



**BROOKLINE
BANCORP, INC.**

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Via Federal Express

Phone: (202)-693-8512
Top Hat Plan Exemption
Employee Benefits Security Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room N-1513
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: Notice of Adoption of Top Hat Plan by Brookline Bancorp, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a notice of adoption of a top hat plan by Brookline Bancorp, Inc. The notice is being filed pursuant to Department of Labor Regulations 29 C.F.R. §2520.104-23. If you have any questions with respect to the notice, please contact me (617-278-6405).

Very truly yours,

Paul R. Bechet
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Beverly J. White, Esq.
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**ALTERNATIVE REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FOR NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS**

To the Secretary of Labor:

In compliance with the requirements of the alternative method of reporting and disclosure under Part I of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 for unfunded or insured pension plans for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, specified in Department of Labor Regulations, 29. C.F.R. § 2520.104-23, the following information is provided by the undersigned administrator:

- (1) The name of the employer is: Brookline Bancorp, Inc.
- (2) The mailing address of the employer is: 160 Washington Street
P.O. Box 470469
Brookline, MA 02447
- (3) The Employer Identification Number is: 04-3402944
- (4) The above-named employer maintains the below referenced plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation benefits for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.
- (5) Name of Plan and Number of Participants:

Brookline Bancorp, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan, covering sixteen (16) participants, for which this notice is being filed.
- (6) The employer will provide copies of the plan to the Secretary of Labor upon request.

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

September 16, 2010
Date

By: Paul R. Bechet
Paul R. Bechet
Chief Financial Officer

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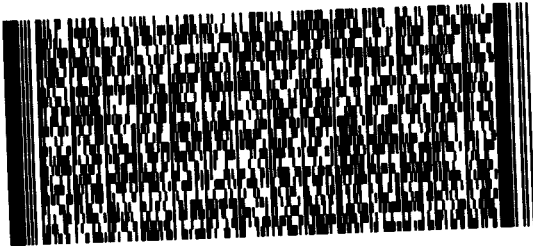


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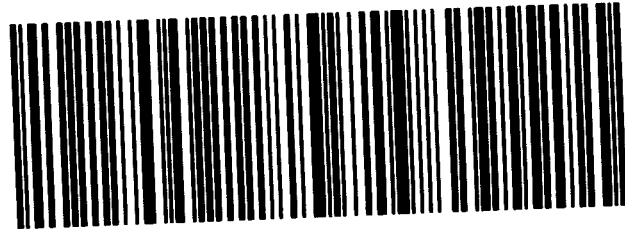
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