

Rule, as applicable. The complaint seeks an Order enjoining Defendant from further violating applicable requirements and requiring Defendant to remedy, mitigate, and offset the harm to public health and the environment caused by the violations and to pay a civil penalty.

Under the proposed settlement, Defendant agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$5,500,000 and to spend at least \$1,000,000 on a project to offset excess emissions resulting from the violations. In addition, the settlement requires the Defendant to ensure ongoing compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements at 422 of its oil and natural gas production facilities in New Mexico and Texas. Specifically, the settlement requires the Defendant to undertake a field survey to identify and remedy any compromised equipment at all 422 facilities and, at 206 of these facilities, Defendant is further required to undertake a design analysis to ensure adequate design and sizing of the vapor control system, install and operate extensive monitoring systems, implement a robust inspection and maintenance program, and hire an independent third party to verify compliance.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States and New Mexico Environment Department v. Mewbourne Oil Company*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-12294. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	Send them to:
By email .....	<a href="mailto:pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov">pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov</a> .
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611.

During the public comment period, the proposed consent decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the proposed consent decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$36.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2023-18; Exemption Application No. D-12023]

#### Exemption From Certain Prohibited Transaction Restrictions Involving the Liberty Media 401(k) Savings Plan and the Liberty Media 401(k) Savings Plan Trust Located in Englewood, Colorado

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains a notice of an exemption issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA or the Act). The exemption permits: the Liberty Media 401(k) Savings Plan's (the Plan) acquisition of certain stock subscription rights (the Rights) to purchase shares of the Series C Liberty SiriusXM common stock (the Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock), in connection with a rights offering (the Rights Offering) by Liberty Media Corporation (the Applicant or LMC); and the Plan's holding of the Rights during the subscription period of the Rights Offering.

**DATES:** This exemption will be in effect from May 18, 2020, the date that the Plan received the Rights, through June 5, 2020, the last date the Rights were sold on the NASDAQ.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Frank Gonzalez of the Department at (202) 693-8553. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Applicant requested an exemption pursuant to ERISA section 408(a) and supplemented the request with certain additional information (collectively, this information is referred to as the Exemption Application).<sup>1</sup> On February

<sup>1</sup> The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (76 FR 66637, 66644, October 27, 2011).

9, 2023, the Department published a notice of proposed exemption in the **Federal Register** at 88 FR 8469 (the Proposed Exemption).

Based on the record, the Department has determined to grant the proposed exemption. This exemption provides only the relief specified herein. It provides no relief from violations of any law other than the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA, as expressly stated herein.

The Department makes the requisite findings under ERISA section 408(a) based on the Applicants' adherence to all the conditions of the exemption. Accordingly, affected parties should be aware that the conditions incorporated in this exemption are, taken individually and as a whole, necessary for the Department to grant the relief requested by the Applicants. Absent these conditions, the Department would not have granted this exemption.

#### Background

LMC sponsors the Plan, which is a defined contribution plan. The Plan is administered by a committee (the Administrative Committee), and Fidelity Management Trust Company (Trustee or Fidelity) serves as the Plan's trustee. Plan participants can direct the investment of their Plan accounts into one of 27 investment alternatives, and these alternatives include LMC's issued securities. As of May 13, 2020, the Plan held a total of \$7,186,824 in Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock shares, which represented 6 percent of the Plan's total assets.

On May 15, 2020, LMC conducted the Rights Offering with holders of shares of Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock. The Series A, B, or C Liberty SiriusXM Stock is LMC's stock that is intended to track and reflect the separate economic performance of the business, assets, and liabilities of Sirius XM Holdings. Under the Rights Offering, each holder of Series A Liberty SiriusXM Stock, Series B Liberty SiriusXM Stock, and Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock received 0.0939 of a Right for each share of Series A Liberty SiriusXM Stock, Series B Liberty SiriusXM Stock, and Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock held on May 13, 2020, which is the record date (rounded up to the nearest whole Right(s)). Each Right entitled the holder to purchase one share of Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock at a subscription price of \$25.47, which was equal to an approximate 20% discount to the volume weighted average trading price of Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock for the three-day trading period ending on and including May 9, 2020.

The Rights Offering for 231,861,714 shares of Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock commenced on May 18, 2020, and remained open until June 5, 2020. The market closing price for each share of Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock was \$32.59 on May 18, 2020 and \$38.88 on June 5, 2020.

