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Joel Rossner, Esquire
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Re: MURs 4407 and 4544

Dear Mr. Rossner:

This letter is on behalf of Leon Panetta in connection with the above-captioned MURs. Mr. Panetta has been served with a subpoena, and a motion to quash was subsequently filed with the Commission on his behalf.

This letter is to request an extension of time to respond to the Commission's subpoena in MURs 4407 and 4544, due to the pending motion to quash. Until the Commission rules and the nature of that ruling is made clear, it is not possible for an adequate response to be prepared and submitted in these matters. Furthermore, if the Commission should deny the motion -- though it is urged that it be granted -- significant additional time will be necessary in order to prepare and submit a response to the subpoena.

Consequently, at this time, it is unclear the length of the extension required, and, instead, I request the opportunity to discuss this matter with you after the Commission rules on the above-mentioned motion. Your consideration of this request is appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 728-1010 or Eric Kleinfeld at (202) 496-5051.

Sincerely,


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