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A. RE	GISTRANT IDENTIF	ICATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: PCS Securities	es, Inc.		OFFICIAL USE ONLY
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NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERS	SON TO CONTACT IN REC	GARD TO THIS REPO	RT
Scott Daniels			(212) 751-4422
			(Area Code – Telephone Number)
B. ACC	COUNTANT IDENTIF	<b>ICATION</b>	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT who	se opinion is contained in thi	s Report*	
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I Scott D. Daniels	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of		
my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporti			
PCS Securities, Inc.	, as		
of December 31, , 2015 , are true a	nd correct. I further swear (or affirm) that		
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director			
classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:			
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(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			
(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Sconsolidation.	Financial Condition with respect to methods of		
☑ (1) An Oath or Affirmation.			
☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.			
(n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or four	nd to have existed since the date of the previous audit		
(o) Exemption Report pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission	Exemption Report pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17a5(d)(4)		

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

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

**DECEMBER 31, 2015** 

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Management and Shareholder of PCS Securities, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of PCS Securities, Inc. (the "Company"), as of December 31, 2015. 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 the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition of PCS Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2015, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

February 19, 2016

Withum Smith + Brown, PC

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2015	
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,529,915
Receivables	581,208
Payments in advance under administrative service agreement	545,625
Other assets	12,574
	\$ 2,669,322
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities Accrued payables on research costs Accrued expenses Due to affiliates  Total liabilities	\$ 431,266 58,104 7,292 496,662
Stockholder's equity Common stock, \$.01 par value, 1,000 shares authorized and 100 issued and outstanding Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings Total stockholder's equity	1 1,841,006 331,653 2,172,660
	\$ 2,669,322

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 1. Nature of business

PCS Securities, Inc. (the "Company") is a broker-dealer that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company is a broker-dealer facilitating independent research products to institutional investors under various arrangements in which a broker-dealer provides research to a customer in return for a certain volume of commission revenue from that customer. The Company's affiliate, Institutional Research Services, Inc. ("IRS"), sells third-party research to institutional money managers on a hard-dollar basis. The money managers remit payment for these services to the Company. The Company performs services, including payment to the research producers for their research and retains a research processing fee for these services. The Company has one office located in Seattle, Washington.

The Company does not carry accounts for customers nor performs custodial functions related to securities. The Company clears its securities on a fully-disclosed basis through its clearing broker, Merrill Lynch.

The Company conducts its business within the safe harbor of Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In that regard, the Company executes brokerage transactions for investment advisors, money managers and plan sponsors ("Money Managers") at a negotiated commission rate. As an incentive to use the Company's services for the execution of such brokerage transactions, the Company has developed a system to provide third-party research services to Money Managers based upon the level of brokerage transactions.

The amount of third-party research services that the Company will furnish to the Money Managers is based on the amount of commissions that the Company receives or expects to receive for execution of brokerage transactions. It is understood by the Money Managers and the Company that the commission total balance is not redeemable in cash and may only be used to obtain third-party research services through the Company.

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### Basis of Presentation

The statement of financial condition has been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

The statement of financial condition was approved by management and available for issuance on February xx, 2016. Subsequent events have been evaluated through this date.

#### Revenue Recognition

The Company earns revenue from research processing fees at the time such services are provided for facilitating the research services between the institutional money managers, IRS and the third party research producers.

The Company records income from commissions on a trade-date basis.

#### Research Costs

Amounts relating to all customers with a positive total balance are reflected in the accompanying statement of financial condition as accrued research costs. Such amounts represent the estimated third-party research services to be provided to all customers from whom the Company has earned commissions for execution of brokerage transactions or revenue from direct sales.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers money market accounts and all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Receivables from Clearing Brokers

Commissions receivable are reported at the amount management expects to collect on balances outstanding at yearend. The Company considers all commissions receivable to be fully collectible.

#### Other Receivables

The Company carries its accounts receivable at cost less an allowance for doubtful accounts. On a periodic basis, the Company evaluates its accounts receivable and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts, if necessary, based on a history of past write-offs and collections and current credit conditions. At December 31, 2015 there was no allowance for doubtful accounts.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures 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.

#### Income Taxes

The shareholder of the Company has elected to be treated as an "S" corporation under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision has been made for federal income taxes since the income or loss of the Company is allocated to the individual shareholders for inclusion in their personal income tax return. The state of Washington does not impose an income tax.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

#### 3. Net capital requirement

The Company is a member of FINRA and subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. This Rule requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 and that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2015, the Company's net capital was approximately \$1,035,500, which was approximately \$1,002,400 in excess of its minimum requirement of approximately \$33,000.

#### 4. Related party transactions

The Company entered into an administrative services agreement in April 2009 with IRS. The Company provides processing services related to the sale of independent research products and the payment of vendors associated with the sale. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had payments in advance under this administrative service agreement with the affiliate in the amount of \$545,625.

The Company participates in a retirement benefit plan of an affiliate. The Company owed the affiliate \$7,292 which represents an employee's contribution.

#### 5. Concentrations

The Company maintains all of its cash and cash equivalents at two financial institutions which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company is subject to credit risk to the extent any financial institution with which it conducts business is unable to fulfill contractual obligations on its behalf. Management monitors the financial condition of such financial institutions and does not anticipate any losses from these counterparties. At December 31, 2015 cash and cash equivalents totaled approximately \$1,530,000.

The Company's customers are concentrated in the financial services industry and include investment banks, institutional investors and private equity funds. The Company's customers are primarily located within the United States. The Company generally does not require collateral, and evaluates credit worthiness on a customer-by-customer basis based on the reputation of the customer within the industry, historical trends and other information.

Pursuant to clearance agreements, the Company introduces all of its securities transactions to its clearing brokers on a fully disclosed basis. All of the customers' money balances and long and short security positions are to be carried on the books of the clearing broker. In accordance with these clearance agreements, the Company has agreed to indemnify these brokers for losses the clearing brokers may sustain from customer accounts introduced by the Company. It is not practicable to estimate the fair value of the indemnity clause; however, the Company does not anticipate that it will incur any losses as a result of the indemnification. The Company's clearing agreement requires the Company to maintain a minimum net capital of \$250,000 at all times.

#### 6. Exemption from Rule 15c3-3

The Company is exempt from the SEC Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to the exemptive provision of sub-paragraph (k)(2)(ii) as all customer transactions are cleared through Merrill Lynch on a fully disclosed basis.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

# 7. Subsequent Events

For the period from January 1, 2016 through the date of issuance, distributions to the sole shareholder of the Company amounted to \$200,000.