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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 1/1/2016 AND ENDING 12/31/2016  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Benefit Finance Securities, LLC  
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)  
Six CityPlace Drive; Suite 400

OFFICIAL USE ONLY
FIRM I.D. NO.

(No. and Street) St. Louis MO 63141  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
Scott Fargo 314-729-2200  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*  
Anders Minkler Huber & Helm LLP

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)  
800 Market Street St. Louis MO 63101  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

**CHECK ONE:**

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

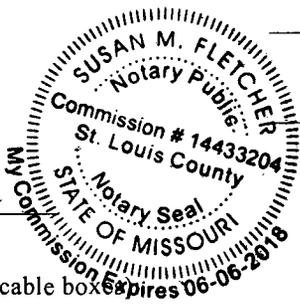
I, Scott Fargo, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Benefit Finance Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 2016, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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*Scott Fargo*  
Signature

Chief Executive Officer  
Title

*Susan M. Fletcher*  
Notary Public



- This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes)
- (a) Facing Page.
  - (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
  - (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 Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
  - (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
  - (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
  - (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
  - (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	91,269
Prepaid FINRA renewal fees		11,692
FINRA deposits		1,251
Product compensation receivable		<u>58,902</u>
Total Current Assets	\$	<u><b>163,114</b></u>

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY**

Current Liabilities		
Accrued expense	\$	5,373
Due to affiliate		<u>1,110</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>6,483</u>
Member's Equity		<u>156,631</u>
Total Member's Equity		
Total Liabilities and Member's Equity	\$	<u><b>163,114</b></u>

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Revenue		
Fee income		\$ 726,850
Interest income		<u>13</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>726,863</u>
Expenses		
Administrative services support fee		40,000
Bank charges		147
Legal fees		701
Office services		180,000
Professional fees		44,020
Taxes and licenses		<u>16,855</u>
	Total Expenses	<u>281,723</u>
	Net Income	<u>\$ 445,140</u>

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

December 31, 2015	\$ 161,491
Distributions	(450,000)
Net Income	<u>445,140</u>
December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 156,631</u>

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Net income	\$ 445,140
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	
Change in assets - (increase) decrease	
Prepaid FINRA renewal fees	366
FINRA deposits	410
Product compensation receivable	(7,362)
Change in liabilities - increase (decrease)	
Accrued expense	<u>4,504</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>443,058</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
Distributions to member	<u>(450,000)</u>
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	<u>(450,000)</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and cash equivalents	(6,942)
Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of Period	<u>98,211</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - End of Period	<u>\$ 91,269</u>

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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**NOTE 1    SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**Nature of Business**

Benefit Finance Securities, LLC (the "Company") is a limited liability company formed in 1997 under the laws of the State of Missouri. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bancorp Services, LLC ("Bancorp"). The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") as a broker-dealer selling variable life insurance annuities and private placements. Also, the Company provides plan administration services for these variable life insurance contracts. The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and operates under the exemptive provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3(k)(1). The latest date upon which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2050.

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), Accounting Standards Codification, (the "FASB ASC"), which is the source of authoritative, non-governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). All references to authoritative accounting guidance contained in our disclosures are based on the general accounting topics within the FASB ASC.

**Use of Estimates in Financial Statements**

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

**Fair Value Measurements**

The Company adopted "FASC 820, Fair Value Measurements", which defines fair value, established a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value investments. This guidance applies whenever fair value is the applicable measurement. The three general valuation techniques used to measure fair value are the market approach, cost approach, and income approach. The guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into Levels 1, 2, and 3. Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments and have the highest priority. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are directly or indirectly observable. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and are given the lowest priority. Carrying amounts of certain financial instruments such as cash and cash equivalents, receivables and accrued expenses approximate fair value due to their short maturities or because the terms are similar to market terms.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Company considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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**NOTE 1    SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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**Product Compensation Receivable**

Product compensation receivables are uncollateralized customer obligations due under normal trade terms.

The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts equal to the estimated losses that will be incurred in the collection of accounts receivable, if any. When necessary, this estimate is based on historical experience coupled with a review of the current status of existing receivables. The allowance and associated accounts receivable are reduced when the receivables are determined to be uncollectible. Currently, the Company considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of cash and cash equivalents and receivables. The Company maintains its cash primarily with two financial institutions. Deposits in interest bearing and non-interest bearing accounts at these banks are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250,000. At December 31, 2016, there were no cash balances in excess of federally insured limits at the bank. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers, as needed, for potential credit losses. Although the Company is directly affected by the financial stability of its customer base, management does not believe significant credit risk exists at December 31, 2016.

**Revenue Recognition**

The Company receives commissions from the sale of certain corporate life insurance products. Revenue from premium related commissions is recognized at the point the premiums are paid. Other products pay commissions over time based on the value of assets held in the product. For these types of products, commission income is accrued and recognized over time.

Plan administration fees are derived and recognized over the term of the contract from policy administration pursuant to the sale by a retail broker-dealer of a related variable insurance contract.

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASU 2014-09), which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The primary focus of ASU 2014-09 is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers reflecting an amount that considers when an entity expects to be entitled to those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 defines a five step process to achieve this core principle and, in doing so, more judgment and estimates may be required within the revenue recognition process than are required under existing U.S. GAAP. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods therein, using either of the following transition methods: (i) a full retrospective approach reflecting the application of the standard in each prior reporting period with the option to elect certain practical expedients, or (ii) a retrospective approach with the cumulative effect of initially adopting ASU 2014-09 recognized at the date of adoption. We are currently evaluating the impact of our pending adoption of ASU 2014-09 on our financial statements and have not yet determined the method by which we will adopt the standard in 2019.

