

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
December 14, 2011**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

**File No. 0-51665 - CF#27532**

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Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on November 4, 2011.

Based on representations by Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.6	through February 10, 2016
Exhibit 10.7	through February 10, 2016
Exhibit 10.8	through February 10, 2016

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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