediately after the acquisition, the Partnership will own more than 3% of the outstanding voting stock of the registered investment company.

12. An H&Q entity (including the General Partner) acting as agent or broker may receive placement fees, advisory fees, or other compensation from a Partnership in connection with a Partnership's purchase or sale of securities, provided the placement fees, advisory fees, or other compensation are "usual and customary." Fees or other compensation will be deemed "usual and customary" only if (a) the Partnership is purchasing or selling securities with other unaffiliated third parties, including Third Party Funds, (b) the fees or compensation being charged to the Partnership are also being charged to the unaffiliated third parties, including Third Party Funds, and (c) the amount of securities being purchased or sold by the Partnership does not exceed 50% of the total amount of securities being purchased or sold by the

¹ A "Consultant" is a person or entity whom H&Q has engaged on retainer to provide services and professional expertise on an ongoing basis as a regular consultant or as a business or legal adviser and who shares a community of interest with H&Q and H&Q employees.

Partnership and the unaffiliated third parties, including Third Party Funds. H&Q entities, including the General Partner, also may be compensated for services to entities in which the Partnerships invest and to entities that are competitors of these entities, and may otherwise engage in normal business activities.

Applicant's Legal Analysis

1. Section 6(b) of the Act provides, in part, that the SEC will exempt employees' securities companies from the provisions of the Act to the extent that the exemption is consistent with the protection of investors. Section 6(b) provides that the SEC will consider, in determining the provisions of the Act from which the company should be exempt, the company's form of organization and capital structure, the persons owning and controlling its securities, the price of the company's securities and the amount of any sales load, how the company's funds are invested, and the relationship between the company and the issuers of the securities in which it invests. Section 2(a)(13) defines an employee's security company, in relevant part, as any investment company all of whose securities are beneficially owned (a) by current or former employees, or persons on retainer, of one or more affiliated employers, (b) by immediate family members of such persons, or (c) by such employer or employers together with any of the persons in (a) or (b).

2. Section 7 of the Act generally prohibits investment companies that are not registered under section 8 from selling or redeeming their securities. Section 6(e) provides that, in connection with any order exempting an investment company from any provision of section 7, certain provisions of the Act, as specified by the SEC, will be applicable to the company and other persons dealing with the company as though the company were registered under the Act. Applicants request an order under sections 6(b) and 6(e) exempting the Partnerships from all provisions of the Act, except section 9, section 17 (other than certain provisions of paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (j)), section 30 (other than certain provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), (e), and (h)), sections 36 through 53, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

3. Section 17(a) generally prohibits any affiliated person of a registered investment company, or any affiliated person of an affiliated person, acting as principal, from knowingly selling or purchasing any security or other property to or from the company. Applicants request an exemption from

section 17(a) to permit: (a) an H&Q entity or a Third Party Fund, acting as principal, to engage in any transaction directly or indirectly with any Partnership or any company controlled by the Partnerships; (b) any Partnership to invest in or engage in any transaction with any H&Q entity, acting as principal, (i) in which the Partnership, any company controlled by the Partnership, or any H&Q entity or Third Party Fund has invested or will invest, or (ii) with which the Partnership, any company controlled by the Partnership, or any H&Q entity or Third Party Fund is or will become otherwise affiliated; and (c) any Third Party Investor, acting as principal, to engage in any transaction directly or indirectly with a Partnership or any company controlled by the Partnership.

4. Applicants state that an exemption from section 17(a) is consistent with the protection of investors and is necessary to promote the purpose of the Partnerships. Applicants state that the Participants in each Partnership will be fully informed of the extent of the Partnership's dealings with H&Q. Applicants also state that, as professionals employed in the investment banking and securities businesses, Participants will be able to understand and evaluate the attendant risks. Applicants assert that the community of interest among the Participants and H&Q will provide the best protection against any risk of abuse.

5. Section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act prohibit any affiliated person or principal underwriter of a registered investment company, or any affiliated person of an affiliated person or principal underwriter, acting as principal, from participating in any joint arrangement with the company unless authorized by the SEC. Applicants request exemptive relief to permit affiliated persons of each Partnership, or affiliated persons of any of these persons, to participate in any joint arrangement in which the Partnership or a company controlled by the Partnership is a participant.

