

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

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Report on Administrative Proceedings For Period April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007

Rule 900 of the Commission's Rule of Practice (17 CFR 201.900) requires the Commission's Secretary to issue a six-month status report on the Commission's administrative proceedings caseload.

The attached report identifies the number of matters pending before the administrative law judges and the Commission at the beginning of the six-month period; the number of matters instituted, filed, and disposed of during the period; and the number pending at the end of the period. For each category of decision, the report shows the median age of the matters at the time of decision and the number of matters decided within the guidelines in Rule 900 for the timely completion of adjudicatory proceedings or within the time specified in orders instituting proceedings for issuance of an initial decision, or any extension granted by the Commission. Finally, the report includes data from the previous two six-month periods.

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Matters Before the Administrative Law Judges

	04/01/2007- 09/30/2007	10/01/2006- 03/31/2007	04/01/2006 – 09/30/2006
Number pending at start of period	22	35	28
New matters added during period	63	31	47
Subtotal	85	66	75
Dispositions:		44	
Initial Decisions	5	8	10
Other dispositions (e.g., settlements, defaults) ¹	24	36	30
Total pending at end of period	56	22	35
Initial Decisions:			
Median age at decision (days)	207	127	142
Number issued within guideline or specified time period ²	6	8	9

Matters Before the Commission

	04/01/2007- 09/30/2007	10/01/2006- 03/31/2007	04/01/2006 – 09/30/2006
<u>Review of ALJ Matters</u> ³			
Number pending at start of period	11	11	11
New matters added during period	6	8	6 ⁴
Subtotal	17	19	17
Dispositions:			
Opinions	2	7	5
Other dispositions (e.g., dismissals)	2	1	1
Total pending at end of period	13	11	11
Opinions:			
Median age at decision (days)	210	281	334
Number decided within guideline ⁵	2	2	0

¹ Includes all proceedings disposed of other than by an initial decision, including default orders that dispose of the entire proceeding.

² Guideline for matters appealed 7/17/03 or later is seven months, or 11 months if the Commission determines that a matter presents unusual complicating circumstances.

³ May include review of initial decisions, review of other non-interlocutory ALJ matters, and matters on remand from the Courts of Appeals.

⁴ A new matter was mistakenly entered during the last reporting period when, in fact, the new matter came in during the 10/01/06-3/31/07 time period.

⁵ Guideline for matters appealed 7/17/03 or later is seven months, or 11 months if the Commission determines that a matter presents unusual complicating circumstances.

Matters Before the Commission

	04/01/2007- 09/30/2007	10/01/2006- 03/31/2007	04/1/2006 – 09/30/2006
<u>Review of Self-Regulatory Organization Decisions</u> ⁶			
Number pending at start of period	15	15	14
New matters added during period	8	9	10
Subtotal	23	24	24
Dispositions:			
Opinions	6	7	8
Other dispositions (e.g., dismissals, remands)	2	1	1
Total pending at end of period	15	15	15
Opinions:			
Median age at decision (days)	284	283	218
Number decided within guidelines ⁷	1	0	2

	04/01/2007- 09/30/2007	10/01/2006- 03/31/2007	04/1/2006- 09/30/2006
<u>Miscellaneous Matters</u>			
Interlocutory Motions:			
Number pending at start of period	0	0	0
Number filed during period	3	0	0
Number decided during period	3	0	0
Total pending at end of period	0	0	0
Median age at decision (days)	100	n/a	n/a
Number decided within 45 days	1	n/a	n/a
Stay Requests:			
Number pending at start of period	0	0	0
Number filed during period	9	3	5
Number decided during period	9	3	5
Total pending at end of period	0	0	0
Median age at decision (days)	7	5	9
Number decided within guidelines ⁸	8	3	3

⁶ May include matters filed pursuant to Section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

⁷ Guideline for matters appealed 7/17/03 or later is seven months, or 11 months if the Commission determines that a matter presents unusual complicating circumstances.

⁸ Guideline is either five days or 45 days from the date for opposing the motion, depending on the effective date of the order requested to be stayed.