UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 Release no. 34133 / December 9, 2020

In the Matter of

NORTHERN FUNDS

NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, INC.
50 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603

(812-15155)

ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(c) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 15(c) OF THE ACT

Northern Funds ("Trust") and Northern Trust Investments, Inc. ("Adviser") filed an application on August 24, 2020, requesting an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") exempting applicants from section 15(c) of the Act. The order permits the Trust and the Adviser to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements with sub-advisers that have been approved by the vote of a majority of the members of the Trust's board of trustees or directors at a non-in-person meeting.

On November 13, 2020, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 34095). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order granting the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application that granting the requested exemption is appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, under section 6(c) of the Act that the relief requested by Northern Funds and Northern Trust Investments, Inc. (File No. 812-15155) is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

J. Matthew DeLesDernier Assistant Secretary