IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT S.N.B. C. S-5.5 (the Act) AND IN THE MATTER OF AN EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN INVESTMENT FUND FEE REQUIREMENTS IN LOCAL RULE 11-501 FEES

Blanket Order 11-507

Section 208

Definitions

In this Order,

"Fee Tier Class" mean a class or series of mutual fund securities which are part of a group where,

- a. all securities within a group are identical except each Fee Tier Class provides for different management or administrative fees; and
- b. an investor's holdings are assigned to a Fee Tier class within a group in accordance with the value of the investor's assets;

but does not include the fund, class or series, in which the fee tier class is contained.

Background

- 1. Local Rule 11-501 *Fees* prescribes a fee of \$300 for each additional class of securities in a preliminary prospectus or a *pro forma* prospectus or an amendment to a preliminary prospectus or a *pro forma* prospectus.
- 2. The Financial and Consumer Services Commission (the "Commission") has delegated to the Executive Director of Securities the Commission's power under section 208 of the *Act* to exempt, in whole or in part, a person or class of persons from any requirement of any National Instrument, Multilateral Instrument, or Local Instrument, subject to such terms and conditions considered appropriate.
- 3. The Executive Director of Securities considers that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to make the following order.

IT IS ORDERED pursuant to section 208 of the *Act* that:

4. A mutual fund is exempted from the requirements of subsections 2.3(h) and 2.7(1) of Local Rule 11-501 Fees to pay a \$300 filing fee associated with the filing of a Fee Tier Class provided that the mutual fund pays a \$50 filing fee for that Fee Tier Class.

DATED at Saint John, New Brunswick this 17th day of February, 2017.

"Original signed by"

Kevin Hoyt

Executive Director, Securities