

required by paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(4) and Item 18(a) available in this manner, disclose the reasons why it does not do so (including, where applicable, that the Fund does not have an Internet website).

Instruction. All information required by paragraph (a) of this Item 8 must be adjacent to the table required by paragraph (a)(1) of this Item 8; must be presented in a clear, concise, and understandable manner; and must include tables, schedules, and charts as expressly required by paragraph (a)(1) of

this Item 8 or where doing so would facilitate understanding.

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Item 18. Purchase, Redemption, and Pricing of Shares

(a) *Purchase of Shares.* To the extent that the prospectus does not do so, describe how the Fund's shares are offered to the public. Include any special purchase plans or methods not described in the prospectus or elsewhere in the SAI, including letters of intent, accumulation plans, dividend

reinvestment plans, withdrawal plans, exchange privileges, employee benefit plans, redemption reinvestment plans, and waivers for particular classes of shareholders.

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By the Commission.

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