

**THE DREYFUS  
CORPORATION**

February 13, 2008

**BY OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Office of the Attorney General  
State of Massachusetts  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108  
Attn: Scott Schafer, Assistant Attorney General

Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation  
State of Massachusetts  
Ten Park Plaza, Suite 5170  
Boston, MA 02116  
Attn: Daniel Crane, Director

**Re:** Notice of Unauthorized Acquisition of Personal Information  
pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws ch.93H, §3(b)

Dear Sirs:

We are writing on behalf of MBSC Securities Corporation (MBSC), a securities broker and subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, to notify you of the acquisition by an unauthorized person of personal information of seven (7) residents of Massachusetts who are or were customers of MBSC or its affiliate.

Due to an internal error, on January 23, 2008, MBSC inadvertently gave online access to the account information of certain customers, including seven residents of Massachusetts, to an independent investment adviser used by some of MBSC's other clients. The investment adviser involved notified MBSC immediately upon realizing that it had been given access to the account information of individuals who were not its customers, and the access was terminated on January 29, 2008. Affected customers were notified of the incident by letters dated February 12, 2008, forms of which are enclosed.

Please feel free to contact me at 212-922-6840 should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Joni Lacks Charatan  
Associate General Counsel

# MASSACHUSETTS – OPEN ACCOUNTS



**BNY MELLON**  
ASSET MANAGEMENT

MBSC Securities Corporation

February 12, 2008

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Dear Investor:

We are writing to notify you that, during the period January 23 to January 29, 2008, an unauthorized person acquired certain of the personal information in your account records. State law prohibits us from including the nature of the unauthorized acquisition in this notice, but based on the specific facts and circumstances, we have no reason to believe that your personal information has been misused in any manner. Nonetheless, we recommend that you authorize us to assign your account a new account number.

We would also like to provide you with confidence and peace of mind by offering you additional resources to protect yourself and your information. To help you guard against identity theft, we have arranged for you to receive one year of credit monitoring services from Equifax at no cost to you. The deadline for enrollment in this service is April 30, 2008. Please call us at 1-800-843-5466 to enroll in this service, to have your account number changed, or if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

As required by law, we are also enclosing information about how to request a security freeze on your credit report. No police report has been filed in connection with this matter.

We sincerely regret this incident. Maintaining the integrity of confidential information is extremely important to us and we apologize for any inconvenience to you as a result.

Sincerely,

Mercedes E.R. Katz  
Senior Vice President  
Brokerage Division

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Are not FDIC insured • Are not bank guaranteed • May lose value.

# MASSACHUSETTS – CLOSED ACCOUNTS



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ASSET MANAGEMENT

MBSC Securities Corporation

February 12, 2008

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Dear Investor:

As part of the recent merger of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. with Mellon Financial Corporation, BNY Investment Center Inc. (BNYIC) will be terminating its business. In anticipation of the termination, BNYIC transferred to us, its affiliate, information concerning its current and former accounts, including certain information related to your account.

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# MASSACHUSETTS ENCLOSURE



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## How to Place a Security Freeze on Your Credit Report

Massachusetts law allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. **However, be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit, mortgages, employment, housing or other services.**

If you have been a victim of identity theft, and you provide the credit reporting agency with a valid police report, it cannot charge you to place, lift or remove a security freeze. In all other cases, a credit reporting agency may charge up to \$5 each to place, lift or remove a security freeze.

To place a security freeze:

- Send a written request to **each** of the credit bureaus by regular, certified or overnight mail (see addresses below) and include name, address, date of birth, social security number, and credit card number and expiration date for payment, if applicable. Please review the following web sites of the three credit bureaus for their specific requirements to place a security freeze:

[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

- The credit bureaus have 3 business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report
- The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within 5 business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze

To lift the security freeze (to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report):

- Call or send a written request to the credit bureaus by mail (see telephone numbers and addresses below), include proper identification (name, address, social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identity of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available.

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**Equifax – Use telephone number provided in the security freeze placed confirmation letter**

**Experian 1-888-397-3742**

**TransUnion 1-888-909-8872**

- **The credit bureaus have 3 business days after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or individuals**

**To remove the security freeze:**

- **Send a written request to the credit bureaus by mail (see addresses below), include proper identification (name, address, social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. NOTE: Experian is the only credit bureau that allows a telephone request to remove a security freeze at 1-888-397-3742 but requires certified or overnight mail for all removal requests by mail**
- **The credit bureaus have 3 business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze**

**Equifax Security Freeze  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348**

**Experian  
711 Experian Parkway  
Allen, TX 75013**

**TransUnion  
Fraud Victim Assistance Department  
P.O. Box 6790  
Fullerton, CA 92834**

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