

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940
Release No. 4937 / June 6, 2018

In the Matter of :
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BLACKROCK ADVISORS, LLC; :
BLACKROCK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, :
INC. :
55 East 52nd Street, :
New York, NY 10055 :
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BLACKROCK FUND ADVISORS, :
400 Howard Street, :
San Francisco, CA 94105 :
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(803-00240) :
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ORDER UNDER SECTION 206A OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940 AND
RULE 206(4)-5(e) THEREUNDER GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM
RULE 206(4)-5(a)(1) THEREUNDER

BlackRock Advisors, LLC, BlackRock Financial Management, Inc., and BlackRock Fund Advisors (“Applicants”) filed an application on May 26, 2017, and amended and restated applications on November 21, 2017 and March 28, 2018, for an order under section 206A of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Act”) and rule 206(4)-5(e) thereunder. The order would grant an exemption under the Act to the Applicants from rule 206(4)-5(a)(1) to permit the Applicants to receive compensation for investment advisory services provided to certain government entities within the two-year period following a contribution by a covered associate of the Applicants to an official of the government entities.

On May 11, 2018, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Advisers Act Release No. IA-4912). 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, as amended and restated, that the proposed 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, pursuant to section 206A of

the Act and rule 206(4)-5(e) thereunder, that the exemption from rule 206(4)-5(a)(1) under the Act requested by the Applicants (File No. 803-00240) is granted, effective immediately.

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

Eduardo A. Aleman
Assistant Secretary