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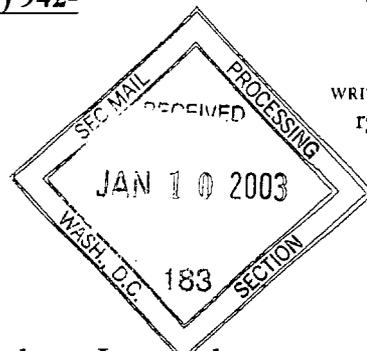


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Re: Application of Robertson Stephens, Inc., et al, pursuant to Section 9(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for Temporary and Permanent Orders Exempting Applicants from the Provisions of Section 9(2) of Such Act (the "Application"); File No. HO-09140

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Dear Ms. Hahn:

In response to the Staff's comment regarding footnote no. 1 of the Application, the Applicants have authorized me to respectfully request that identifying docket information be added to footnote no. 1. Footnote no. 1 should read:

Securities and Exchange Commission v. Robertson Stephens, Inc., Final Judgment of Permanent Injunction and Other Relief Against Robertson Stephens, Inc., Civ. 03-0027 (D.D.C., Jan. 10, 2003).

Thank you for your assistance with the application. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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