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March 13, 2015

#### VIA E-FILING

The Honorable Andrew J. Peck United States Magistrate Judge United States Courthouse, Courtroom 20D 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

#### Re: Beacon Associates LLCI, et al. v. Beacon Associates Management Corp. Civil Case No: 14-cv-2294 (AJP)

Dear Judge Peck:

We represent plaintiffs Beacon Associates (the "Beacon Fund") and Andover Associates (the "Andover Fund") (collectively "Plaintiffs") in connection with the captioned matter.

Pursuant to the briefing schedule set forth in the Endorsed Letter of January 23, 2015 [Docket No. 53], annexed hereto as Exhibits A and B are submissions of Affected Beacon Investors for considerations of the Court in connection with the investor Holdback issue. The following submissions are attached:

1. Exhibit A is a submission by Beacon Affected Investor Melvin Herman IRA, Bear Stearns Custodian, dated February 3, 2015.

2. Exhibit B is a submission by Beacon Affected Investor Roberts and Roberts, by its counsel Law Offices of Gerry E. Feinberg, P.C., dated February 25, 2015.<sup>1</sup>

As articulated during the January 14, 2015 Court Conference Call, The Beacon Fund is taking a neutral position on the merits of this issue and is merely submitting these letters to the Court on behalf of individual investors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We have redacted account information from this submission to protect the investor's confidential information.

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We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Arthur G. Jakoby* Arthur G. Jakoby

cc: All Parties (via e-mail and e-file) Melvin Herman (via email) Alec Roberts (via email) Gerry E. Feinberg, Esq. (via email)

# **EXHIBIT** A

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February 3, 2015

The Honorable Andrew J. Peck United States Magistrate Judge United States Courthouse, Courtroom 20D 500 Pearl Street New York, N.Y. 10007-1312

Re: Melvin S. Herman IRA / Beacon Associates

Dear Judge Peck,

I was an investor in the Beacon Fund and am writing to you to dispute the method of calculation being used in my case for the allocation of distributions from the Beacon Fund as it relates to funds that have been recovered. The Net Equity in the Fund that is being used as it pertains to my account is incorrect. The Net Equity in the Fund being used for my account is \$258,133. The correct amount is actually \$339,502.

My current account in Beacon was opened on April 1, 2005 with a contribution of \$339,502. There were never any withdrawals made from this account until the Fund was being liquidated. I also opened an account with Beacon on July 1, 1999 with a contribution of \$250,000. That account was subsequently closed in its entirety on February 28, 2002. The current account was opened more than three years after the first account was closed. Furthermore, the amount that I invested into Beacon in 2005 was different than what I took out when I closed my first Beacon account in 2002.

The issue today is that these two accounts are being treated as one continuous account for the purpose of calculating my New Equity in connection with my allocation of distributions for the Fund. I should not be penalized in this manner. These were two different accounts. The account that was opened on April 1, 2005 should be treated as new money similar to any other account opened at that time. The earlier account which was closed more than three years prior to the opening of the current account should be treated like all accounts that were opened and then closed. As far as I know there were no clawbacks from any Beacon accounts that were closed in full. In effect treating my accounts as one continuous account unfairly treats me different than the other investors over that same period. There is no basis to treat my two accounts as one account in light the fact that money contributed in 2005 was different than what was liquidated in 2002. If I had taken money out and directly transferred it to a new account I could understand why the two funds would be treated the same because in that case the money never left Beacon. However, in my situation there was a significant gap between the closure of my first account and the opening of my second account

In addition, in a settlement with the trustee Beacon paid a clawback amount which all current investors sustained as it reduced the funds available to us for distribution. If my accounts are

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treated as one account I will be unfairly penalized again. The treatment of the first account opened in 1999 and closed in 2002 should be treated the same way as any other account that was opened and closed in full.

I respectfully request that my Net Equity in the Fund be shown correctly as \$339,502 and be the basis for all my distributions.

