

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT**

**IN THE MATTER OF: EQUITY FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.**

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FILE NO. 0300777

NOTICE OF HEARING

**TO THE RESPONDENT: Equity Financial Management Services, Inc.
(CRD #: 115162)
330 South Wells Street
Suite 1120
Chicago, Illinois 60606**

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to Section 11.F of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 (815 ILCS 5 et. seq.) (the "Act") and 14 Ill. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K (the "Rules"), a public hearing is scheduled to be held at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on the 12th day of November 2003, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, before Soula J. Spyropoulos, Esq., or another duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order shall be entered suspending or revoking Equity Financial Management Services, Inc.'s ("Respondent") registration as a dealer in the State of Illinois and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to the imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to Section 11.F of the Act, payable within ten (10) business days of the entry of the Order.

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

1. That at all relevant times Respondent was registered with the Secretary of State as a dealer in the State of Illinois pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
2. That during the third week of May, pursuant to the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 (815 ILCS 5/8.J) ("Act"), the Department mailed to Respondent 2003 Annual Report of Branch Offices in Illinois ("Form") in blank, with

instructions that Respondent was to return the Form, filled out, along with any applicable branch office fee, "on or before June 30, 2003." The Form was sent to Respondent's address of record in the Central Registration Depository (CRD).

3. That on July 9, 2003, the Department sent a letter ("Letter") to Respondent notifying Respondent of its failure to return the Form by the required date and that it was required to return the Form within ten (10) business days from the date of the Letter, "as well as a \$50 late filing fee as authorized under Section 8.J of the Act," ("Late Fee").
4. That a representative of the Department followed up the Letter and called Respondent on July 29th and again on August 28th, 2003 and requested, or left messages requesting, the Form and the Late Fee.
5. That to date, Respondent has failed and refused to return the Form and has failed and refused to pay the Late Fee to the Department.
6. That Section 12.D provides that it shall be a violation of the provisions of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any application, report or document required to be filed under the provisions of the Act or any rule or regulation made by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act.
7. That by virtue of its failure to return the Form and pay the Late Fee as required and authorized by Section 8.J of Act Respondent has violated the Act.
8. That Section 8.E(1)(g) of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that the registration of a dealer may be suspended or revoked if the Secretary of State finds that such dealer has violated any of the provisions of the Act.
9. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent's registration as a dealer in the State of Illinois is subject to suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 8.E(1)(g) of the Act.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130.1104 of the Rules and Regulations (14 Ill. Adm. Code 130) (the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice. A failure to file an answer within the prescribed time shall be construed as an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing.

Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall

constitute default, unless any Respondent has upon due notice moved for and obtained a continuance.

A copy of the Rules, promulgated under the Act and pertaining to Hearings held by the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, is include with this Notice.

Delivery of Notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondent.

DATED: This 26th day of September 2003.



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