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Secretary of Labor
Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-1513
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: Nationwide Corporate Incentive Solution Prototype Supplemental Executive Retirement and Savings Plan

Dear Secretary:

Pursuant to Section 2520.104-23 of the Department of Labor's Regulations, this letter will serve as notice that, with respect to the Nationwide Corporate Incentive Solution Prototype Supplemental Executive Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan"), the undersigned intends to utilize the alternative form of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part 1 of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") which alternative form of compliance is provided in the aforesaid Regulations Section.

Pursuant to Regulations Section 2520.104-23(b), the following information is provided:

1. Employer Name: Institutional Shareholder Services
Employer Address:
2099 Gaither Road, Ste. 501
Rockville, MD 20850
2. Employer's Employer Identification Number – 06-1541449
3. The Employer hereby declares that it maintains the Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.



4. The Employer hereby states that it maintains only the Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. The number of employees originally eligible to participate in the Plan will be approximately 33.

Pursuant to Regulations Section 2520.104-23(b)(2), the Employer will provide Plan documents, if any, to the Secretary of Labor upon request as required by Section 104(a)(1) of ERISA.

Very truly yours,

Employer: ISS - Institutional Shareholder Services

By: Karen L Meyer-Lain

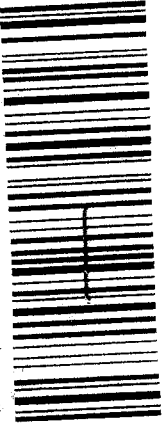
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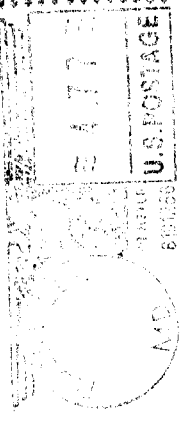
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