

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF SECURITIES  
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**ORDER ADOPTING AND AMENDING PERMANENT RULES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 303 of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, a notice of rulemaking intent ("Notice") of the Administrator ("Administrator") of the Oklahoma Department of Securities ("Department") was published in The Oklahoma Register on February 18, 2020. The Notice concerned changes to the Rules of the Oklahoma Securities Commission and the Administrator of the Department of Securities.

The following rules were specified in the Notice:

- 660:25-1-3. Definitions [AMENDED]
- 660:25-5-1. Filing of sales literature [AMENDED]

As provided for in the Notice, all interested persons were afforded a thirty (30) day comment period to make written comments regarding the proposed rule amendments (the "Proposed Rule Amendments"). Because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department extended the comment period to March 26, 2020.

A rule impact statement was prepared for the Proposed Rule Amendments. The rule impact statement and the text of the Proposed Rule Amendments including the proposed changes were posted on the Department's website as specified in the Notice. The Department electronically notified the person who had made a timely request for advance notice of the Department's rulemaking proceedings.

Also, as provided for by the Notice, a public hearing regarding the Proposed Rule Amendments was scheduled and conducted on March 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., by teleconference (due to the COVID-19 pandemic isolation restrictions) before the Administrator.

The Department received no comments respecting the Proposed Rule Amendments.

**AUTHORITY**

Section 816 of the Oklahoma Business Opportunity Sales Act provides:

A. The Administrator may make, amend, and rescind rules, forms and orders as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Oklahoma Business Opportunity Sales Act including rules and forms governing disclosure documents, applications and reports, and defining any terms, whether or not used in the Oklahoma Business Opportunity Sales Act insofar as the definitions are not inconsistent with the provisions of the act. For the purpose of rules and forms, the Administrator

may classify business opportunities, persons and matters within his or her jurisdiction, and prescribe different requirements for different classes.

B. No rule, form or order may be made, amended or rescinded unless the Administrator finds that the action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of the purchaser. In prescribing rules and forms the Administrator may cooperate with the administrators of other jurisdictions with a view to effectuating the policy of the Oklahoma Business Opportunity Sales Act to achieve maximum uniformity in the form and content of disclosure statements, applications, and reports whenever practicable.

C. No provision of the Oklahoma Business Opportunity Sales Act imposing any liability applies to any act done or omitted in good faith in conformity with any rule, form or order of the Administrator, notwithstanding that the rule, form or order may later be amended or rescinded or be determined by judicial or other authority to be invalid for any reason.

### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

The Administrator finds that the Proposed Rule Amendments are necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of purchasers and are consistent with the purposes intended by the Oklahoma Business Opportunity Sales Act.

### **ORDER**

**BASED UPON AND SUBJECT TO THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Proposed Rule Amendments are adopted as set forth in the attached Exhibit A that includes the proposed amendments to rules in OAC 660:25.

WITNESS my Hand and the Official Seal of the Oklahoma Department of Securities at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020.

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**MELANIE HALL, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF SECURITIES**