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# Memo

TO: The Denver Board of Trustees of the Oppenheimer Funds

FROM: Mary Ann Picciotto, SVP Chief Compliance Officer

DATE: October 27, 2017

RE: Cross Trade Report (Rule 17a-7) for the Quarter Ended

September 30, 2017

## **Required Board Action**

The Board is requested to determine that all purchases and sales were executed in compliance with the adopted procedures pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act.

#### What is the purpose of this report?

The Investment Company Act of 1940 generally prohibits security transactions between an investment company series and an affiliated entity. Rule 17a-7 provides an exception to this prohibition for certain cross trades if appropriate procedures are adopted by the Funds. Rule 17a-7(e)(3) requires the Board to determine quarterly that all such transactions were effected in compliance with the Funds' procedures. The attached report details such transactions.

#### **Board Reporting**

The Board has adopted procedures pursuant to Rule 17a-7. On a quarterly basis, those procedures require the Board to determine that all cross trade purchases and sales were executed in compliance with the procedures.

#### **OFI's Representation of Compliance**

OppenheimerFunds, Inc., (OFI) as the investment sub-adviser to the Oppenheimer Funds, hereby represents that all cross trades were executed in compliance with Rule 17a-7 and the Funds' Rule 17a-7 Procedures during the quarter ended September 30, 2017.

Additionally, all Portfolio Managers and Traders have certified to OFI's Compliance Department that their funds' cross trades were in the best interest of their funds, and were in compliance with the Cross Trades Policy.

#### **Summary of Compliance Review**

OFI's Compliance Department performed a quarterly oversight review of the cross trade process to ensure that it is in compliance with Rule 17a-7 and the Funds' procedures. For the quarter ended September 30, 2017, the Compliance review found no cross trade issues.

The following tests were performed on each transaction:

- Verification of broker prices used for fixed income trades;
- Verification of pricing methodology used for equity trades;
- Ensure no commissions were paid as part of any transactions;
- Comparison of vendor end-of-day prices to cross trade prices;
- Timing of any open market buys and sells of cross traded securities executed within the timeframe of each cross trade;
- Screening for securities downgraded either shortly before or after a cross trade; and
- Comparative analysis on the size of the two funds involved in the cross trade.

Additional tests done on all firm wide transactions:

- Verification that no trades were arranged in the market via one or more brokers instead
  of being executed internally per OFI 17a-7 procedures (as of 8/31/16);
- Identification of transactions where a security is sold and repurchased from the same broker within five business days (as of 4/1/16); and
- Identification of accounts that buy and sell a security on the same day.

Additional details regarding specific results and testing processes included in the review can be found in the "Results of the Compliance Review" section below.

#### **Summary of Cross Trades**

The following table summarizes Denver Board cross trades executed:

	Third Quarter 2017	Second Quarter 2017	First Quarter 2017	Fourth Quarter 2016
Long-Term Debt	158	12	133	90
Variable Rate Demand Note	0	0	0	0
Equity	76	74	181	92
Total	234	86	314	182

The increase in cross trades was primarily due to more rebalance trades being executed in the high-grade and EM high-grade funds.

#### **Summary of Cross Trade Reasons**

The following tables summarize Denver Board cross trade reasons:

Long-Term Debt Cross Trade Reasons	Current Quarter Denver Board Trades by Transaction Reasons	Prior Quarter Denver Board Trades by Transaction Reasons
Rebalance Trades <sup>1</sup>	158	12
Crossing Trades <sup>2</sup>	0	0
Total	158	12

Equity Cross Trade Reasons	Current Quarter Denver Board Trades by Transaction Reasons	Prior Quarter Denver Board Trades by Transaction Reasons
Rebalance Trades <sup>1</sup>	11	9
Crossing Trades <sup>2</sup>	65	65
Total	76	74

#### What is Rule 17a-7?

Rule 17a-7 requires that the Board adopt procedures governing cross trades (i.e., the sale of a security from one fund to another) to ensure that all such transactions meet the conditions of the rule. Under the Rule (including SEC interpretations) and/or the Funds' Procedures, such conditions, generally include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. The transaction is a purchase or sale for a security for which "market quotations are readily available",
- 2. The transaction is executed at the independent current market price of the security,
- 3. Each Fund's registration statement allows for such transactions and such transactions are consistent with each Fund's investment policy, and
- 4. No commission, fee (except for customary transfer fees) or remuneration is paid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Securities are traded to maintain specified weightings or strategy objectives for the Fund and trade counterparty is within the same portfolio team.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Securities are traded to maintain specified weightings or strategy objectives for the Fund and trade counterparty is not within the same portfolio team. A crossing trade opportunity exists when a buy order for a security and a sell order for that same security are present on the trade desk at the same time. If the trade represents best execution for each fund, a cross trade will be executed between two traders acting independently and on behalf of their respective funds.