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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**Income Taxes**

The Company is formed as a single-member limited liability company and as such its operations are included in Bancorp's tax returns. Earnings are included in the personal tax returns of the members. Accordingly, the financial statements do not include a provision for income taxes.

The Company is required to evaluate tax positions taken (or expected to be taken) in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns and recognize a tax liability if the Company has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The Company has analyzed the tax positions taken and has concluded that as of December 31, 2016, there are no uncertain tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements.

If applicable, the Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax liabilities in the statement of income.

Management is required to analyze all open tax years, as defined by the Statute of Limitations, for all major jurisdictions, including federal and certain state taxing authorities. The Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by taxing authorities for years before 2013. As of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company did not have a liability for any unrecognized taxes. The Company has no examinations in progress and is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax liabilities will significantly change in the next twelve months.

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**NOTE 2 NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

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The Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to regulatory net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2016, the Company had net capital of \$84,786, which was \$79,786 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's net capital ratio was .07646 to 1.

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**NOTE 3 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

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The Company and BFP Securities, LLC ("BFPS"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Benefit Finance Partners, LLC ("BFP"), which is 50 percent owned by Bancorp, are related by common ownership.

During 2016, the Company received commissions of \$635,299, through an agreement with BFPS.

Commissions, plan administration fees, and other advances may be due to and receivable from BFP and BFPS. As of December 31, 2016, the Company had a balance due from BFPS of \$58,902. As of December 31, 2016, the Company had a balance due to BFP of \$1,110.

The Company has an Expense Agreement with Bancorp to pay a monthly management fee for office space, and support in administration, finance, equipment, technology, sales, and marketing. The monthly fee was \$15,000 during the year. Expenses under the agreement totaled \$180,000 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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**NOTE 4    RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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Changes to the Internal Revenue Code, industry regulations and other factors may affect the demand for variable insurance contracts. Also, a large part of the Company's customer base consists of companies in the banking industry. Economic difficulties by customers could lead to the surrender of existing insurance contracts and the resulting recognition of surrender charges. It is not currently possible for the Company to determine the likelihood or potential impact of the above uncertainties.

The Company has various revenue concentrations, a related party (see footnote 3) which was 87 percent and revenue from two additional customers were 12 percent of the Company's revenues for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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**NOTE 5    SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

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The Company has evaluated subsequent events through February 23, 2017 the date the financial statements were available to be issued. It was concluded there were no events or transactions occurring during this period that required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**  
**SCHEDULE 1**  
**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL, AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS, AND RATIO OF AGGREGATE**  
**INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Net Capital		
Total Member's Equity	\$	156,631
Deductions and/or Charges		
Non-allowable assets		
Prepaid FINRA renewal fees		11,692
FINRA deposits		1,251
Product compensation receivable		58,902
Total Deductions and/or Charges		<u>71,845</u>
Net Capital	\$	<u>84,786</u>
Aggregate Indebtedness	\$	<u>6,483</u>
Capital Requirements		
Minimum capital requirements (based on aggregate indebtedness)	\$	<u>432</u>
Minimum dollar net capital requirement		<u>5,000</u>
Net capital requirement (greater of above)		<u>5,000</u>
Excess net capital		<u>79,786</u>
Net capital less greater of 10% of aggregate indebtedness or 120% of minimum dollar net capital requirement	\$	<u>78,786</u>
Ratio of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital		<u>0.07646 to 1</u>

There are no differences between the audited Computation of Net Capital above and the Company's corresponding computation in the unaudited Part IIA FOCUS Report.

**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES  
SCHEDULE 2  
EXEMPTION REPORT**

Benefit Finance Securities, LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer to Rule 17a-5 promulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. section 240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

The Company met the identified exemption provision in 17 C.F.R. section 240.15c3-3(k)(1) throughout the year without exception.

**Benefit Finance Securities, LLC**

I, Scott Fargo, swear (or affirm) that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

By:   
Title: Chief Executive Officer

February 23, 2017



## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Member  
Benefit Finance Securities, LLC  
St. Louis, Missouri

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Schedule 2 - Exemption Report, in which (1) Benefit Finance Securities, LLC identified the following provision of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which Benefit Finance Securities, LLC claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: Provision (1) (the "exemption provision") and (2) Benefit Finance Securities, LLC stated that Benefit Finance Securities, LLC met the identified exemption provision throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. Benefit Finance Securities, LLC's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provision and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about Benefit Finance Securities, LLC's compliance with the exemption provision. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provision set forth in paragraph (k)(1) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

*Anders Minkler Huber & Helm LLP*

February 23, 2017

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**BENEFIT FINANCE SECURITIES, LLC**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH  
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES  
AND  
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Member  
Benefit Finance Securities, LLC  
St. Louis, Missouri

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Benefit Finance Securities, LLC (a Missouri limited liability company) as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of income, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Benefit Finance Securities, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements 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 statements. 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 statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Benefit Finance Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Schedule 1, Computation of Net Capital, Aggregate Indebtedness, and Ratio of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1, and Schedule 2, Exemption Report, has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Benefit Finance Securities, LLC's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Benefit Finance Securities, LLC's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with Rule C.F.R. 240.17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In our opinion, the Schedule 1, Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1, and Schedule 2, Exemption Report, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Andrew Mickelthaler & Helms LLP*

February 23, 2017