

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
Release No. 28468 / October 27, 2008

In the Matter of :
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First Trust Advisors L.P. :
First Trust Portfolios L.P. :
First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund III :
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ORDER UNDER SECTIONS 6(c) AND 17(b) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

First Trust Advisors L.P., First Trust Portfolios L.P. and First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund III filed an application on January 14, 2008 and amendments to the application on July 14, 2008 and October 16, 2008, requesting an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d) and 22(e) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Act.

The order permits (a) series of certain open-end management investment companies to issue shares (“Shares”) redeemable in large aggregations only (“Creation Units”), (b) secondary market transactions in Shares to occur at negotiated market prices, (c) certain series to pay redemption proceeds, under certain circumstances, more than seven days after the tender of Shares for redemption, and (d) certain affiliated persons of the series to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the series in connection with the purchase and redemption of Creation Units.

On September 29, 2008, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 28421). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order disposing of the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application, as amended, that granting the requested exemptions is appropriate in the public

interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

It is further found that the terms of the proposed transactions, including the consideration to be paid or received, are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned, and that the proposed transactions are consistent with the policy of each registered investment company concerned and with the general purposes of the Act.

Accordingly, in the matter of First Trust Advisors L.P., First Trust Portfolios L.P. and First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund III (File No. 812-13477),

IT IS ORDERED, under section 6(c) of the Act, that the requested exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d) and 22(e) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application, as amended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act, that the requested exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Act is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application, as amended.

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

Florence E. Harmon
Acting Secretary