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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/09 AND ENDING 12/31/09
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: HighTower Securities, LLC

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ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

FIRM I.D. NO.

525 W. Monroe., Suite 2300

(No. and Street)

Chicago, Illinois 60661

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Robert S. Pagliuco, CFO

312-962-3810

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

McGladrey & Pullen, LLP

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

One South Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60606

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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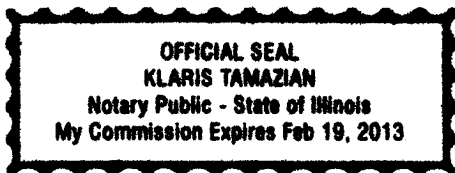
*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Robert S. Pagliuco, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of HighTower Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 2009, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:



[Signature]
Signature
Chief Financial Officer
Title

Klaris Tamazian
Notary Public

This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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McGladrey & Pullen
Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Managing Member
HighTower Securities, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of HighTower Securities, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2009 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit of the statement of financial condition provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of HighTower Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

McGladrey & Pullen, LLP

Chicago, Illinois
February 25, 2010

HighTower Securities, LLC

**Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2009**

Assets	
Cash	\$ 1,361,638
Deposits with clearing brokers	225,087
Receivables from clearing brokers	1,453,999
Other assets	86,409
Total assets	\$ 3,127,133
Liabilities and Member's Equity	
Due to affiliates	\$ 750,669
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	28,131
Total liabilities	778,800
Member's equity	2,348,333
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$ 3,127,133

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial condition.

HighTower Securities, LLC

Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

Note 1. Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of business: HighTower Securities, LLC (the Company) is a registered broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of HighTower Holding, LLC (the Parent).

The Company is in the business of providing full-service-securities brokerage services to retail and institutional customers, primarily through the services provided by its registered representatives and advisors. Pursuant to a clearing agreement between the Company and its clearing brokers, National Financial Services, LLC and JP Morgan Clearing Corp., all securities transactions are cleared on a fully disclosed basis.

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph (k)(2)(i) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and, accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of that rule, including the requirement to make the reserve computations under Rule 15c3-3. Essentially, the requirements of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) provide that the broker-dealer who carries no margin accounts promptly transmits all customer funds and delivers all securities received in connection with its activities as a broker or dealer, does not otherwise hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers and effectuates all financial transactions between the broker or dealer and its customers through one or more bank accounts, each to be designated as Special Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers of the Company.

A summary of the Company's significant accounting policies follows:

Accounting policies: The Company follows accounting standards established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB) to ensure consistent reporting of financial condition results of operations and cash flows. References to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in these footnotes are to the *FASB Accounting Standards Codification*, sometimes referred to as the codification or ASC. The Codification is effective for periods ending on or after September 15, 2009.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue recognition: The Company derives commission revenues from customer transactions in options, stock, mutual funds and fixed income securities. Commission revenues and related brokerage and clearing costs are recognized on a trade-date basis as securities transactions occur. Fee income consists primarily of income generated by fees on customer assets on deposit with a clearing broker. Fee income is recorded when earned.

Interest revenue consists primarily of income generated by cash deposits held in accounts by the clearing brokers. Interest income is recorded when earned.

The Company also receives commission payments for client transactions in nonbrokerage accounts. These include insurance products, variable annuities, 529 Plans, and mutual funds. Revenue is recorded when earned.

HighTower Securities, LLC

Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

Note 1. Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fair value of financial instruments: The Company's financial instruments including cash, deposits with clearing organizations, payables, and due to affiliates are carried at amounts which approximate fair value.

Income taxes: The Company is organized as a single-member limited liability company and its taxable income is reported by the Parent. Therefore, there is no tax expense or benefit recorded by the Company.

When tax returns are filed, it is highly certain that some positions taken would be sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities, while others are subject to uncertainty about the merits of the position taken or the amount of the position that would be ultimately sustained. The benefit of a tax position is recognized in the financial statements in the period during which, based on all available evidence, management believes it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including the resolution of appeals or litigation processes, if any. Tax positions taken are not offset or aggregated with other positions. Tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold are measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement with the applicable taxing authority.

The Company is not subject to examination by U.S. federal or state taxing authorities for tax years before 2006. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company has no uncertain tax positions, and accordingly, has not recorded a liability for the payment of interest or penalties.

Subsequent events: FASB ASC 855, *Subsequent Events*, establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued. The provisions of FASB ASC 855 were effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of FASB ASC 855 did not have a material impact on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

Note 2. Deposits with and Receivables from Clearing Brokers

At December 31, 2009, deposits with clearing brokers includes cash deposits totaling \$225,087 that are required to be maintained in accordance with the Company's clearing broker agreements.

Receivables from clearing brokers on the statement of financial condition consist of cash and amounts due to the Company from its clearing brokers for commissions and fees earned by the Company.

Note 3. Related Parties

At December 31, 2009, included in the amount due to affiliates is \$600,616 due to the Company's Parent. This amount relates to certain shared expenses in accordance with an Expense Sharing Agreement dated June 30, 2008. The Expense Sharing Agreement provides for the Parent to provide certain services to the Company. The Company is allocated an amount equal to the cost of the expenses incurred in connection with providing these services.

Additionally, included in due to affiliates is an amount due to an affiliated entity in the amount of \$150,053 that represents advisory fees collected by the Company on behalf of such affiliate.

Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

Note 4. Off-Balance Sheet Risk, Concentration of Credit Risk, Commitments and Indemnifications

Credit risk is the amount of accounting loss the Company would incur if the counterparty failed to perform its obligations under contractual terms. Substantially all of the clearing and depository operations of the Company are performed by its clearing brokers pursuant to clearance agreements. The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with the nonperformance of counterparties in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile securities markets, credit markets, and regulatory changes.

