

EAGLE CAPITAL GROWTH FUND, INC.
Form N-CSR
February 26, 2010

United States

Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form N-CSR

Certified Shareholder Report of Registered Management
Investment Companies

Investment Company Act file number: 811-05807

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

205 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 120, Milwaukee, WI 53202
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Luke E. Sims, President and Chief Executive Officer
Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
205 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 120
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (414) 765-1107

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2009

ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Annual Report
December 31, 2009

Top Ten Holdings (as of December 31, 2009)

Company	Market Value	Percentage of Equity Portfolio
Johnson & Johnson	\$ 1,352,610	7.4%
Paychex Inc.	\$ 1,348,160	7.3%
Stryker Corp.	\$ 1,108,140	6.0%
The Home Depot, Inc.	\$ 940,225	5.1%
Teleflex Inc.	\$ 862,240	4.7%
Emerson Electric Co.	\$ 852,000	4.6%
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. ("B" Share)	\$ 821,500	4.5%
Graco Inc.	\$ 821,387	4.5%
Lowe's Companies Inc.	\$ 818,650	4.5%
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.	\$ 788,960	4.3%

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

For 2009, the Eagle Capital Growth Fund's net asset value (NAV) increased slightly over 24%. At the risk of being repetitive, we note that we measure investment performance by looking at NAV---not the stock price. Over an extended time period, the Fund stock price should mirror the changes in NAV.

We lost a little ground to our S&P 500 (total return) index benchmark, which appreciated 26.5% during the year. Set forth below is a chart which compares the Fund's NAV to the S&P 500 (total return) index since the beginning of 2000.

During 2009, companies with weak balance sheets and/or poor operating performance, many of whom were left for dead early in the year, performed best. Our focus has been, and will continue to be, on platinum-quality companies with fortress-like balance sheets, strong operating results and quality management. Johnson & Johnson (NYSE: JNJ) and Colgate-Palmolive (NYSE: CL) fit the bill for "our" kind of companies. We are not interested in investing in low-quality companies, even at the risk of underperforming for a period of time.

There is an extraordinary phenomenon in business, where some industries tend to be quite profitable for long periods of time while companies in other industries eke out small profits in good years and incur large losses in bad years. Profitable industries are characterized by patent or trademark protection on products, lack of price competition, and high returns on assets. Unprofitable industries tend to compete on the basis of price, have generic products, and accept low returns on assets. In evaluating suitable companies to invest in, we single out certain industries to avoid. One example of a 'bad-for-shareholders' industry is the airline industry.

The International Air Transport Association, an airline industry trade group, recently predicted that the performance of the worldwide airline industry should improve significantly in 2010---net losses should only be \$5.6 billion, a big improvement over the \$11 billion in net losses predicted for 2009.

We're amazed that investors continue to put money into an industry when the combined results are so horrific. It is not as though the airlines have had their heads stuck in the sand---they continue to cut costs and invest in more fuel-efficient aircraft. Unfortunately, the principal drivers of industry performance (e.g., huge ongoing capital expenditures, excessive reliance on fuel costs, difficult unions and intense competition) haven't changed materially during the past decade, and are unlikely to change materially in the future. The names of the competitors may well be different a decade from now, but the poor financial performance is virtually certain to be the same.

Our assessment of the airline industry is one of the hallmarks of our investing philosophy. We completely avoid industries with poor economics (e.g., the airline industry, the auto industry, etc.); they are not worth a moment of our time. There are plenty of profitable industries. There's too little time to sort through competitive industries for the one possible standout; we're dedicating our time and money to the fruitful industries, where it's difficult not to generate profits.

We talked about our then-recent investment in Alcon (NYSE: ACL) in last year's Semiannual Report. Fortunately (or unfortunately), Alcon shares rocketed up during 2009 and ultimately reached a level where this great company was, in our view, fully priced. It was painful to say good-bye to such a great company, but once the valuation gets to nose-bleed levels, we start looking for the exit.

We appreciate your ongoing support and confidence. We will strive to continue to earn it.

We love hearing from our shareholders, subject to the ground rules that we've previously laid out: we can't discuss what security or securities we've sold, nor can we discuss what companies we're thinking about buying. With those few caveats, everything is fair game.

Luke E. Sims
(414) 530-5680
E-mail: luke@simscapital.com

David C. Sims
(414) 765-1107
E-mail: dave@simscapital.com

February 15, 2010

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
 Statement of Assets and Liabilities
 As of December 31, 2009
 Assets

Common stock--at market value (cost \$13,266,670)	\$ 18,380,080
Cash and cash-equivalents	2,623,812
Short-term interest receivable	169
Dividends receivable	27,264
Prepaid fees	19,247
	\$ 21,050,572
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 4,651
Accrued expenses	41,662
	\$ 46,313
Total net assets	\$ 21,004,259
Shareholders' Equity	
Common stock- \$0.001 par value per share; authorized 50,000,000 shares, outstanding 2,975,426 shares	\$ 2,977
Paid-in capital	16,248,243
Undistributed net investment income	(3,110)
Undistributed capital gains/losses	(357,266)
Unrealized appreciation on investments	5,113,415
Shareholders' equity	\$ 21,004,259
Net asset value per share	\$ 7.06

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Statement of Operations
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Investment Income

Dividends	\$ 432,671
Interest	376
Miscellaneous	2,249
Total investment income	\$ 435,296

