UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 106112 / August 12, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-19043

In the Matter of **Santander Securities LLC** **Respondent.**	**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF ANY REMAINING FUNDS IN THE DISTRIBUTION FUND AND ANY FUNDS RETURNED IN THE FUTURE TO THE U.S. TREASURY AND TERMINATING THE DISTRIBUTION FUND**

On March 11, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Instituting Administrative and Cease-and-Desist Proceedings Pursuant to Sections 203(e) and 203(k) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions and a Cease-and-Desist Order (the "Order")[1] against Santander Securities LLC (the "Respondent"). This Order was issued as part of the Commission's Share Class Selection Disclosure Initiative that incentivized investment advisers for self-reporting disclosure failures concerning their conflicts of interest resulting from the receipt of 12b-1 fees and/or in selecting share classes that paid the firm, its affiliates, or its supervised persons 12b-1 fees when lower-cost shares of the same classes of the same mutual fund were available to advisory clients. The Commission ordered the Respondent to pay $270,539.89 in disgorgement and prejudgment interest (the "Distribution Fund"). Pursuant to the Order, the Respondent was responsible for administering the Distribution Fund at its own expense pursuant to a calculation specified in the Order.

The Respondent issued 1,286 payments, totaling $288,080.45, of which $247,693.87 was successfully disbursed (85.98%) to recipients. Santander sent a total amount of $47,150.51 to the Commission, representing uncashed checks, returned funds, *de minimis*, and the additional amount Santander paid to the Distribution Fund from its own funds to replace the overpayments it made to affected investors that cashed their checks or received their distribution in their bank accounts. The Commission subsequently paid $216.99 from that amount to an affected investor, based on Santander's information that the affected investor was entitled to receive that amount,

[1] Advisers Act Rel. No. 5140 (Mar. 11, 2019).

but did not timely cash the distribution check Santander had sent to it. A total of $46,933.52 remains available for transfer to the Treasury.

The Order further requires the Respondent to provide a final accounting to the Commission staff for submission to the Commission for approval. Upon approval of the final accounting, any remaining amounts in the Distribution Fund that are infeasible to return to investors, and any funds returned in the future that are infeasible to return to investors, are to be sent to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury"). The final accounting has been submitted to the Commission for approval, as required by the Order, and has been approved.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that:

A. the remaining funds in the Distribution Fund that are infeasible to return to investors, and any funds returned in the future that are infeasible to return to investors, shall be transferred to the Treasury, subject to Section 21F(g)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

B. the Distribution Fund is terminated.

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman
Secretary