In the normal course of business, the Company's clearing brokers make margin loans to the Company's customers, which are collateralized by customer securities. In permitting the customers to purchase securities on margin, the clearing brokers are exposed to the risk of a market decline that could reduce the value of the collateral held below the customers' indebtedness before the collateral can be sold, which could result in losses to the clearing brokers. The Company's agreement with the clearing brokers require the Company to reimburse the clearing brokers for any losses incurred related to customers introduced by the Company. The Company seeks to control the risk associated with customer activities by monitoring customer trading activity and by sharing in the commissions and fees earned by the registered representatives servicing those customers.

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. Management believes that the Company is not exposed to any significant credit risk on bank deposits.

At December 31, 2009, cash in banks included a minimum balance requirement of \$100,000 as security for an irrevocable letter of credit issued as collateral for a STAMP Surety Bond required for performing signature and medallion guarantees for the transfer of certain assets and documents on behalf of its customers.

In the normal course of business, the Company indemnifies and guarantees certain service providers, such as clearing brokers, against specified potential losses in connection with their acting as an agent of, or providing services to, the Company. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the financial statements for these indemnifications.

Additionally, the Company enters into contacts and agreements that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred. The Company expects the risk of any future obligations under these indemnifications to be remote.

Note 5. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is a broker-dealer subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, administered by the SEC and FINRA, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. The Company is required to maintain net capital of the greater of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, or \$250,000 and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash distributions paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2009, the Company had net capital of \$1,950,396, which was \$1,700,396 in excess of its required net capital of \$250,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 0.40 to 1.

HighTower Securities, LLC

Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

Note 6. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through the date these financial statements were issued. There were no subsequent events to disclose.

McGladrey & Pullen

Certified Public Accountants

Independent Accountant's Report On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

February 25, 2010

Managing Member
HighTower Securities, LLC
525 West Monroe Street, Suite 2300
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Attention: Mr. Andrew Kornreich, President

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments [Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7T)] to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the period from April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, which were agreed to by HighTower Securities, LLC (the Company), the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and SIPC (the Specified Parties), solely to assist you and these other specified parties in evaluating the Company's compliance with the applicable instructions of the Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7T). The Company's management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7T with respective cash disbursement record entries, noting no differences;
2. Compared the Total Revenue amounts of the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 less revenues reported on the FOCUS reports for the period from January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009, as applicable, with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7T for the period from April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, noting no differences;
3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7T with supporting schedules and working papers, noting no differences;
4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7T and in the related schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments, noting no differences; and
5. Compared the amount of any overpayment applied with the Form SIPC-7T on which it was computed, noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not, conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

McGladrey & Pullen, LLP

February 25, 2010
Chicago, Illinois

SIPC-7T

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SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION
805 15th St. N.W. Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005-2215
202-371-8300 **DEC 21 2009**

Transitional Assessment Reconciliation

(Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

SIPC-7T

(29-REV 12/09)

TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS

1. Name of Member, address, Designated Examining Authority, 1934 Act registration no. and month in which fiscal year ends for purposes of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-5:

053560 FINRA DEC
HIGHTOWER SECURITIES LLC 8*8
525 W MONROE ST STE 2300
CHICAGO IL 60681-3720

Note: If any of the information shown on the mailing label requires correction, please e-mail any corrections to form@sipc.org and so indicate on the form filed.

Name and telephone number of person to contact respecting this form.

Robert Pagliuca (312) 942-3800

- 2. A. General Assessment [item 2e from page 2 (not less than \$150 minimum)] \$ 12,316
- B. Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed including \$150 paid with 2009 SIPC-4 (exclude interest) (3,004)
9/22/09
Date Paid
- C. Less prior overpayment applied (11)
- D. Assessment balance due or (overpayment) 9,301
- E. Interest computed on late payment (see instruction E) for _____ days at 20% per annum _____
- F. Total assessment balance and interest due (or overpayment carried forward) \$ 9,301
- G. PAID WITH THIS FORM:
Check enclosed, payable to SIPC
Total (must be same as F above) \$ _____
- H. Overpayment carried forward \$(_____)

3. Subsidiaries (S) and predecessors (P) included in this form (give name and 1934 Act registration number):

The SIPC member submitting this form and the person by whom it is executed represent thereby that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete.

Hightower Securities, LLC
(Name of Corporation, Partnership or other organization)
[Signature]
(Authorized Signature)
CFO
(Title)

Dated the 24 day of February, 20 10.

This form and the assessment payment is due 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Retain the Working Copy of this form for a period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 years in an easily accessible place.

SIPC REVIEWER

Dates: Postmarked Received Reviewed

Calculations _____ Documentation _____ Forward Copy _____

Exceptions:

Disposition of exceptions:

**DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES"
AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT**

Amounts for the fiscal period
beginning April 1, 2009
and ending 12/31, 2009
Eliminate cents

Item No.

2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)

\$ 5,586,671

2b. Additions:

(1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above.

(2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts.

(3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts.

(4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a.

(5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities.

(6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities.

(7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts.

Total additions

0

2c. Deductions:

(1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products.

234,576

(2) Revenues from commodity transactions.

(3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions.

266,004

(4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation.

(5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts.

(6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date.

(7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act).

131,420

(8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business.
(See Instruction C):

(9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income.

\$ 557

(ii) 40% of interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960).

\$ 28,144

Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii)

28,144

Total deductions

460,144

2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues

\$ 4,926,527

2e. General Assessment @ .0025

\$ 12,316

(to page 1 but not less than \$150 minimum)