Expenses

Advisory fees	\$ 131,541
Legal fees	26,310
Insurance	19,311
Transfer agent	25,382
Audit fees	25,500
Directors' fees and expenses	18,500
Listing fee	15,000
Printing & mailing expenses	11,581
Custodian fees	7,500
Other fees and expenses	9,622
Total expenses	\$ 290,247

Net investment income \$ 145,049

Realized Gain and Unrealized Appreciation on Investments

Realized loss on investments:

Proceeds from sale of investment securities	\$ 8,779,325
Less: cost of investment securities sold	9,136,591
Net realized loss on investments	\$ (357,266)

Unrealized appreciation on investments:

Unrealized appreciation at end of period	\$ 5,113,415
Less: unrealized appreciation at beginning of period	800,082
Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments	\$ 4,313,333
Net realized gain and unrealized appreciation on investments	\$ 3,956,067

Net increase from operations \$ 4,101,116

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended December 31, 2008	Year Ended December 31, 2009
From Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 164,698	\$ 145,049
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	880,463	(357,266)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(8,106,301)	4,313,333
Net increase (decrease) from operations	\$(7,061,140)	\$4,101,116
Distributions to Shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(154,552)	(148,771)
Net realized gain from investment transactions	(880,463)	0
Total distribution	\$(1,035,015)	\$(148,771)
From Capital Stock Transactions:		
Dividend reinvestment	157,038	--
Cash purchases	--	--
Net increase from capital stock transactions	157,038	--
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$(7,939,117)	\$3,952,345
Total Net Assets:		
Beginning of year	\$24,991,031	\$17,051,914
End of period (including under/(over)distributed net investment income of \$612 and \$(3,110))	\$17,051,914	\$21,004,259
Shares:		
Shares issued to shareholders under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan	28,344	--
Shares at beginning of year	2,947,082	2,975,426
Shares at end of period	2,975,426	2,975,426

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Financial Highlights (A)

For the periods ended December 31:	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
Net asset value at beginning of year	\$9.63	\$9.58	\$9.55	\$8.48	\$5.73	
Net investment income	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.07	\$0.05	\$0.05	
Net realized gain and unrealized appreciation (loss) on investments	\$0.05	\$1.07	(0.26)	(2.45)	\$1.33	
Total from investment operations	\$0.12	\$1.15	(0.19)	(2.40)	\$1.38	
Distribution from:						
Net investment income	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.05)	\$(0.05)	
Realized gains	(0.10)	(1.10)	(0.80)	(0.30)	\$(0.00)	
Total distributions	(0.17)	(1.18)	(0.88)	(0.35)	\$(0.05)	
Net asset value at end of period	\$9.58	\$9.55	\$8.48	\$5.73	\$7.06	
Per share market price, end of period last traded price (B)	\$8.70	\$8.00	\$8.30	\$5.00	\$6.39	
Total Investment Return (C):						
Based on market value:						
1 Year	13	% 4	% 12	% (34	%) 29	%
5 Year	3	% 3	% 5	% (4	%) 2	%
10 Year	9	% 7	% 3	% 2	% 4	%
From inception	9	% 9	% 11	% 7	% 8	%
Based on net asset value						
1 Year	1	% 13	% (2	%) (28	%) 24	%
5 Year	2	% 5	% 8	% (3	%) 0	%
10 Year	9	% 9	% 7	% 1	% 3	%
From inception	10	% 10	% 11	% 8	% 8	%
Net assets, end of year (000s omitted)	\$26,760	\$26,660	\$24,991	\$17,052	\$21,004	
Ratios to average net assets:						
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	1.46	% 1.50	% 1.64	% 1.69	% 1.67	%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	0.72	% 0.85	% 0.81	% 0.74	% 0.84	%
Portfolio turnover	4	% 7	% 16	% 37	% 37	%
Average commission paid per share	\$0.08	\$0.06	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.01	

(A) All per share data for the periods shown has been restated to reflect the effect of a 15% stock dividend that was declared on April 21, 2005, and paid on May 23, 2005, to shareholders of record on May 13, 2005.

(B) If there was no sale on the valuation date, the bid price for each such date is shown.

(C) Sims Capital Management LLC became the investment advisor to the Fund on June 1, 2007.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Edgar Filing: EAGLE CAPITAL GROWTH FUND, INC. - Form N-CSR

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.
Portfolio of Investments (as of December 31, 2009)

Common Stock (87.5% of total
investments)

