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Susan, Bill –

In addition to the January accelerations of the Riversource and Transamerica filings cited in my prior email below, which are directly on point, the Commission staff has processed many other January accelerations of variable product filings that did not include stub financials (*see, e.g.*, the citations below). Such January accelerations cover a variety of contexts, including new product filings, merger filings, and post-effective amendments for existing products. The numerosity of these filings (and others) confirm the accepted nature of this practice in this area rather than any exceptions or “mistakes” on the part of the Commission staff. In the interest of time, I am citing to recent filings but, as I mentioned on the phone, this practice goes back many years. Please bear this in mind when you speak with Jamie today, as well as the information I forwarded to you last week regarding the high costs and extreme hardship that would be involved in preparing stub financials.

USL Merger 2011

- N-4 registration statements filed on January 3, 2011 and accelerated on January 3, 2011
 1. 333-171495
 2. 333-171496
 3. 333-171499
 4. 333-171500
 5. 333-171501
 6. 333-171502
 7. 333-171503
- N-6 registration statement filed on January 3, 2011 and accelerated on January 3, 2011
 1. 333-171497

Nationwide Merger 2010

- N-4 registration statements filed on January 4, 2010 and accelerated on January 4, 2010
 1. 333-164128
 2. 333-164129
 3. 333-164130
 4. 333-164131
 5. 333-164132

Genworth Life New Product Filings 2010

- N-4 pre-effective amendments filed on December 22, 2009 and accelerated on January 8, 2010 (note definitive prospectuses dated January 19, 2011)
 1. 333-162504
 2. 333-162506

Genworth Life Post-Effective Amendment to Existing Product 2010

- N-4 Post-Effective Amendments filed on December 22, 2009 and accelerated on January 8, 2010 (note incorporation by reference of both "Part A and Part B" **and** prospectuses subsequently filed).
 1. 333-143407

Riversource Post-Effective Amendment to Existing Product 2010

- N-4 Post-Effective Amendment filed on November 26, 2009 and accelerated on January 9, 2010.
 1. 333-139759

Riversource Post-Effective Amendment to Existing Product 2005

- N-6 Post-Effective Amendment filed on November 18, 2004 and accelerated on or about January 4, 2005.
 1. 333-69777

Nationwide Post-Effective Amendment to Existing Product 2005

- N-4 Post-Effective Amendment filed on January 7, 2005 and apparently accelerated or otherwise allowed to go effective without stub financials on or about February 1, 2005 (PEA # 6 filed October 8, 2004; PEA #7 filed December 6, 2004 to add delaying amendment; PEA #8 filed January 7, 2005 and PEA #9 ("b" filing) filed February 1, 2005).
 1. 333-104510

Kindly let me know if you have any question regarding the above and when we might hear from the Commission staff on the acceleration of Allianz's filings. Many thanks.

Richard

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Susan –

Thanks again for your time and attention to this matter. As requested, attached are links and PDFs of filings by AXA Equitable, Riversource, and Transamerica that provide support for what we are requesting. Given the severe time constraints, my search was very limited, but the filings are illustrative, in my experience, of longstanding industry practice.

Riversource (333-79311) – November 26, 2008 “a” filing followed by January 9, 2009 “b” filing each containing prospectus supplement, dated January 26, 2009, accelerated on January 9, 2009. Purpose of supplement was to reflect an increase in rider charges to existing products effective at a date in the future. Note the incorporation by reference, which is technically unnecessary. Note also the absence of stub financials. Rule 497(j) filing made on January 27, 2009.

- Acceleration request: see above.
- “a” filing:
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1000191/000095013708014109/c47966e485apos.txt>
- “b” filing:
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1000191/000095013709000182/c48567be485bpos.txt>
- Notice of Effectiveness:
http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1000191/999999999509000069/xslEFFEFFECTX01/primary_doc.xml
- Rule 497(j) filing:
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1000191/000095013709000585/c48567je497j.txt>

AXA Equitable (333-160951) – December 12, 2010 “a” filing containing prospectus, dated “January __, 2011,” accelerated on December 23, 2010. Purpose of filing was to include a revised Retirement Cornerstone prospectus. No intervening filings. Definitive prospectus was dated January 10, 2011. Note absence of incorporation by reference, which is technically unnecessary.

- Acceleration request: see above.
- “a” filing:
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1015570/000008902410000612/e13174.txt>
- Notice of Effectiveness:
http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1015570/999999999510003690/xslEFFEFFECTX01/primary_doc.xml
- Definitive 497(c) prospectus:
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1015570/000008902411000001/e13547.txt>

Transamerica (333-131987) – December 28, 2010 “a” filing containing “red herring” prospectus supplement showing increased rider charges for riders issued on or after February 21, 2011, accelerated on January 5, 2011. Subsequent “b” filing made on January 7, 2011 contained prospectus supplement dated January 7, 2011 and referencing fact that change affected riders issued on or after February 21, 2011. Rule 497(j) filing made on January 11, 2011. Note use of

incorporation by reference, which is technically unnecessary. Note also absence of stub financials (or updated auditors consent).

- Acceleration request: see above.
- “a” filing:
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1114805/000119312510288492/d485apos.htm>
- Notice of Effectiveness:
http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1114805/999999999511000065/xslEFFECTX01/primary_doc.xml
- “b” filing:
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1114805/000119312511003667/d485bpos.htm>
- Rule 497(j) filing:
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1114805/000119312511005765/d497j.htm>

In the interest of time, I am sending this to you and to my client concurrently. Let me know if you have any other question or if I can provide any additional information.

Richard

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