OFI uses the following methodologies to determine independent current market price:

- 1. Long-term (non-municipal) debt instruments: average of the highest current independent bid and the lowest current independent offer as determined by the trader via the Principal Market Exchange or dealers currently active in the securities, as received from at least two sources.
- 2. Variable Rate Demand Notes (VRDN): priced at par plus accrued interest.
- 3. Equity securities: the last sale price with respect to such security, either the NASDAQ Official Closing Price or the last sale price reported in the consolidated transaction system, or, if there are no reported transactions in the consolidated transaction system, the average of the highest current independent bid and lowest independent offer.
- 4. Municipal securities: the end-of-day price provided by the Fund's pricing service used to value the Fund's net asset value per share on the day of the cross trade.

#### Results of the Compliance Review for the quarter ended September 30, 2017

The following tables illustrates at least 75% of the sales and buys for the Denver Board funds.

Rule 17a-7 Sell Transactions (Fund, Number of Trades and Percentage of Total Trades)

3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017		2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017	
Oppenheimer Global	54	Oppenheimer SteelPath	15
Strategic Income Fund	25%	MLP Alpha Fund	22%
Oppenheimer Main	31	Oppenheimer SteelPath	12
Street All Cap Fund	14%	MLP Alpha Plus Fund	18%
Oppenheimer Global	29	Oppenheimer SteelPath	9
Strategic Income	13%	MLP Select 40 Fund	13%
Fund/VA			
Oppenheimer	26	Oppenheimer Global	7
Conservative Balanced	12%	Strategic Income Fund	10%
Fund/VA			
Oppenheimer Capital	21	Oppenheimer Main	6
Income Fund	10%	Street Mid Cap Fund	9%
Oppenheimer Total	13	Oppenheimer Global	3
Return Bond Fund/VA	6%	Strategic Income	4%
		Fund/VA	
		Oppenheimer	3
		Conservative Balanced	4%
		Fund/VA	
		Oppenheimer Main	3
		Street Fund	4%
		Oppenheimer SteelPath	3
		MLP Income Fund	4%

Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income Fund had 25% of the cross trade sales which were comprised of 54 trades in 50 securities. These trades were executed to rebalance funds to target weights.

Oppenheimer Main Street All Cap Fund had 14% of the cross trade sales which were comprised of 31 trades in seven securities. On the selling side, 22 of the trades were executed as a result of the Main Street Select Fund becoming the Main Street All Cap Fund; nine trades were executed to reduce consumer sector exposure. On the buying side, four trades were executed due to a strategy change within the Main Street sleeve of the Conservative Balanced Fund/VA; 27 trades were executed because the buying funds had a favorable outlook on the name.

Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income Fund/VA had 13% of the cross trade sales which were comprised of 29 trades in 29 securities. These trades were executed to rebalance funds to target weights.

Oppenheimer Conservative Balanced Fund/VA had 12% of the cross trade sales which were comprised of 26 trades in 26 securities. Twenty trades were executed to rebalance funds to target weights. Four trades were because both the selling and buying funds transitioned to

new strategies and needed to rebalance to new targets. One security was sold because of a negative outlook while the buying fund was repurchasing the security after previously selling in order to realize gains and utilize its tax loss carryover prior to expiration.

Oppenheimer Capital Income Fund had 10% of the cross trade sales which were comprised of 21 trades in 19 securities. These trades were executed to rebalance funds to target weights.

Oppenheimer Total Return Bond Fund/VA had 6% of the cross trade sales which were comprised of 13 trades in 13 securities. These trades were executed to rebalance funds to target weights.