	Shares	Cost	Market Value	Percent of Total Investments	
Consumer					
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	8,000	98,500	\$657,200		
PepsiCo Inc.	10,000	168,296	608,000		
			\$1,265,200	(6.0	%)
Data Processing					
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	15,000	522,202	642,300		
Paychex Inc.	44,000	1,228,922	1,348,160		
Total Systems Services, Inc.*	13,065	177,851	225,633		
			\$2,216,093	(10.6	%)
Drug/Medical Device					
Johnson & Johnson	21,000	974,594	1,352,610		
Medtronic, Inc.	17,000	850,214	747,660		
Pfizer Inc.	38,737	522,042	704,626		
Stryker Corp.	22,000	180,012	1,108,140		
Teleflex Inc.	16,000	545,608	862,240		
Zimmer Holdings Inc.*	1,000	81,859	59,110		
			\$4,834,386	(23.0	%)
Industrial					
Emerson Electric Co.	20,000	335,278	852,000		
General Electric Co.	35,000	677,544	529,550		
Graco Inc.	28,750	1,061,833	821,387		
Johnson Outdoors*	21,158	125,640	206,714		
Manitowoc Company Inc.	75,000	462,150	747,750		
Sigma Aldrich Corp.	7,000	58,094	353,850		
Waters Corp.*	6,000	302,341	371,760		
			\$3,883,011	(18.5	%)
Mutual Fund Managers					
Eaton Vance Corp.	25,000	601,064	760,250		
T. Rowe Price, Inc.	2,000	59,476	106,500		
			\$866,750	(4.1	%)
Insurance					
AFLAC Inc.	16,500	79,484	763,125		
Berkshire Hathaway Inc ("B" Share)*	250	897,745	821,500		
			\$1,584,625	(7.5	%)
Retail/Distribution					
Cabela's Inc.*	30,000	390,195	427,800		
The Home Depot, Inc.	32,500	1,071,197	940,225		
Lowe's Companies Inc.	35,000	708,771	818,650		
Sysco Corp.	27,000	309,199	754,380		
			\$2,941,055	(14.0	%)
Railroads					
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.	8,000	776,559	788,960		

Edgar Filing: EAGLE CAPITAL GROWTH FUND, INC. - Form N-CSR

		\$788,960	(3.8	%)
Total common stock investments	\$13,266,670	\$18,380,080		
Cash and cash equivalents (12.5% of total investments)		2,623,812		
Total investments		\$21,003,892		
All other assets less liabilities		367		
Total net assets		\$21,004,259		

*Non-dividend paying security

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Organization.

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation (“Fund”), is a diversified closed-end investment company subject to the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund changed its corporate name from “NAIC Growth Fund, Inc.” to its current name at the end of May, 2008.

(2) Significant Accounting Policies.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies followed by the Fund not otherwise set forth in the Notes to the Financial Statements:

Dividends and distributions—Dividends from the Fund’s net investment income and realized net long- and short-term capital gains will be declared and distributed at least annually.

Cash Equivalents— The Fund considers cash on hand and marketable instruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Investments—Investments in equity securities are stated at market value, which is determined based on quoted market prices or dealer quotes. If no such price is available on the valuation date, the Board of Directors has determined that the most recent market price be used. The Fund uses the amortized cost method to determine the carrying value of short-term debt obligations. Under this method, investment securities are valued for both financial reporting and Federal tax purposes at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Any discount or premium is amortized from the date of acquisition to maturity. Investment security purchases and sales are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income is accrued on a daily basis while dividends are included in income on the ex-dividend date.

Use of estimates—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Federal income taxes—The Fund intends to comply with the general qualification requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies such as the Fund. The Fund plans to distribute annually at least 90% of its taxable income, including net long-term capital gains, to its shareholders. In order to avoid imposition of the excise tax applicable to regulated investment companies, the Fund intends to declare as dividends in each calendar year an amount equal to at least 98% of its net investment income and 98% of its net realized capital gains (including undistributed amounts from previous years).

The following information is based upon the Federal income tax basis of portfolio investments as of December 31, 2009:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 6,148,676
Gross unrealized depreciation	(1,035,261)
	\$ 5,113,415

Net unrealized appreciation	
Federal income tax basis	\$13,266,670

Expenses—The Fund’s service providers bear all of their expenses in connection with the performance of their services. The Fund bears all of its expenses incurred in connection with its operations including, but not limited to, investment advisory fees (as discussed in Note 3), legal and audit fees, taxes, insurance, shareholder reporting and other related costs. As noted in Note 3, the Fund’s investment advisor, as part of its responsibilities under the Investment Advisory Agreement, is required to provide certain internal administrative services to the Fund at such investment advisor’s expense. The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that the Fund may not incur annual aggregate expenses in excess of two percent (2%) of the first \$10 million of the Fund’s average net assets, one and a half percent (1.5%) of the next \$20 million of the average net assets, and one percent (1%) of the remaining average net assets for any fiscal year. Any excess expenses are the responsibility of the investment advisor.

Fair Value Measurements—Effective January 1, 2008, the Fund adopted the accounting standard for fair value measurements, which established a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. The standard was issued to bring conformity to the definition of fair value; prior to the standard there was no conformity in the accounting guidance regarding the definition of fair value.

Valuation Hierarchy

The standard establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 – inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets in which the Fund can participate.

Level 2 – inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 – inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement, and include inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset or liability.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

All of the Fund's common stock investments of \$18,380,080 and cash equivalents of \$2,623,812 are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy as quoted prices are available in an active market.

Subsequent Events – The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including February 15, 2010, which is the date the financial statements were issued.

(3) Certain Service Providers Arrangements

Investment advisor—For its services under the Investment Advisory agreement, the investment advisor receives a monthly fee calculated at an annual rate of three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) of the weekly net asset value of the Fund, as long as the weekly net asset value is at least \$3.8 million. The investment advisor is not entitled to any compensation for any week in which the average weekly net asset value falls below \$3.8 million. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, the investment advisor is required to provide certain internal administrative services to the Fund at the investment advisor's expense.