6. Applicants submit that it is likely that suitable investments will be brought to the attention of a Partnership because of its affiliation with H&Q, H&Q's large capital resources, and its experience in structuring complex transactions. Applicants also submit that the types of investment opportunities considered by a Partnership often require each investor to make funds available in an amount that may be substantially greater than what a Partnership may make available on its own. Applicants contend that, as a result, the only way in which a

Partnership may be able to participate in these opportunities may be to co-invest with other persons, including its affiliates. Applicants note that each Partnership will be organized for the benefit of Eligible Employees as an incentive for them to remain with H&Q and for the generation and maintenance of goodwill. Applicants believe that, if co-investments with H&Q are prohibited, the appeal of the Partnerships would be significantly diminished. Applicants assert that Eligible Employees wish to participate in coinvestment opportunities because they believe that (a) the resources of H&Q enable it to analyze investment opportunities to an extent that individual employees would not be able to duplicate, (b) investments made by H&Q will not be generally available to investors even of the financial status of the Eligible Employees, and (c) Eligible Employees will be able to pool their investment resources, thus achieving greater diversification of their individual investment portfolios.

7. Applicants assert that the flexibility to structure co-investments and joint investments will not involve abuses of the type section 17(d) and rule 17d-1 were designed to prevent. Applicants state that the concern that permitting co-investments by H&Q and a Partnership might lead to less advantageous treatment of the Partnership should be mitigated by the fact that H&Q will be acutely concerned with its relationship with the investors in the Partnership, and the fact that senior officers and directors of H&Q entities will be investing in the Partnership. In addition, applicants assert that strict compliance with section 17(d) would cause the Partnership to forego investment opportunities simply because a Participant or other affiliated person of the Partnership (or any affiliate of the affiliated person) made a similar investment.

8. Co-investments with Third Party Funds, or by an H&Q entity pursuant to a contractual obligation to a Third Party Fund, will not be subject to condition 3 below. Applicants note that it is common for a Third Party Fund to require that H&Q invest its own capital in Third Party Fund investments, and that the H&Q investments be subject to substantially the same terms as those applicable to the Third Party Fund. Applicants believe it is important that the interests of the Third Party Fund take priority over the interests of the Partnerships, and that the Third Party Fund not be burdened or otherwise affected by activities of the Partnerships. In addition, applicants assert that the relationship of a Partnership to a Third

Party Fund is fundamentally different from a Partnership's relationship to H&Q. Applicants contend that the focus of, and the rationale for, the protections contained in the requested relief are to protect the Partnerships from any overreaching by H&Q in the employer/employee context, whereas the same concerns are not present with respect to the Partnerships and a Third Party Fund.

9. Section 17(e) and rule 17e-1 limit the compensation an affiliated person may receive when acting as agent or broker for a registered investment company. Applicants request an exemption from section 17(e) to permit an H&Q entity (including the General Partner) that acts as an agent or broker to receive placement fees, advisory fees, or other compensation from a Partnership in connection with the purchase or sale by the Partnership of securities, provided that the fees or other compensation is deemed "usual and customary." Applicants state that for the purposes of the application, fees or other compensation that is charged or received by an H&Q entity will be deemed "usual and customary" only if (a) the Partnership is purchasing or selling securities with other unaffiliated third parties, including Third Party Funds, (b) the fees or compensation being charged to the Partnership are also being charged to the unaffiliated third parties, including Third Party Funds, and (c) the amount of securities being purchased or sold by the Partnership does not exceed 50% of the total amount of securities being purchased or sold by the Partnership and the unaffiliated third parties, including Third Party Funds. Applicants assert that, because H&Q does not wish it to appear as if it is favoring the Partnerships, compliance with section 17(e) would prevent a Partnership from participating in transactions where the Partnership is being charged lower fees than unaffiliated third parties. Applicants assert that the fees or other compensation paid by a Partnership to an H&Q entity will be the same as those negotiated at arm's length with unaffiliated third parties.