In connection with the Rights Offering, Plan participants were notified of the Rights Offering and the procedure for instructing Fidelity of the participant's desires with respect to the Rights. Plan participants received the following documents: (a) Questions and Answers, which explained the Rights issuance and participant's option to exercise or sell the Rights attributable to the employer securities allocated to the participant's Plan account; (b) the Rights Offering Instructions, which explained the steps required for participants to exercise or sell the Rights;<sup>2</sup> and (c) the Prospectus (within LMC's Form S-3 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2020), which was made available to all shareholders explaining the Rights Offering.

Under the terms of both the Plan and the Trust, the Trustee passed through its right to vote or act on LMC's securities to the Plan's participants. Each Plan participant was given the opportunity to decide whether to exercise or sell the Rights that were attributable to the shares of employer securities allocated to each participant's account. Due to securities law restrictions, certain Plan participants who were reporting persons under Rule 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Rule 16(b)) did not have the right to instruct Fidelity to either sell or exercise the Rights credited to their Plan accounts, and Fidelity sold the Rights credited to these Rule 16(b) participant accounts, along with the Rights of other participants who did not elect to sell or exercise the Rights credited to their accounts, during the last few days of the Rights Offering period.<sup>3</sup>

The Plan established two temporary investment funds to accommodate the Rights. The first fund, the "Rights Holding Fund," was a separate fund established to hold the Rights when they were issued. Rights were credited to participants' accounts based on their respective holdings of Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock as of May 13, 2020. The

second fund, the "Rights Receivable Fund," received the Series C Liberty SiriusXM Stock shares following the exercise of the Rights on June 5, 2020 (the last day of the Rights Offering period), as the Plan participants directed. Plan participants ended up exercising 3,219 rights. In addition, on or about June 2 through June 5, 2020, Fidelity sold 17,808 unexercised Rights on the NASDAQ Global Market (the NASDAQ) on behalf of Plan participants in blind transactions for an average price of \$11.79 per Right for a total price \$209,956.32. The proceeds from the sales were allocated proportionally to the relevant participants' accounts. Thus, all unexercised Rights were sold by Fidelity, and no Rights expired.

Lastly, if a Plan participant wanted to sell the Rights allocated to that participant's account, such individual was required to contact Fidelity (including through Fidelity's website for the Plan), and specify the whole percentage of the Rights that participant desired to sell. The selling period for participants ran from May 26, 2020, through June 1, 2020. At the directions of Plan participants, Fidelity sold a total of 1,506 Rights (rounded to the nearest whole Right). LMC represents that it filed the Exemption Application after the last day of the Rights Offering period to provide current information.

The Department invited all interested persons to submit written comments and/or requests for a public hearing with respect to the Proposed Exemption. The Department did not receive any written comments, and it did not receive any requests for a public hearing.

The complete application file (D-12023) is available for public inspection in the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, Room N-1515, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, please refer to the notice of proposed exemption published in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 2022, at 88 FR 8469.

#### General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under ERISA section 408(a) does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest from certain requirements of other ERISA provisions, including any prohibited transaction provisions to which the exemption does not apply and the

general fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA section 404, which, among other things, require a fiduciary to discharge his or her duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the plan's participants and beneficiaries and in a prudent fashion in accordance with ERISA section 404(a)(1)(B).

(2) As required by ERISA section 408(a), the Department hereby finds that the exemption is (1) administratively feasible, (2) in the interests of affected plans and of their participants and beneficiaries, and (3) protective of the rights of participants and beneficiaries of such plans;

(3) The exemption is supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any other ERISA provisions, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transitional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of determining whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(4) The availability of this exemption is subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in the application accurately describe all material terms of the transaction that are the subject of the exemption.

Accordingly, the following exemption is granted under the authority of ERISA Section 408(a) and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (76 FR 66637, 66644, October 27, 2011).

#### Exemption

##### Section I. Covered Transactions

The restrictions of ERISA sections 406(a)(1)(E), 406(a)(2), and 407(a)(1)(A) shall not apply, to:

(a) The acquisition by the Liberty Media 401(k) Savings Plan's (the Plan) of certain stock subscription rights (the Rights), pursuant to a stock right offering (the Offering) by Liberty Media Corporation (LMC) to purchase shares of Series C Liberty SiriusXM common stock; and

(b) The holding of the Rights by the Plan during the subscription period of the Offering, provided the conditions set forth below in Section II are satisfied.