Effective June 1, 2007, following shareholder approval of the Investment Advisory Agreement, Sims Capital Management LLC ("SCM") began serving as the Fund's investment advisor. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, SCM is responsible for the management of the Fund's portfolio, subject to oversight by the Fund's Board of Directors. SCM is 50 percent owned by Luke E. Sims, the President, CEO and a Director of the Fund who is also an owner of more than five percent of the Fund's outstanding shares. David C. Sims, the Fund's Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary owns the remaining 50 percent of SCM.

Custodian—Bank of America Corporation serves as the Fund's custodian pursuant to a custodian agreement. As the Fund's custodian, Bank of America receives fees and compensation of expenses for services provided including, but not limited to, an annual account charge, annual security fee, security transaction fee and statement of inventory fee.

Transfer Agent—Transfer agent American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (“AST”) serves as the Fund’s transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent pursuant to custody agreements. AST receives fees for services provided including, but not limited to, account maintenance fees, activity and transaction processing fees and reimbursement for its out-of-pocket expenses. AST also acts as the agent under the Fund’s Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

(4) Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

The Fund has a Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (“Plan”) which allows shareholders to reinvest cash dividends and make cash contributions. Pursuant to the terms of the Plan, cash dividends may be used by the Plan agent to either purchase shares from the Fund or in the open market, depending on the most favorable pricing available to Plan participants. Voluntary cash contributions from Plan participants are used to purchase Fund shares in the open market. A complete copy of the Plan is available on the Fund’s website (www.eaglecapitalgrowthfund.com) or from AST, the Plan agent.

(5) Distributions to Shareholders

On November 30, 2009, a distribution of \$0.050 per share aggregating \$148,771 was declared from ordinary income. The dividend was paid on December 28, 2009, to shareholders of record December 11, 2009.

The tax character of distributions paid during 2008 and 2009 was as follows:

	2008	2009
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary Income	\$ 154,552	\$ 148,771
Capital Gains:		
Long-term	120,368	0
Short-term	760,095	0
	\$ 1,035,015	\$ 148,771

As of December 31, 2009, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Over-distributed ordinary income	\$3,110
Unrealized appreciation	\$5,113,415

(6) Fund Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term securities, for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2009 were \$6,358,408 and \$8,779,325, respectively.

(7) Financial Highlights.

The Financial Highlights present a per share analysis of how the Fund's net asset value has changed during the periods presented. Additional quantitative measures expressed in ratio form analyze important relationships between certain items presented in the financial statements. The total investment return based on market value assumes that shareholders bought into the Fund at the bid price and sold out of the Fund at the bid price. In reality, shareholders buy into the Fund at the asked price and sell out of the Fund at the bid price. Therefore, actual returns may differ from the amounts shown.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareowners
Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc., as of December 31, 2009 and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2009 by correspondence with the custodian. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. as of December 31, 2009, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Plante & Moran, PLLC

Auburn Hills, Michigan
February 15, 2010

EAGLE CAPITAL GROWTH FUND, INC.
DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN
(THE "PLAN")

ADVANTAGES OF THE PLAN

Your increased shareholdings of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. common stock will generate additional dividend and/or other distribution income.

You may choose to have all of your dividends and/or other distributions reinvested in shares of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. common stock.

You may make additional voluntary cash investments as often as once each month, in an amount of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250,000 per year.

Your cash dividends and/or other distributions will go directly to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (the "Plan Agent"), which will administer the Plan, assuring prompt reinvestment of your dividends and/or other distributions. It is intended that such cash dividends and/or other distributions, together with any voluntary cash payments, will be fully utilized to purchase shares of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. common stock.

The Plan Agent does all of the work and, at your option, will accept delivery from you, for safekeeping of, the certificates which you hold in your own name and representing shares of stock of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. by establishing a "book-entry" account in your name.

The maintenance of your personal records is simplified by the detailed statements which the Plan Agent will mail to you after each investment.

Participation in the Plan is entirely voluntary. You may join at any time, and you may terminate your participation whenever you wish by following the procedures described below.

There are no fees or charges imposed upon you, other than brokerage commissions, and reasonable transaction and termination fees.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN

Any holder of common stock of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. ("Fund"), may participate in the Plan.

JOINING THE PLAN

To join the Plan, you can either enroll on-line at www.amstock.com and clicking on "Shareholder Account Access" or you can sign and complete the enclosed enrollment and authorization form and mail it to: American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, P.O. Box 922 Wall Street Station, New York, New York 10269-0560. Please make sure that if you enroll by completing the enrollment and authorization form that you sign your name exactly the same as shown on your shareholder account. Once you have completed and returned the form to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, you will begin participating automatically in the Plan and all cash dividends and/or other distributions on Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. common stock registered in your name will be reinvested automatically.

COSTS OF THE PLAN

There are no special fees or charges relating to participation in the Plan, other than reasonable transaction fees and brokerage commissions. A termination or sale fee (currently \$15 plus \$0.10 per share) may be imposed when you terminate or sell your shares in the Plan and take delivery of accumulated shares. The benefit of any reduced brokerage commissions will be passed on, pro rata, to participants. In addition, if you wish to deposit your certificated shares in your plan account, there is currently a transaction fee of \$7.50 for this service.

