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Subject: Pension Consultants, Inc. requests to be heard at the upcoming hearing on Reasonable Contracts or Arrangements Under Section 408(b)(2) PCI:00071418

Our firm submitted comments on the proposed 408(b)(2) regulation and I respectfully request the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing on March 31, 2008.

Pension Consultants, Inc. assists plan fiduciaries with the selection and evaluation of retirement plan service providers. I have personally performed research projects on service providers since 1995. These projects have encompassed over a billion dollars in retirement plans assets and thousands of plan participants.

A General comments

1. Practical impact of proposed regulation on plan fiduciaries
2. Use of disclosures described in the proposed regulation in relationship with plan fiduciary responsibility under ERISA Section 404(a)

B Specific comments

1. The manner in which disclosures should be provided to the plan fiduciary
2. Limitations on the number of documents used to provide disclosures
3. The need to disclose the practice of cross-selling as a conflict of interest
4. The impact on pricing and services when cross-selling is practiced

I would request more than ten minutes to complete my comments. However, I can limit my comments to ten minutes in order to comply with the time limit referenced in the supplementary information regarding the hearing.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at (417) 889-4918 if you have any questions.

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