

EXHIBIT 17

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Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 10:35 AM
To: Karl J. Sleight
Cc: Holohan, Bridget (CPI)
Subject: O'Connor

Karl:

I called earlier today and left a voice message. I thought it might expedite things for me to send this brief email instead of waiting for your return call. I was following up on the meeting we had about a week ago concerning John O'Connor. I apologize for not get back to you sooner. I've been focused other matters.

As you requested, we have considered conducting an unsworn interview of Mr. O'Connor in advance or, perhaps, in lieu of a sworn interview. In light of Mr. O'Connor's written response to the 15-day letter, we have determined to forego an unsworn interview. We do intend to seek a sworn interview. Therefore, it would be helpful if you could provide us with any authority you have to support the position you stated during our recent meeting that, contrary to Executive Law §94(16)(d), the Commission may not compel Mr. O'Connor to submit to a sworn interview in the course of an investigation being conducted pursuant to and in accordance with Executive Law §94(12)(a) because he's a target of the Commission's investigation. Whether or not you are willing to share any such authority with us at this time, I assume that, if it becomes necessary for the Commission to subpoena Mr. O'Connor, you will agree to accept service on his behalf *via* electronic mail. Please confirm that's correct.

Finally, please call Bridget or me by Friday, if possible, to agree upon a date and time. In that regard, our conservative estimate is that the interview will be completed in no more than three hours.

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