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT

Dividend payments and/or other distributions made by the Fund to participants in the Plan are made in one of two ways. They are paid to the Plan Agent either in cash (which then are used to purchase shares in the open market), or by the delivery of newly-issued Fund shares. The option chosen by the Fund is the one that the Fund determines is the most favorable to participants, as described below under “Additional Terms and Conditions of Participation in the Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.” In the event the Plan Agent is unable to complete its acquisition of shares to be purchased on the open market by the end of the thirtieth (30th) day following receipt of the cash dividends and/or other distributions from the Fund, any remaining funds will be returned to the Participants on a pro rata basis.

VOLUNTARY CASH PAYMENTS

You may make voluntary monthly cash payments of not less than \$50 (but not more than \$250,000 per year) for the purpose of acquiring additional shares. You may make these voluntary cash payments regularly or from time to time, and you may also vary the amount of each payment so long as the amount of any monthly voluntary cash payment meets the foregoing limitations. Voluntary cash payments must be received by the Plan Agent on or prior to the last day of any month and will be invested beginning on or about the first business day of the following month (an “Investment Date”). Voluntary cash payments will be invested in shares purchased in the open market, (calculated to three decimal places in your account). However, if purchases of shares on the open market with such voluntary cash payments have not been completed by an ex-dividend date, the balance of such cash payments will be returned and credited on a pro rata basis. The Plan Agent will also return all voluntary cash payments it is holding or receives for purchases to be made on the Investment Date immediately following the dividend payment date if purchases are being made with the cash dividends or other distributions on or after such Investment Date. In the event the Plan Agent is unable to complete its acquisition of shares to be purchased on the open market by the end of the thirtieth (30th) day following the Investment Date, any remaining funds will be returned to the participants on a pro rata basis. All cash payments received by the Plan Agent in connection with the Plan will be held without earning interest. To avoid unnecessary cash accumulations, and also to allow ample time for receipt and processing by the Plan Agent, participants that wish to make voluntary cash payments should send such payments to the Plan Agent in such a manner that assures that the Plan Agent will receive and collect federal funds by the end of the month. This procedure will avoid unnecessary accumulations of cash and will enable participants to realize lower brokerage commissions and avoid additional transaction charges. If a voluntary cash payment is not received in time to purchase shares for the calendar month indicated, the Plan Agent shall attempt to invest such payment on the next Investment Date. Optional cash payments can also be made on-line at www.amstock.com. You need to know your American Stock Transfer & Trust Company 10 digit account number to access your account.

If an optional cash payment is paid by a check and the check is returned by the bank, a fee of \$25 will be charged. If the funds have not yet been invested, the Plan Agent will debit the amount of such funds. If the funds have been invested, then the Plan Agent will sell the shares to recover the amount of the returned check. If the cash balance of the sale is not enough to cover the debit of the amount of the returned check, then the Plan Agent reserves the right to sell account shares to pay the balance. The Plan Agent will also sell additional shares to recover the amount of the return fee.

HOLDING OF SHARES

For your convenience, the Plan Agent will hold all shares that you acquire as a result of your participation in the Plan for safekeeping. However, upon your on-line request at www.amstock.com, telephonically at (877) 739-9994 or request by mail, the Plan Agent will send you a certificate representing a specified number of full shares which you

have acquired through the Plan and which are held for your account.

The Plan Agent will also allow you to deposit with it, in safekeeping and in your “book-entry” account for the Plan, any additional stock certificates for the Fund’s shares you might have in your possession. This will enable you to guard against loss, theft or damage.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

A cumulative, detailed statement of your account under the Plan for each current calendar year will be sent to you by the Plan Agent; and you will also receive the customary Form 1099 (Internal Revenue Service) reporting dividend and/or other distribution income.

WITHDRAWAL OF SHARES

You are not committed to remain in the Plan. You may terminate your participation at any time by written notice to the Plan Agent or on line at www.amstock.com. All requests for termination of participation in the Plan must be received at least three business days prior to the next dividend and/or other distribution payment date in order for the cash dividend and/or other distribution not to be reinvested. A separate written request, however, must be made to obtain the return of any voluntary cash payment. You may obtain the return of any voluntary cash payment if your written request is received by the Plan Agent at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time such voluntary cash payment is invested.

Upon terminating participation in the Plan, certificates for full shares held in your account will be issued and sent to you. Any remaining fractional share will be converted to cash, on the basis of the then current market price of the Fund’s common stock, and a check, representing the same, will be issued and sent to you (less service fees). If you desire, you may direct that your full shares be sold in the open market and that the proceeds (less any brokerage commission incurred as a result of such sale) be sent to you.

INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

Dividends (including those declared in shares of stock) and other distributions invested under the Plan are taxable in the same way as dividends and other distributions paid to you in cash.

SHAREHOLDERS’ RIGHTS

Shares held under the Plan have the same rights as all other shares, in terms of stock dividends, stock splits, and preemptive and voting rights. Stock dividends will be fully credited to your account. Transaction processing may either be curtailed or suspended until the completion of any stock dividend, stock split or corporate action.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding your specific participation in the Plan, please visit the Plan Agent on-line at www.amstock.com, call the Plan Agent at (877) 739-9994 or write the Plan Agent at:

Transaction Processing

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company

DRP Plan

P.O. Box 922 Wall Street Station

New York, NY 10269-0560

Inquiries

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company

6201 15th Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11219

Directors Who Are Interested Persons of the Fund and Officers

Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years (in addition to positions held in the Fund)	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director**	Other Directorships Held by Director (Public Companies)
Luke E. Sims, age 60	President; Chief Executive Officer and Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 2002.	Partner in the law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP since 1984; Director, Wilson-Hurd Mfg. Co.; Manager of the Advisor since 2003.	One	None.

