FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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review in accordance with the guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency and rendered an unqualified opinion on the NLRB the results of the investigation. The OIG intends to conduct further activity in the

DOD IG’s financial statement audit and advise the DoD Inspector General on any financial issues or concerns.

The OIG Audit Manager participates regularly in the monthly meeting of the Financial Statement Audit Network, and was part of the working group that revised the CIGIE Audit Committee Guide for External Peer Reviews.

Our IG Counsel participates regularly in the monthly meeting of the Council of Counsel to the Inspectors General (CCIG), as

Significant Management Decisions

Section 5(a)(12) of the Inspector General Act requires that if the IG disagrees with any significant management decision, such disagreement must be reported in the semiannual report. Further, Section 5(a)(11) of the Act requires that any decision by management to change its response to a significant resolved audit finding must also be disclosed in the semiannual report. For this reporting period there were no significant final management decisions made with which the OIG disagreed, and management did not revise any earlier decisions on OIG audit recommendations.

Access to Information

The IG is to be provided with ready access to all agency records, information, or assistance when conducting an investigation or audit. Section 6(b)(2) of the IG Act requires the IG to report to the agency head, without delay, if the IG believes that access to required information, records or assistance has been unreasonably refused, or otherwise has not been provided. A summary of each report submitted to the agency head in compliance with Section 6(b)(2) must be provided in the semiannual report in accordance with Section 5(a)(5) of the Act. During this reporting period, the OIG did not encounter any problems in obtaining assistance or access to agency records. Consequently, no report was issued by the IG to the agency head in accordance with Section 6(b)(2) of the IG Act.

Audit Resolution

As of the end of this reporting period, all OIG audit recommendations for reports issued in prior periods have been resolved. That is, management and the OIG have reached agreement on what actions need to be taken.

Review of Legislation

Section 4(a)(2) of the IG Act authorizes the IG to review and comment on proposed legislation or regulations relating to the agency or, upon request, affecting the operations of the OIG. During this reporting period, the OIG reviewed no legislation.

Contacting the Office of Inspector General

Employees and the public are encouraged to contact the OIG regarding any incidents of possible fraud, waste, or abuse occurring within FTC programs and operations. The OIG telephone number is (202) 326-2800. A confidential or anonymous message can be left 24 hours a day. Complaints or allegations of fraud, waste or abuse can also be emailed directly to OIG@ftc.gov. OIG mail should be addressed to:

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TABLE I: SUMMARY OF INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

IG ACT Reference	Reporting Requirement	Page(s)
Section 4(a)(2)	Review of legislation and regulations	8
Section 5(a)(l)	Significant problems, abuses and deficiencies	n/a
Section 5(a)(2)	Recommendations with respect to significant problems, abuses and deficiencies	n/a
Section 5(a)(3)	Prior significant recommendations on which corrective actions have not been made	n/a
Section 5(a)(4)	Matters referred to prosecutive authorities	5
Section 5(a)(5)	Summary of instances where information was refused	8
Section 5(a)(6)	List of audit reports by subject matter, showing dollar value of questioned costs and funds put to better use	11-12
Section 5(a)(7)	Summary of each particularly significant report	1-2
Section 5(a)(8)	Statistical tables showing number of reports and dollar value of questioned costs	11
Section 5(a)(9)	Statistical tables showing number of reports and dollar value of recommendations that funds be put to better use	12
Section 5(a)(10)	Summary of each audit issued before this reporting period for which no management decision was made by the end of the reporting period	n/a
Section 5(a)(11)	Significant revised management decisions	8
Section 5(a)(12)	Significant management decisions with which the inspector general disagrees	8

TABLE II: INSPECTOR GENERAL ISSUED REPORTS WITH QUESTIONED COSTS

		Dollar Value	
	Number	**Questioned Costs**	**Unsupported Costs**
A. For which no management decision has been made by the commencement of the reporting period	0	0	(0)
B. Which were issued during the reporting period	0	0	(0)
Subtotals (A + B)	**0**	**0**	**(0)**
C. For which a management decision was made during the reporting period	0	0	(0)
(i) dollar value of disallowed costs	**0**	**0**	**(0)**
(ii) dollar value of cost not disallowed	**0**	**0**	**(0)**
D. For which no management decision was made by the end of the reporting period	0	0	(0)
Reports for which no management decision was made within six months of issuance	0	0	(0)

TABLE III: INSPECTOR GENERAL ISSUED REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT FUNDS BE PUT TO BETTER USE

Value	Number	Dollar
A. For which no management decision has been made by the commencement of the reporting period	0	0
B. Which were issued during this reporting period	0	0
C. For which a management decision was made during the reporting period	0	0
(i) dollar value of recommendations that were agreed to by management	**0**	**0**
- based on proposed management action	**0**	**0**
- based on proposed legislative action	**0**	**0**
(ii) dollar value of recommendations that were not agreed to by management	**0**	**0**
D. For which no management decision has been made by the end of the reporting period	0	0
Reports for which no management decision was made within six months of issuance	0	0