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# **EXHIBIT B**

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Case 1:14-cv-02294-AJP Document 68 Filed 03/13/15 Page 7 of 21 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BEACON ASSOCIATES LLC I, BEACON ASSOCIATES LLC II, ANDOVER ASSOCIATES, L.P., ANDOVER ASSOCIATES LLC I, ANDOVER ASSOCIATES (QP) LLC,

- VS --

Index No. 14-CV-2294

Plaintiffs

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AFFIRMATION

BEACON ASSOCIATES MANAGEMENT CORP., ANDOVER ASSOCIATES MANAGEMENT CORP., INCOME PLUS INVESTMENT FUND, DAVID FASTENBERG, TRUSTEE, LONG ISLAND VITREO-RETINAL CONSULTANTS 401K FBO DAVID FASTENBERG,

Defendants.

Gerry E. Feinberg, being duly admitted as a member of the Bar of the State of New York, hereby affirms under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am a member of the law offices of Gerry E. Feinberg, P.C., attorneys for the Estate of Michael and Malvina Roberts (collectively referred to hereafter as the "Estate") who made investments through a partnership, Roberts and Roberts ("R&R"), with Beacon Associates LLC I ("Beacon"),

2. This affirmation is being submitted in support of their application to modify the method of calculation of the distribution made as a consequence of the Final Distribution Order and Judgment dated October 31, 2014.

3. The Estate has been advised that in determining the Net Equity of the R&R account which remained open, that account and a prior closed account are being

treated as one, resulting in R&R's distribution being \$8,397. The lower distribution figure is arrived at because R&R was considered a "Net Winner" when its initial account was closed with a profit of \$256,921.

4. This "Negative Net Equity" was applied to the opening balance of R&R's new account, reducing the distribution R&R would have received if those accounts were treated separately, by \$191,985. For the following reasons we submit this was incorrect.

5. The first account was opened in 1999 and closed in June of 2002, resulting in distributions of \$1,129,000 on July 1, 2002 and \$122,921.92 on September 2, 2002, with those funds delivered into an account at HSBC (Exhibit "A").

6. Thereafter, on February 18, 2004, sixteen months later, new subscription documents were executed and \$300,000 in new funds were transferred from two different accounts, one with Marine Midland Bank and one with Prudential Securities, JP Morgan Chase (Exhibit "B"). Then, on March 1, 2004, Beacon advised R&R that they 'are pleased to welcome Roberts & Roberts as a member in Beacon Associates, LLC (Exhibit "B").

7. Accordingly, the first account was closed with final distribution made as of September 2002 and sixteen months later an entirely new account was opened with the funds from an entirely different source.

8. It is our understanding that it has been judicially determined that there are to be no "claw backs" from accounts which had been closed and that none<sup>6</sup> have occurred with respect to Beacon. This would make logical sense since Beacon was not a ponzi scheme, but only a party injured through its investments with Madoff. Thus, as

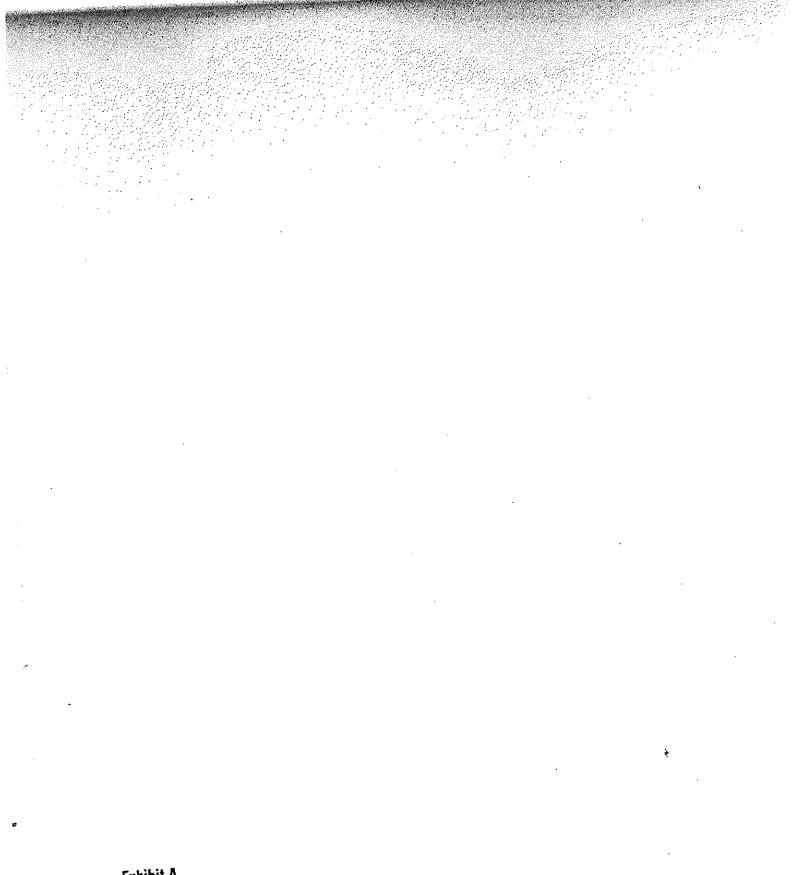
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an independent investment fund it is a practical impossibility to segregate "profits" generated by Beacon as a whole from fictitious "profits" generated through the Madoff investments, an issue discussed in prior decisions of this Court.