*The address of Mr. Sims is the address of the principal executive office of the Fund. Luke E. Sims is an Interested Person within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 because he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fund, beneficially owns in excess of five percent (5%) of the Fund's outstanding shares of common stock and he is affiliated with the Fund's investment advisor, Sims Capital Management LLC (the "Advisor"). Luke E. Sims is the father of David C. Sims, the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Secretary of the Fund.

**The Fund is not part of a family of investment companies.

Directors Who Are Not Interested Persons

Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director**	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for (Public Companies)
Robert M. Bilkie, Jr., age 49	Chairman; Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 2006.	President and Chief Executive Officer of Sigma Investment Counselors, Inc. (a registered investment advisor) since 1987; member of the NAIC/Better Investing Securities Review Committee and of the NAIC/Better Investing Editorial Advisory Committee (non-remunerative).	One	None
Phillip J. Hanrahan, age 70	Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 2008.	Retired partner of Foley & Lardner LLP (law firm) since February 2007 and, prior thereto, active partner of that firm since 1973.	One	None
Carl A. Holth, age 77	Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 1989.	Retired; Director Harrison Piping Supply, Inc.	One	None
Peggy L. Schmeltz, age 82	Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 1989.	Retired; Former Trustee of NAIC.	One	None
Neal F. Zalenko, age 64	Director	Term of office one year. Served as a director since 2008.	Retired; Founder and Managing partner of Zalenko & Associates, P.C. (accounting firm), that merged with Virchow Krause & Company in early 2005.	One	None

*The address of each is the address of the principal executive office of the Fund.

**The Fund is not part of a family of investment companies.

Officers Who Are Not Directors

Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Officer**	Other Directorships Held by Officer (Public Companies)
David C. Sims age 28	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Secretary	Term of office one year. Served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer since 2007 and Secretary since 2009***.	Manager, Peregrine Investment Fund LLC (private investment fund) since 2003; Manager of the Advisor since 2003.	One	None

*The address of each is the address of the principal executive office of the Fund.

**The Fund is not part of a family of investment companies.

***David C. Sims is the son of Luke E. Sims, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fund.

Compensation.

The following table sets forth the aggregate compensation paid to all Fund directors for the period ended December 31, 2009. Directors who are not “interested persons” of the Fund received an annual retainer of \$3,000 a year, paid in equal quarterly installments. Directors who are “interested persons” of the Fund are not entitled to receive directors’ fees. Directors are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in connection with attending Board meetings.

Luke E. Sims, who is deemed to be an “interested person” of the Fund, is not entitled to receive directors’ fees from the Fund.

No Fund officer receives compensation in his capacity as an officer of the Fund. Fund officers are: Luke E. Sims, President and Chief Executive Officer; and David C. Sims, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Secretary. Robert M. Bilkie, Jr. is the Fund’s Chairman, which is not an executive officer position.

The Fund is not part of a family of investment companies.

Directors who are “interested persons” of the Fund:

Name, Position	Aggregate Compensation From Fund	Aggregate Benefits Accrued as part of Fund Expenses	Pension or Retirement Annual Benefits upon Retirement to Directors	Estimated	Total Compensation from Fund and Complex paid
Luke E. Sims Director, President, CEO		None			None None

Edgar Filing: EAGLE CAPITAL GROWTH FUND, INC. - Form N-CSR

Directors who are not “interested persons” of the Fund:

Name, Position	Director Compensation From Fund	Director Benefits Accrued as part of Fund	Director Retirement Annual Benefits upon Expenses	Estimated Total Compensation from Fund and Retirement Complex paid to Directors
Robert M. Bilkie, Jr., Director	\$3,000	None	None	\$3,000
Phillip J. Hanrahan Director	\$3,000	None	None	\$3,000
Carl A. Holth, Director	\$3,000	None	None	\$3,000
Peggy L. Schmeltz, Director	\$3,000	None	None	\$3,000
Benedict J. Smith, Former Director*	\$1,500	None	None	\$1,500
Neal F. Zalenko, Director	\$3,000	None	None	\$3,000

Board of Directors

Robert M. Bilkie, Jr. Chairman of the Board Southfield, MI	Carl A. Holth Director Clinton Twp., MI	Phillip J. Hanrahan Director Milwaukee, WI
Peggy L. Schmeltz Director Bowling Green, OH	Luke E. Sims President & Chief Executive Officer Milwaukee, WI	Neal Zalenko Director Birmingham, MI

Shareholder Information

Trading. Fund shares trade under the symbol GRF on the NYSE Amex LLC (formerly the American Stock Exchange).

Fund Stock Repurchases. The Fund is authorized, from time to time, to repurchase its shares in the open market, in private transactions or otherwise, at a price or prices reasonably related to the then prevailing market price.

Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan. By participating in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan ("Plan"), you can automatically reinvest your cash dividends in additional Fund shares without paying brokerage commissions. You can secure a copy of the Plan from the Fund's website (www.eaglecapitalgrowthfund.com) or by contacting American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219, telephone number (800) 937-5449.