10. Rule 17e-1(b) requires that a majority of directors who are not "interested persons" (as defined in section 2(a)(19) of the Act) take actions and make approvals regarding commissions, fees, or other remuneration. Applicants request an exemption from rule 17e-1(b) to the extent necessary to permit each Partnership to comply with the rule without having a majority of the members of the General Partner who are not interested persons take actions and

make determinations as set forth in the rule. Applicants state that because all the members of the General Partner will be affiliated persons, without the relief requested, a Partnership could not comply with rule 17e-1(b). Applicants state that each Partnership will comply with rule 17e-1(b) by having a majority of the members of the Partnership take actions and make approvals as are set forth in rule 17e-1. Applicants state that each Partnership will comply with all other requirements of rule 17e-1 for the transactions described above in the discussion of section 17(e).

11. Section 17(f) designates the entities that may act as investment company custodians, and rule 17f-1 imposes certain requirements when the custodian is a member of a national securities exchange. Applicants request an exemption from section 17(f) and rule 17f-1 to permit an H&Q entity to act as custodian of Partnership assets without a written contract, as would be required by rule 17f-1(a). Applicants also request an exemption from the rule 17f-1(b)(4) requirement that an independent accountant periodically verify the assets held by the custodian. Applicants believe that, because of the community of interest between H&Q and the Partnerships and the existing requirement for an independent audit, compliance with these requirements would be unnecessarily burdensome and expensive. Applicants will comply with all other requirements of rule 17f-1.

12. Section 17(g) and rule 17g-1 generally require the bonding of officers and employees of a registered investment company who have access to its securities or funds. Rule 17g-1 requires that a majority of directors who are not interested persons take certain actions and give certain approvals relating to fidelity bonding. Applicants request exemptive relief to permit the General Partner's officers and directors, who may be deemed interested persons, to take actions and make determinations set forth in the rule. Applicants state that, because all the members of the General Partner will be affiliated persons, a Partnership could not comply with rule 17g-1 without the requested relief. Specifically, each Partnership will comply with rule 17g-1 by having a majority of the Partnership's directors take actions and make determinations as are set forth in rule 17g-1. Applicants also state that each Partnership will comply with all other requirements of rule 17g-1.

13. Section 17(j) and paragraph (a) of rule 17j-1 make it unlawful for certain enumerated persons to engage in fraudulent or deceptive practices in

connection with the purchase or sale of a security held or to be acquired by a registered investment company. Rule 17j-1 also requires that every registered investment company adopt a written code of ethics and that every access person of a registered investment company report personal securities transactions. Applicants request an exemption from the provisions of rule 17j-1, except for the anti-fraud provisions of paragraph (a), because they are unnecessarily burdensome as applied to the Partnerships.

14. Applicants request an exemption from the requirements in sections 30(a), 30(b), and 30(e), and the rules under those sections, that registered investment companies prepare and file with the SEC and mail to their shareholders certain periodic reports and financial statements. Applicants contend that the forms prescribed by the SEC for periodic reports have little relevance to the Partnerships and would entail administrative and legal costs that outweigh any benefit to the Participants. Applicants request exemptive relief to the extent necessary to permit each Partnership to report annually to its Participants. Applicants also request an exemption from section 30(h) to the extent necessary to exempt the General Partner of each Partnership and any other persons who may be deemed to be members of an advisory board of a Partnership from filing Forms 3, 4, and 5 under section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to their ownership of Interests in the Partnership. Applicants assert that, because there will be no trading market and the transfers of Interests will be severely restricted, these filings are unnecessary for the protection of investors and burdensome to those required to make them.

