

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

19 January 2012

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

Symetra Financial Corp.

File No. 1-33808 -- CF# 27586

Symetra Financial Corp. 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 9, 2011.

Based on representations by Symetra Financial Corp. 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 10.1 through October 26, 2012

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

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