Dividend Checks/Stock Certificates/Address Changes/Etc. If you have a question about lost or misplaced dividend checks or stock certificates, have an address change to report, or have a comparable shareholder issue or question, please contact the Fund's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219, telephone number (800) 937-5449.

Proxy Voting. The Fund typically votes by proxy the shares of portfolio companies. If you'd like information about the policies and procedures that the Fund follows in voting, or how the Fund has voted on a particular issue or matter during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, 2009, you can get that information without charge (Form N-PX) from the SEC's website (www.sec.gov) or the Fund's website (www.eaglecapitalgrowthfund.com), or by calling the Fund at (414) 765-1107 (collect) or by sending an e-mail request (to dave@simscapital.com).

Fund Privacy Policy/Customer Privacy Notice (January 1, 2010). We collect nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources: (i) information we receive from you on applications or other forms and (ii) information about your transactions with us or others. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to anyone, except as permitted by law, and as follows. We may disclose all of the information we collect, as described above, to companies that perform marketing services on our behalf or to other financial institutions with whom we have joint marketing agreements. If you decide to close your account(s) or no longer be a shareholder of record, we will adhere to the privacy policies and practices as described in this notice. We restrict access to your personal and account information to those employees who need to know that information to provide services to you. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to guard your nonpublic personal information. In this notice, the term "we" refers to the Fund, Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.

Additional Information. The Fund files a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as of the end of the first and third calendar quarters on SEC Form N-Q. You can obtain copies of these filings, and other information about the Fund, from the SEC's website (www.sec.gov) or from the Fund's website (www.eaglecapitalgrowthfund.com), or by calling the Fund at (414) 765-1107. The Fund's Forms N-Q can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C., and you can obtain information about the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (800) 732-0330.

Approval of Renewal of Investment Advisory Agreement. At its November 30, 2009 Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved the renewal of the Fund's Investment Advisory Agreement with SCM (with Director Luke E. Sims abstaining). The Board determined that SCM's performance should be reviewed on an approximate five-year time horizon, and that it was too soon to use performance as a criterion, though the Board was pleased that the Fund's performance had outperformed the S&P 500 (total return) index during SCM's tenure as investment advisor. The Board reviewed other factors in determining to retain SCM as investment advisor including, among other things, the

nature, extent and quality of services provided by SCM, the cost of services provided by SCM (and benefits to be realized by SCM as a result of its relationship with the Fund), the economics of scale that may be realized as the Fund grows, whether fee level reflects the economies of scale for the benefit of Fund investors, the investment philosophy of SCM, the Fund's portfolio turnover, best execution and trading costs, personnel considerations, resources available to SCM, SCM's ability to satisfy compliance obligations and other relevant factors. Overall, the Board determined that is remained satisfied with the nature, extent and quality of services provided by SCM.

Electronic Distribution of Shareholder Reports and Other Communications. If you'd like to receive copies of the Fund's annual reports, semiannual reports, proxy statement, press releases and other comparable communications electronically, please provide your e-mail address to dave@simscapital.com. By providing your e-mail address to the Fund, you are consenting to the Fund sending the identified materials to you by e-mail.

General Inquiries. If you have a question or comment on any matter not addressed above, please contact the Fund (Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.) at 205 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 120, Milwaukee, WI 53202, telephone number (414) 765-1107, or the Fund's investment advisor, Sims Capital Management LLC (dave@simscapital.com).

ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS

The Fund has adopted a Code of Ethics for Financial Professionals, which applies to the principal executive officer of the Fund, all professionals serving as principal financial officer, the principal account officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the Fund or a third party, and the members of the Fund's Board of Directors. The Code of Ethics for Financial Professionals has been posted on the Fund's website at www.eaglecapitalgrowthfund.com.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

The Fund's Board of Directors has determined that Neal F. Zalenko qualifies as a financial expert; and that both Carl A. Holth and Phillip J. Hanrahan also qualify as financial experts. Phillip J. Hanrahan, Carl A. Holth, and Neal F. Zalenko are independent, non-interested directors.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Audit Fees. Plante & Moran, PLLC was paid \$20,000 for the calendar year ended December 31, 2009, and \$21,000 for the calendar year ended December 31, 2008, for audit fees.

Audit-related fees. Plante & Moran, PLLC was not paid any audit-related fees by the Fund in either of the last two calendar years.

Tax fees. Plante & Moran, PLLC was paid \$5,500 for the calendar year ended December 31, 2009, and \$6,100 for calendar year ended December 31, 2008, by the Fund for tax fees, for services in connection with the preparation of the Fund's tax returns and assistance with IRS notice and tax matters.

All other fees. Plante & Moran, PLLC was paid \$1,500 for a review of the Semiannual Report for the Fund in 2008; no fees were paid in 2009. No other fees were paid to Plante & Moran, PLLC for the last two years.

"Audit fees" are fees paid by the Fund to Plante & Moran, PLLC for professional services for the audit of the Fund's financial statements, or for services that are usually provided by an auditor in connection with statutory and regulatory filings and engagements. "Audit-related fees" are fees for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of financial statements. "Tax fees" are fees for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning. All other Fund fees are fees billed for any services not included in the first three categories.