Applicants' Conditions

Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Each proposed transaction otherwise prohibited by section 17(a) or section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to which a Partnership is a party (the "Section 17 Transactions") will be effected only if the General Partner determines that: (a) the terms of the transaction, including the consideration to be paid or received, are fair and reasonable to the Partners and do not involve overreaching of the Partnership or its Partners on the part of any person concerned; and (b) the transaction is consistent with the interests of the Partners, the Partnership's organizational documents, and the Partnership's reports to its Partners. In addition, the General

Partner will record and preserve a description of the Section 17 Transactions, the General Partner's findings, the information or materials upon which the General Partner's findings are based, and the basis for the findings. All records relating to an investment program will be maintained until the termination of the investment program and at least two years thereafter, and will be subject to examination by the SEC and its staff.⁴

2. In connection with the Section 17 Transactions, the General Partner will adopt, and periodically review and update, procedures designed to ensure that reasonable inquiry is made, prior to the consummation of any Section 17 Transaction, with respect to the possible involvement in the transaction of any affiliated person or promoter of or principal underwriter for the Partnership, or any affiliated person of such person, promoter, or principal underwriter.

3. The General Partner will not invest the funds of any Partnership in any investment in which a "Co-Investor" (as defined below) has acquired or proposes to acquire the same class of securities of the same issuer, where the investment involves a joint enterprise or other joint arrangement within the meaning or rule 17d-1 in which the Partnership and a Co-Investor are participants, unless any such Co-Investor, prior to disposing of all or part of its investment, (a) gives the General Partner sufficient, but not less than one day's, notice of its intent to dispose of its investment, and (b) refrains from disposing of its investment unless the Partnership has the opportunity to dispose of the Partnership's investment prior to or concurrently with, on the same terms as, and pro rata with the Co-Investor. The term "Co-Investor" with respect to any Partnership means any person who is: (a) an "affiliated person" (as defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Act) of the Partnership (other than a Third Party Fund); (b) H&Q; (c) an officer or director of H&Q; or (d) an entity (other than a Third Party Fund) in which the General Partner acts as general partner or has a similar capacity to control the sale or other disposition of the entity's securities. The restrictions contained in this condition, however, shall not be deemed to limit to prevent the disposition of an investment by a Co-Investor: (a) to its direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, to any company (a "parent") of which the Co-

Investor is a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, or to a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of its parent; (b) to immediate family members of the Co-Investor or a trust or other investment vehicle established for any family member; (c) when the investment is comprised of securities that are listed on any exchange registered as a national securities exchange under section 6 of the Exchange Act; (d) when the investment is comprised of securities that are national market system securities pursuant to section 11A(a)(2) of the Exchange Act and rule 11Aa2-1 thereunder; or (e) when the investment is comprised of securities that are listed on or traded on any foreign securities exchange or board of trade that satisfies regulatory requirements under the law of the jurisdiction in which such foreign securities exchange or board of trade is organized similar to those that apply to a national securities exchange or a national market system for securities.

4. Each Partnership and the General Partner will maintain and preserve, for the life of each Partnership and at least two years thereafter, such accounts, books, and other documents as constitute the record forming the basis for the audited financial statements that are to be provided to the Participants in the Partnership, and each annual report of the Partnership required to be sent to the Participants, and agree that all such records will be subject to examination by the SEC and its staff.⁵

5. The General Partner of each Partnership will send to each Participant in the Partnership who had an interest in any capital account of the Partnership, at any time during the fiscal year then ended, Partnership financial statements audited by the Partnership's independent accountants. At the end of each fiscal year, the General Partner will make a valuation or have a valuation made of all of the assets of the Partnership as of the fiscal year end in a manner consistent with customary practice with respect to the valuation of assets of the kind held by the Partnership. In addition, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of each Partnership or as soon as practicable thereafter, the General Partner of the Partnership will send a report to each person who was a Participant in the Partnership at any time during the fiscal year then ended, setting forth such tax information as shall be necessary for the preparation by

the Participant of his or its federal and state income tax returns, and a report of the investment activities of the Partnership during that year.

6. In any case where purchases or sales are made by a Partnership from or to an entity affiliated with the Partnership by reason of a 5% or more investment in the entity by an H&Q director, officer, or employee, the individual will not participate in the Partnership's determination of whether or not to effect the purchase or sale.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-26908]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

August 21, 1998.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by *September 15, 1998*, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After *September 15, 1998*, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

⁴ Each Partnership will preserve the accounts, books and other documents required to be maintained in an easily accessible place for the first two years.

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