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Notice of Proposed Rule Amendments Concerning Investment Grade Securities

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We are writing to inform you that the Securities Division is proposing rules to update the exemption from securities registration for investment grade securities set forth in WAC 460-42A-081 to more closely align with Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1933 and federal Rule 146 adopted thereunder.

RCW 21.20.310(8) provides an exemption from securities registration for “any security which meets the criteria for investment grade securities that the director may adopt by rule.” In furtherance of this statute, WAC 460-42A-081 provides an exemption for securities listed on specified national securities exchanges. This rule was last amended in 1996 and since that time, a number of the exchanges specified in this rule have undergone name changes, have restructured, or no longer exist. The Securities Division is now proposing to update WAC 460-42A-081 to specify that this exemption applies to securities listed on exchanges recognized in Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1933 and federal Rule 146 adopted thereunder.

The Securities Division has now filed a notice of Proposed Rule Making (Form CR-102) and the text of the proposed rules (OTS-6876). Please find accompanying this notice, copies of the rule making notice and the proposed rules.

If you have comments on the proposed rules, we would like to hear from you. Comments will be accepted through February 24, 2015 and may be submitted to Michelle Webster at michelle.webster@dfi.wa.gov, or you may mail your comments to the following address:

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A public hearing on the proposed rules is scheduled for February 24, 2014. Further details concerning the hearing are included in the accompanying notice of Proposed Rule Making.