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Notice of Amendments to Franchise Registration Rules

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To Interested Persons:

As you are on our interested persons list for franchises, we are writing to inform you that the Securities Division recently filed a Rule Making Order amending our franchise registration rules.

The Securities Division amended the franchise registration rules set forth in chapter 460-80 WAC in light of the amended franchise disclosure rules adopted by the Federal Trade Commission in 2007 and their preemptive effect on state laws, as well as to better coordinate our rules with other states that regulate the offer and sale of franchises through the adoption of the instructions for the preparation of the Franchise Disclosure Document in the 2008 Franchise Registration and Disclosure Guidelines promulgated by the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc. The Securities Division also amended these rules to reflect current practices and filing requirements, to codify several interpretive and policy statements, and to make minor corrections.

Please find attached the text of the amendments together with a copy of the Rule-Making Order (Form CR-103) that was filed with the Office of the Code Reviser for publication in the Washington State Register on November 18, 2009 (Issue # 09-22).

Please address any questions you may have in connection with these amendments to the undersigned. I can be reached by telephone at (360) 725-7825 or by e-mail at fanderson@dfi.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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