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SSB Docket No. 00-017

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTMENT     §  
ADVISER REGISTRATION OF CHARLES     §  
AFTON RICHARDS                             §

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Order No. CAF-1397

TO: Charles Afton Richards  
14041 Preston Road, Apt. 1416E  
Dallas, Texas 75240

### DISCIPLINARY ORDER REPRIMANDING AN INVESTMENT ADVISER AGENT

Be it remembered that Charles Afton Richards, individually ("Respondent"), appeared before the Securities Commissioner of the State of Texas ("Securities Commissioner") and consented to the entry of this Order and, without admitting or denying them, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, except the first Finding of Fact which is admitted.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has waived (a) Respondent's right to notice and hearing in this matter; (b) Respondent's right to appear and present evidence in this matter; (c) Respondent's right to appeal this Order; and (d) all other procedural rights granted to Respondent by The Securities Act, TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. Ann. art. 581-1 et seq. (Vernon 1964 & Supp. 2000)("Texas Securities Act"), and the Administrative Procedure Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 2001.001 et seq. (Vernon Supp. 2000) ("Administrative Procedure Act").
2. Respondent is an individual which has filed an application for registration with the Securities Commissioner as an investment adviser.
3. Respondent has rendered investment advisory services in the State of Texas while not registered with the Securities Commissioner as required by Section 12 of the Texas Securities Act and Rule 115.1(a)(3) of the Rules and Regulations of the State Securities Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Section 14.A(6) of the Texas Securities Act, the foregoing violation constitutes a basis for the issuance of an order reprimanding Respondent.
2. Pursuant to Section 23-1 of the Texas Securities Act, the foregoing violation constitutes a basis for the issuance of an order assessing an administrative fine against Respondent.

ORDER

1. It is therefore ORDERED that the investment adviser registration of Charles Afton Richards is hereby GRANTED.
2. It is further ORDERED that Charles Afton Richards is hereby REPRIMANDED;
3. It is further ORDERED that Charles Afton Richards is hereby ASSESSED AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Payment shall be made by delivery of a cashier's check to the Securities Commissioner in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), payable to the State of Texas, contemporaneously with the delivery of this Order.

SIGNED AND ENTERED BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of July, 2000.

  
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DENISE VOIGT CRAWFORD  
Securities Commissioner

Respondent:

  
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Charles Afton Richards

Approved as to Form:

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Michael S. Gunst, Director  
Dealer Registration Division

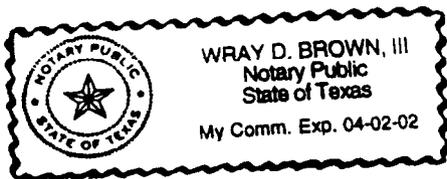
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David A. Grauer, Director  
Enforcement Division

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000, Charles Afton Richards ("Respondent"), personally appeared before me, executed the foregoing Order and acknowledged that:

1. **Respondent has read the foregoing Order;**
2. **Respondent has** been fully advised of his rights under the Texas Securities Act and the Administrative Procedure Act;
3. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily consents to the entry of the foregoing Order and without admitting or denying them, the Findings of **Fact** and Conclusions of **Law** contained therein. except the first Finding of Fact which is admitted; and,
4. **Respondent**, by consenting to the entry of the foregoing Order, has knowingly and voluntarily waived his rights **as set forth therein.**



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Wray D Brown III  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of Texas

My commission expires on: 04-02-02