##### Section II. Conditions

(a) The Plan's acquisition of the Rights resulted solely from an independent corporate act of LMC's Board of Directors;

(b) All holders of Series A, Series B, or Series C Liberty SiriusXM common stock, including the Plan, were issued the same proportionate number of Rights based on the number of shares of

<sup>2</sup> All involved Plan participants were notified in advance of the procedure for instructing Fidelity of the participants' desires with respect to the Rights.

<sup>3</sup> Rule 16(b) requires an officer, director, or any shareholder holding more than 10% of the outstanding shares of a publicly traded company to disgorge any profit made on a purchase and sale, or sale and purchase, of the company's stock within any period of less than six months.

the Series A, B, or C Liberty SiriusXM Stock held by each such shareholder;

(c) For purposes of the Rights Offering, all holders of Series A, B, or C Liberty SiriusXM Stock, including the Plan, were treated in a like manner, with two exceptions:

(1) The oversubscription option available under the Rights Offering was not available to participants in the Plan; and

(2) Certain participants deemed to be reporting persons under Rule 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Rule 16(b)) with respect to LMC did not have the right to instruct Fidelity to either sell or exercise the Rights credited to their Plan accounts;

(d) The acquisition of the Rights by the Plan was consistent with provisions of the Plan for the individually directed investment of participant accounts;

(e) The Liberty Media 401(k) Savings Plan administrative committee did not exercise any discretion with respect to the acquisition, holding or sale of the Rights by the Plan;

(f) The Plan fiduciary or fiduciaries responsible for overseeing the Plan's participation in the Rights offering prudently and loyally determined on behalf of the Plan that: (1) the Plan's acquisition, holding and sale of the Rights could proceed on the terms established by such fiduciaries, and (2) the Plan's participants received all they were entitled to under the Rights arrangement (*i.e.*, the Participants got at least the fair market value for the exercise and sales of the Rights);

(g) Each Plan participant made an independent decision whether to liquidate his or her account assets in the Rights Holding Fund to purchase additional shares of Series C Liberty SiriusXM common stock at a discount;

(h) The Plan did not pay any fees or commissions to LMC and/or its affiliates in connection with the acquisition, holding, or sale of the Rights;

(i) The Plan did not pay any fees in connection with the exemption request; and

(j) All material facts and representations set forth in the Summary of Facts and Representations are true and accurate.

**Effective Date:** This exemption will be in effect from May 18, 2020, the date that the Plan received the Rights, through June 5, 2020, the last date the Rights were sold on the NASDAQ.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of August 2023.

**George Christopher Cosby,**

*Director, Office of Exemption Determinations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Application for Use of Public Space by Non-DOL Agencies in the Frances Perkins Building

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (OASAM)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before September 13, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202-693-0213, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Consistent with 40 U.S.C. 581(h)(2), Federal

Management Regulation (FMR) part 102, Public Law 102-74, subpart D, and the GSA Delegation under which the Department of Labor (DOL) operates the Frances Perkins Building (FPB), DOL allows the use of public space within the FPB for non-commercial purposes. As provided by FMR 102-74, subpart D, (41 CFR 102-74-460) any person or entity that wishes to use public space in a Federal building is required to submit an application for a permit. To capture the nature of the request, information such as the requester, description of event, date, time, and approvals are collected in order to review the appropriateness of the request and make a determination of the availability of the requested public space. DOL experience shows that the agency receives fewer than 10 non-DOL Agency requests to use FPB public space in any given year; however, as the information is contained in a rule of general applicability, the information collection is deemed to involve 10 or more persons. See 5 CFR 1320.3(c)(4)(ii). DOL, consequently, must maintain PRA authority to conduct this information collection. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 7, 2023 (88 FR 37280).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

**Type of Review:** Extension.

**Agency:** DOL—OASAM.

**Title of Collection:** Application for Use of Public Space by Non-DOL Agencies in the Frances Perkins Building.

**OMB Number:** 1225-0087.

**Affected Public:** Private Sector, not-for-profit institutions.

**Number of Respondents:** 10.

**Number of Responses:** 10.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 1 hour.