

Categorical Standards for Determining Trustee Independence

In addition to complying with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, for a Trustee to be deemed “independent,” the Board shall affirmatively determine that the Trustee has no material relationship with the Company or its affiliates or any member of the senior management of the Company or his or her affiliates. In making this determination, the Board shall apply the following standards:

- A Trustee who is, or has been within the last three years, an employee of the Company, or whose immediate family member is, or has been within the last three years an executive officer, of the Company may not be deemed independent. Employment as an interim Chairman, Chief Executive Officer or other executive officer will not disqualify a Trustee from being considered independent following that employment.
- A Trustee who has received, or who has an immediate family member who has received, during any twelve-month period within the last three years, more than \$100,000 in direct compensation from the Company, other than trustee and committee fees and pension or other forms of deferred compensation for prior service (provided such compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service), may not be deemed independent. Compensation received by a Trustee for former service as an interim Chairman, Chief Executive Officer or other executive officer and compensation received by an immediate family member for service as a non-executive employee of the Company will not be considered in determining independence under this test.
- (A) A Trustee who is, or whose immediate family member is, a current partner of a firm that is the Company’s internal or external auditor; (B) a Trustee who is a current employee of such a firm; (C) a Trustee who has an immediate family member who is a current employee of such a firm and who participates in the firm’s audit, assurance or tax compliance (but not tax planning) practice; or (D) a Trustee who was, or whose immediate family member was, within the last three years (but is no longer) a partner or employee of such a firm and personally worked on the Company’s audit within that time may not be deemed independent.
- A Trustee who is, or whose immediate family member is, or has been within the last three years, employed as an executive officer of another company where any of the Company’s present executive officers at the time serves or served on that company’s compensation committee may not be deemed independent.
- A Trustee who is a current employee or general partner, or whose immediate family member is a current executive officer or general partner, of an entity that has made payments to, or received payments from, the Company for property or services in an amount which, in any of the last three fiscal years, exceeds the greater of \$1 million or 2% of such other entity’s consolidated gross revenues, may not be deemed independent.
- Further to the provision above that applies to goods and services generally, a Trustee who is, or whose immediate family member is, an executive officer, general partner or significant equity holder (i.e., in excess of 10%) of an entity that is a paid provider of professional services to the Company, any of its affiliates, any executive officer or any affiliate of an executive officer, and which received payments with respect to such services in an amount which, in the preceding twelve months, exceeds \$60,000 (but does not exceed the greater of \$1 million or 2% of such other entity’s consolidated gross revenues) may not be deemed independent.
- A Trustee who is, or whose immediate family member is, affiliated with or employed by a tax-exempt entity that received significant contributions (i.e., more than 2% of such entity’s consolidated gross revenues or more than \$1,000,000 in a single fiscal year, whichever amount is lower) from the Company, any of its affiliates, any executive officer or any affiliate of an executive officer within the preceding twelve-month period may not be deemed independent, unless the contribution was approved in advance by the Board.

For purposes of these Categorical Standards:

- “affiliate” means any consolidated subsidiary of the Company and any other entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the Company, as evidenced by the power to elect a majority of the board of directors or comparable governing body of such entity;
- “executive officer” means an “officer” within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- “immediate family” means spouse, parents, children, siblings, mothers- and fathers-in-law, sons- and daughters-in-law, brothers- and sisters-in-law and anyone (other than employees) sharing a person’s home, but excluding any person who is no longer an immediate family member as a result of legal separation or divorce, or death or incapacitation.