None of the services covered under the captions "Audit-Related Fees", "Tax Fees", and "All Other Fees" with respect to Plante & Moran, PLLC were provided under the de minimis exception to Audit Committee approval of 17 CFR 210.2-01© 7(i)© and (ii) Plante & Moran, PLLC was not engaged during the last two fiscal years to provide non-audit services to the Fund (other than those referenced above) or to the Fund's investment advisor, Sims Capital Management LLC, or any of its affiliates that provide services to the Fund ("Other Non-Audit Services"). Under the Audit Committee charter, the Audit Committee must approve in advance all non-audit services of the Fund and all Other Non-Audit Services. The Audit Committee has not adopted "pre-approval policies and procedures" as such term is used in 17 CFR 210.2-01(c)(7)(i)(B) and (ii).

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS

The Fund's Board of Directors has separately-designed standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The members of the committee are Neal F. Zalenko, Carl A. Holth, and Phillip J. Hanrahan.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

The Fund's schedule of investments is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this Form.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Sims Capital Management LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company (the "Advisor"), is the investment advisor for the Fund. The Fund and the Advisor are parties to an Investment Advisory Agreement dated as of February 16, 2007 (the "Advisory Agreement"). The Fund is one of the Advisor's two advisory clients.

The Advisor's authority to vote the proxies of the Fund is established through the Investment Advisory Agreement. It has adopted the following policies and procedures:

The Company will vote proxies for its clients and, therefore, will adhere to the following requirements:

General Statement of Policy. Consistent with its duty of care the Company monitors proxy proposals just as it monitors other corporate events affecting the companies in which its clients invest. The Company votes securities subject to its control consistent with its analysis and judgment of each issue, regardless of whether such voting position is consistent with the approach proposed by the issuer's board of directors or management.

Conflicts of Interest. There may be instances where the interests of the Company may conflict or appear to conflict with the interests of its clients. For example, the Company may manage a pension plan of a company whose management is soliciting proxies and there may be a concern that the Company would vote in favor of management because of its relationship with the Company. In such situations, the Company will, consistent with its duty of care and duty of loyalty, vote the securities in accordance with its pre-determined voting policy, the "Wall Street Rule," but only after the disclosing the conflict to clients and affording the clients the opportunity to direct the Company in the voting of such securities.

Record Keeping. The Company will maintain the following records with respect to proxy voting:

A copy of this proxy voting policy;

A copy of all proxy statements received (the Company may rely on the EDGAR system to satisfy this requirement);

A record of each vote cast on behalf of a client (the Company may rely on a third party to satisfy this requirement);

A copy of any document prepared by the Company that was material to making a voting decision or that memorializes the basis for that decision;

A copy of each written client request for information on how the Company voted proxies on the client's behalf, and a copy of any written response to any (written or oral) client request for information on how the Company voted proxies on behalf of the requesting client.

Disclosure. The Company will furnish a copy of this policy to all of its clients. The Company will disclose to clients how proxies were voted upon request.

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Luke E. Sims

President and Chief Executive Officer (since 2007) and Director of the Fund (since 2002). Luke Sims has been a partner in the law firm of Foley & Lardner since 1984. Luke Sims is a 50% equity owner in the Advisor.

David C. Sims

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund (since 2007); Secretary of the Fund (since 2009). President and operating manager and 50% equity owner of the Advisor.

The Advisor is also the investment advisor of Peregrine Investment Fund LLC (“Peregrine”), a private investment fund, with approximately \$1.6 million in assets under management as of December 31, 2009. Peregrine has similar investment objectives to the Fund. The Advisor receives an investment advisory fee from Peregrine of one and one-half percent of its assets under management. To the extent investment opportunities arise in which both the Fund and Peregrine will invest and in which the amount to be purchased is limited, the investment will be made pro rata based on the respective asset size of the Fund and Peregrine.

With respect to the Fund, Luke Sims is the principal decision maker with respect to the Fund’s portfolio, and David Sims participates in the decision-making process. With respect to Peregrine, David Sims is the principal decision maker with respect to Peregrine’s portfolio, and Luke Sims participates in the decision-making process.

Luke Sims receives no compensation as an officer of the Fund or from the Advisor. David Sims receives no compensation as an officer of the Fund and a fixed salary from the Advisor (not tied to the Fund’s or Peregrine’s performance) out of the respective investment advisory fees paid by the Fund and Peregrine.

Dollar range of equity securities of the Fund, beneficially owned as of December 31, 2009, by Luke Sims is in excess of \$1 million and by David Sims is between \$100,000-\$500,000.

ITEM 9. PURCHASE OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

During the period covered by this report, no purchases were made by or on behalf of the registrant or any “affiliated purchaser” (as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) of shares of registrant’s equity securities that are registered by the registrant pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTER TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

No changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant’s board of directors have been implemented after registrant last provided disclosure in response to Item 407(c)(2) in registrant’s 2010 proxy statement.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(i) As of February 1, 2009, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the registrant’s President and Chief Executive Officer (the principal executive officer) and the Chief Financial Officer (the principal financial officer). Based on that evaluation, the registrant’s

President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the registrant's controls and procedures are effectively designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the registrant has been recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods required by the Commission's rules and forms, and that information required to be disclosed by the registrant has been accumulated and communicated to the registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(ii) There has been no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act) that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

(a)(1). Not applicable.

(a)(2). Separate certification of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Act.--- attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

(B) Certification pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, --- attached as Exhibit 99.2.