Rule 17a-7 Buy Transactions (Fund, Number of Trades and Percentage of Total Trades)

3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017		2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017	
Oppenheimer Total	94	Oppenheimer SteelPath	20
Return Bond Fund	46%	MLP Income Fund	28%
Oppenheimer	38	Oppenheimer SteelPath	16
International Bond Fund	19%	MLP Select 40 Fund	22%
Oppenheimer SteelPath	14	Oppenheimer Core	6
MLP Select 40 Fund	7%	Bond Fund	8%
Oppenheimer Global	10	Oppenheimer Capital	6
Strategic Income Fund/VA	5%	Income Fund	8%
		Oppenheimer Main	5
		Street Small Cap Fund	7%
		Oppenheimer Main	5
		Street Mid Cap Fund	7%

Oppenheimer Total Return Bond Fund had 46% of the cross trade purchases which were comprised of 94 trades in 26 securities. These trades were executed to rebalance funds to target weights.

Oppenheimer International Bond Fund had 19% of the cross trade purchases which were comprised of 38 trades in 27 securities. These trades were executed to rebalance funds to target weights.

Oppenheimer SteelPath MLP Select 40 Fund had 7% of the cross trade purchases which were comprised of 14 trades in four securities. These crossing trades were executed to bring the funds back to target weights.

Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income Fund/VA had 5% of the cross trade purchases which were comprised of 10 trades in 10 securities. These trades were executed to rebalance funds to target weights.

# For the quarter ended September 30, 2017 the Compliance review did not identify any issues or problems with cross trades.

The following tests were performed:

Analysis Performed	Results of Analysis
All long-term debt cross trades (other than municipal	No exceptions were identified.
bond trades) were executed using the average of the	
highest bid price and the lowest offer price.	
All municipal bond cross trades were executed using	There were no municipal bond
the evaluated price provided by the pricing service used	cross trades during the quarter.
to value municipal securities on the day of the cross	
trade	
Broker quotes on all long-term debt cross trades (other	No exceptions were identified.
than municipal bond trades) were received from at least	
two broker dealers.	
No commissions or other fees were paid on any cross	No exceptions were identified.
trades.	·
All equity cross trades were executed at the	No exceptions were identified.
independently determined current market price of the	
security.	
All long-term debt cross trades (other than municipal	Compliance reviewed price
bond trades) were compared against the pricing	variances and determined that
vendor's same day end-of-day price.	there were no patterns or issues.
The pricing vendor's end-of-day prices on all long-term	Compliance reviewed price
debt cross trades were compared to the vendor's end-	variances and determined that
of-day price 7 business days later.	there were no patterns or issues.
All equity cross trades were compared against the	Compliance reviewed price
pricing vendor's same day end-of-day price.	variances and determined that
	there were no patterns or issues.
The pricing vendor's end-of-day prices on all equity	Compliance reviewed price
cross trades was compared to the vendor's end-of-day	variances and determined that
price 7 business days later.	there were no patterns or issues.
Time Held Analysis: all equity and fixed-income cross	Compliance reviewed fund activity
trades were reviewed to analyze:	in the 7 days prior to and following
<ul> <li>a) If a fund executing a cross trade sell made</li> </ul>	cross trades and determined that
unique open-market purchases of the security	there were no patterns or issues.
within 7 business days prior to or following the	
sell or	
b) If a fund executing a cross trade buy sold the	
security in the open-market within 7 business	
days prior to or following the purchase.	
All brokers selected for providing bid and ask prices on	No exceptions were identified.
long-term debt cross trades were analyzed for purposes	
of verifying that the brokers were known to have actively	
traded or priced the securities in question or closely	
related securities.	

Analysis Performed	Results of Analysis
Screening for securities downgraded either shortly before or after a cross trade.	Compliance reviewed all rated securities and determined that there were no issues.
Review of cross trades where there is a significant size discrepancy between the two accounts.	Compliance compared the size of funds involved in each cross trade and determined that there were no issues.
Quarter over quarter analysis on the frequency of cross trades done in each account.	Compliance reviewed the trend of the number of cross trades in each account and determined there were no patterns or issues.
Reviewed transactions to identify potential opportunities for pre-arranged trades in the market.	The compliance review did not identify any pre-arranged trades.
Review of transactions where a security is sold and repurchased from the same broker within five business days.	Compliance reviewed trades where securities were repurchased from the same broker and didn't identify any issues.
Review of accounts that buy and sell a security on the same day.	Compliance reviewed securities bought and sold in an account on the same day and didn't identify any issues.