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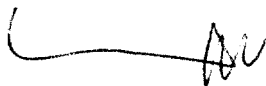
Re: Choice Hotels International, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with Department of Labor Regulation 2520.104-23, the enclosed information is provided to satisfy the alternative method of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part I of Title 1 of ERISA for unfunded pension plans maintained by an employer for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed information, please feel free to contact me

Very truly yours,



Quana C. Jew

Enclosure

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF COMPLIANCE
FOR THE
CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
EXECUTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
under
DOL Regulation § 2520.104-23**

**NAME AND ADDRESS
OF EMPLOYER:**

Choice Hotels International, Inc.
10750 Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20901

**EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:**

52-1209792

**NUMBER OF PROGRAMS
SPONSORED BY EMPLOYER:**

2*

**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
IN THE PROGRAMS:**

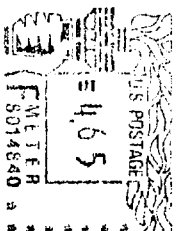
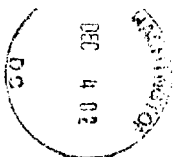
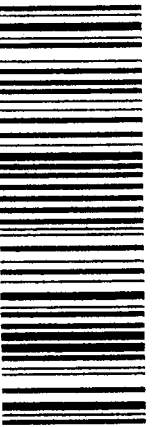
At the Plan's inception, the number of employees potentially eligible to participate in the Plan was approximately nine (9).

DECLARATION OF CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Choice Hotels International, Inc. declares that the deferred compensation program is maintained primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

*The notice for the Choice Hotels International, Inc. Nonqualified Retirement Savings and Investment Plan was previously filed with the Department of Labor.

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