9. Accordingly, it is factually and legally inappropriate to consider the separate and distinct R&R accounts <u>as one</u> for the purposes of calculating R&R's distribution. A separate and distinct account was opened and closed. A new account, requiring new account documents to be executed was opened with the funds from a different source. R&R is entitled to no less than \$200,382, as opposed to \$8,397.

Dated: White Plains, New York February, 2015

Gerry E. Feinberg



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Exhibit A

#### BEACON ASSOCIATES, LLC

SUITE 900, 129 MAIN STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10801

TELEPHONE: (914) 948-1656 FAX: (914) 948-1708

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July 1, 2002

Mr. Michael A. Roberts Roberts & Roberts 200 East 62nd Street, #30B New York, NY 10021-8209

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Pursuant to your withdrawal request dated April 29, 2002, please be advised that we have wired \$1,129,000. to HSBC. This amount represents approximately 90% of Roberts & Roberts capital account in Beacon Associates LLC as of June 30, 2002. As soon as the final valuation for June 30<sup>th</sup> has been completed we will wire the balance.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Beacon Associates LLC

By: Beacon Associates Management Corp.,

Managing Member By:

President

JD/dnm cc: Ivy Asset Management Corp.

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BEACON ASSOCIATES, LLC

SUITE 900, 123 MAIN STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10601



TELEPHONE: (914) 948-1556 FAX: (914) 948-1706

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September 3, 2002

Mr. Michael A. Roberts Roberts & Roberts 200 East 62nd Street, #30B New York, NY 10021-8209

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please be advised that we have wired \$122,921.29 to HSBC. This amount represents the balance of your capital account in Beacon Associates LLC as of July 31, 2002.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Beacon Associates LLC

By: Beacon Associates Management Corp., Managing Member

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#### BEACON ASSOCIATES, LLC

SUITE 800, 123 MAIN STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10601

TELEPHONE: (914) 948-1556 FAX: (914) 948-1706

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March 1, 2004

#### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Michael A. Roberts Roberts & Roberts 200 East 62<sup>nd</sup> Street New York, New York 10021

Re: Beacon Associates LLC with Roberts & Roberts

Dear Mr. Roberts:

We are pleased to welcome Roberts & Roberts as a member in Beacon Associates, LLC. The opening capital account effective as of March 1, 2004 is \$300,000.

We will keep you advised of Beacon's performance on an ongoing basis.

Very truly yours,

Beacon Associates, LLC

By: Beacon Associates Management Corp.,

Managing Member Βv

HM/dnm cc: Ivy Asset Management Corp.

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#### ROBERTS & ROBERTS INVESTMENTS 200 EAST 62ND STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10021

MALVINA ROBERTS SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST (212) 751-1667 PAX: (212) 751-3546

February 18, 2004

Fax# 212-778-7776

To: Chas. Colwell

Prudential Securities

NY Futures Sales

RE: Acct, Redacted

Dear Charles:

Please wire \$299,000.00 (two hundred ninety nine thousand ) as per the following instructions:

Chase Manhattan Bank, 191 Mamaroneck Ave. White Plains, N.Y. 10601

ABA# 021000021

For further credit to: Redacted Beacon Associates,LLC

To the benefit of the account of ROBERTS & ROBERTS

Thank You.

MEMBER OF FINANCIAL ANALYSTS FEDERATION & NEW YORK SOCIETY OF SECURITY ANALYSTS

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