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Nicholas-Applegate Equity & Convertible Income Fund  
Form N-Q  
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Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM N-Q**

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**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-21989

Nicholas-Applegate Equity & Convertible Income Fund  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1345 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10105  
(Zip code)

Lawrence G. Altadonna □ 1345 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10105  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-739-3371

Date of fiscal year end: January 31, 2009

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2008

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b 1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments****Nicholas-Applegate Equity & Convertible Income Fund Schedule of Investments**

October 31, 2008 (unaudited)

| Shares<br>(000)           |                                       | Value*      |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCK-60.4%</b> |                                       |             |
|                           | <b>Aerospace/Defense-1.8%</b>         |             |
| 74                        | L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.     | \$6,030,931 |
|                           | <b>Automotive-1.2%</b>                |             |
| 226                       | Johnson Controls, Inc.                | 4,005,207   |
|                           | <b>Beverages-5.4%</b>                 |             |
| 148                       | Coca-Cola Co.                         | 6,542,910   |
| 127                       | Molson Coors Brewing Co. □Cl. B       | 4,755,928   |
| 114                       | PepsiCo, Inc. (a)                     | 6,499,140   |
|                           |                                       | 17,797,978  |
|                           | <b>Commercial Services-1.6%</b>       |             |
| 140                       | McKesson Corp.                        | 5,150,600   |
|                           | <b>Computers-4.2%</b>                 |             |
| 379                       | EMC Corp. (e)                         | 4,459,908   |
| 67                        | International Business Machines Corp. | 6,210,396   |
| 61                        | Research In Motion, Ltd. (e)          | 3,066,144   |
|                           |                                       | 13,736,448  |
|                           | <b>Cosmetics/Personal Care-2.4%</b>   |             |
| 121                       | Procter & Gamble Co.                  | 7,835,156   |
|                           | <b>Electric-0.7%</b>                  |             |
| 92                        | Constellation Energy Group, Inc.      | 2,227,320   |
|                           | <b>Electronics-1.3%</b>               |             |
| 149                       | Amphenol Corp. □Cl. A                 | 4,268,850   |
|                           | <b>Healthcare Products-3.5%</b>       |             |
| 111                       | Baxter International, Inc. (a)        | 6,720,439   |
| 27                        | Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (e)          | 4,660,146   |
|                           |                                       | 11,380,585  |
|                           | <b>Insurance-0.8%</b>                 |             |
| 87                        | Prudential Financial, Inc. (a)        | 2,610,000   |
|                           | <b>Internet-1.5%</b>                  |             |
| 14                        | Google, Inc. □Cl. A (e)               | 5,031,040   |
|                           | <b>Machinery-3.5%</b>                 |             |
| 137                       | AGCO Corp. (e)                        | 4,321,392   |
| 101                       | Deere & Co.                           | 3,890,704   |
| 108                       | Joy Global, Inc.                      | 3,124,044   |

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|     |                                         |            |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|------------|
|     |                                         | 11,336,140 |
|     | <b>Metals &amp; Mining-1.6%</b>         |            |
| 70  | Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.    | 2,037,000  |
| 97  | Peabody Energy Corp.                    | 3,330,215  |
|     |                                         | 5,367,215  |
|     | <b>Miscellaneous Manufacturing-0.8%</b> |            |
| 142 | Textron, Inc.                           | 2,520,480  |

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
|                 | <b>Oil &amp; Gas-5.6%</b>               |             |
| 69              | Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.         | \$6,118,320 |
| 96              | National Oilwell Varco, Inc. (e)        | 2,863,462   |
| 90              | Occidental Petroleum Corp. (a)          | 4,987,492   |
| 81              | Schlumberger Ltd.                       | 4,204,310   |
|                 |                                         | 18,173,584  |
|                 | <b>Pharmaceuticals-6.6%</b>             |             |
| 137             | Abbott Laboratories (a)                 | 7,555,550   |
| 164             | Gilead Sciences, Inc. (e)               | 7,519,400   |
| 172             | Medco Health Solutions, Inc. (e)        | 6,542,580   |
|                 |                                         | 21,617,530  |
|                 | <b>Retail-3.8%</b>                      |             |
| 119             | McDonald's Corp. (a)                    | 6,876,291   |
| 139             | Target Corp.                            | 5,560,632   |
|                 |                                         | 12,436,923  |
|                 | <b>Semi-conductor Equipment-3.4%</b>    |             |
| 354             | Intel Corp.                             | 5,672,000   |
| 289             | Texas Instruments, Inc.                 | 5,648,928   |
|                 |                                         | 11,320,928  |
|                 | <b>Software-3.8%</b>                    |             |
| 260             | Microsoft Corp.                         | 5,816,965   |
| 367             | Oracle Corp. (e)                        | 6,717,917   |
|                 |                                         | 12,534,882  |
|                 | <b>Telecommunications-6.9%</b>          |             |
| 314             | Cisco Systems, Inc. (a) (e)             | 5,574,449   |
| 156             | Harris Corp.                            | 5,590,225   |
| 142             | Qualcomm, Inc.                          | 5,425,268   |
| 202             | Verizon Communications, Inc.            | 5,993,340   |
|                 |                                         | 22,583,282  |
|                 | Total Common Stock (cost-\$329,331,716) | 197,965,079 |

**CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK-24.0%**

|     |                                                       | Credit Rating<br>(Moody's/S&P) |            |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
|     | <b>Agriculture-0.6%</b>                               |                                |            |
| 39  | Bunge Ltd., 4.875%, 12/31/49                          | Ba1/BB                         | 2,012,750  |
|     | <b>Banking-4.0%</b>                                   |                                |            |
|     | Bank of America Corp.,                                |                                |            |
| 4   | 7.25%, 12/31/49, Ser. L                               | A1/A                           | 2,995,525  |
| 68  | 10.00%, 5/11/09, Ser. JNJ (Johnson & Johnson) (f)     | Aa2/AA                         | 4,021,779  |
|     | Wachovia Corp.,                                       |                                |            |
| 134 | 13.15%, 3/30/09, Ser. GE, (General Electric Co.) (f)  | A1/AA-                         | 2,510,075  |
| 92  | 14.10%, 4/1/09, Ser. JPM, (JP Morgan Chase & Co.) (f) | A1/AA-                         | 3,459,623  |
|     |                                                       |                                | 12,987,002 |

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|                                            |                                                                                                                                |         |            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| <b>Commercial Services-0.5%</b>            |                                                                                                                                |         |            |
| 102                                        | United Rentals, Inc., 6.50%, 8/1/28                                                                                            | B3/B-   | 1,741,650  |
| <b>Diversified Financial Services-8.2%</b> |                                                                                                                                |         |            |
| 94                                         | Citigroup, Inc., 6.50%, 12/31/49, Ser. T<br>Credit Suisse Group,                                                               | A2/A    | 3,034,182  |
| 174                                        | 11.00%, 3/16/09, Ser. MSFT, (Microsoft Corp.) (f)                                                                              | Aa1/AA- | 4,032,614  |
| 72                                         | 11.00%, 4/25/09, Ser. KO, (Coca-Cola Corp.) (f)<br>Eksportfinans AS,                                                           | Aa1/AA- | 3,603,866  |
| 102                                        | 10.00%, 3/12/09, Ser. HPQ (Hewlett Packard, Co. ) (f)                                                                          | Aaa/AA+ | 3,971,388  |
| 28                                         | 10.00%, 6/13/09, Ser. AAPL (Apple Inc.) (f)                                                                                    | Aaa/AA+ | 4,061,087  |
| 288                                        | 13.00%, 11/1/08, Ser. TWX, (Time Warner, Inc.) (f)                                                                             | Aaa/A+  | 3,270,881  |
| 199                                        | Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 9.75%, 12/19/08, Ser. CSCO<br>(Cisco Systems, Inc.) (f)<br>Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., (g) (h), | Aa3/NR  | 3,931,238  |
| 209                                        | 6.00%, 10/12/10, Ser. GIS (General Mills, Inc.) (f)                                                                            | B3/NR   | 673,534    |
| 33                                         | 28.00%, 3/6/09, Ser. RIG (Transocean, Inc.) (f)                                                                                | B3/NR   | 455,285    |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                |         | 27,034,075 |

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
|                 | <b>Electric-3.3%</b>                                                            |                                |          |
| 102             | AES Trust III, 6.75%, 10/15/29                                                  | B3/B-                          | \$3,667, |
| 82              | Entergy Corp., 7.625%, 2/17/09                                                  | NR/BBB                         | 3,864,   |
| 15              | NRG Energy, Inc., 5.75%, 3/16/09                                                | B2/CCC+                        | 3,128,   |
|                 |                                                                                 |                                | 10,660,  |
|                 | <b>Hand/Machine Tools-1.0%</b>                                                  |                                |          |
| 5               | Stanley Works, 6.53%, 5/17/12 (d)                                               | A2/A                           | 3,290,   |
|                 | <b>Insurance-1.7%</b>                                                           |                                |          |
| 181             | Metlife, Inc., 6.375%, 2/15/09                                                  | NR/BBB+                        | 1,568,   |
| 145             | Platinum Underwriters Holdings Ltd., 6.00%, 2/15/09, Ser. A                     | NR/BB+                         | 3,883,   |
|                 |                                                                                 |                                | 5,451,   |
|                 | <b>Investment Companies-0.5%</b>                                                |                                |          |
| 62              | Vale Capital Ltd., 5.50%, 6/15/10, Ser. RIO<br>(Companhia Vale do Rio Doce) (f) | NR/NR                          | 1,705,   |
|                 | <b>Oil &amp; Gas-0.6%</b>                                                       |                                |          |
| 27              | Chesapeake Energy Corp., 5.00%, 12/31/49                                        | NR/B                           | 2,071,   |
|                 | <b>Pharmaceuticals-0.9%</b>                                                     |                                |          |
| 22              | Schering-Plough Corp., 6.00%, 8/13/10                                           | Baa3/BBB                       | 2,975,   |
|                 | <b>Real Estate (REIT)-0.5%</b>                                                  |                                |          |
| 207             | FelCor Lodging Trust, Inc., 1.95%, 12/31/49, Ser. A                             | B2/CCC+                        | 1,502,   |
|                 | <b>Sovereign-1.1%</b>                                                           |                                |          |
| 54              | Svensk Exportkredit AB, 12.50%, 12/12/08, Ser. XOM<br>(Exxon Mobil Corp.) (f)   | Aa1/AA+                        | 3,795,   |
|                 | <b>Telecommunications-1.1%</b>                                                  |                                |          |
| 98              | Crown Castle International Corp., 6.25%, 8/15/12                                | NR/NR                          | 3,681,   |
|                 | Total Convertible Preferred Stock (cost-\$130,287,163)                          |                                | 78,911,  |

**CONVERTIBLE BONDS & NOTES-8.6%**

| Principal<br>Amount<br>(000) |                                   |          |        |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|
|                              | <b>Auto Manufacturers-0.4%</b>    |          |        |
| \$4,575                      | Ford Motor Co., 4.25%, 12/15/36   | Caa1/CCC | 1,292, |
|                              | <b>Commercial Services-1.4%</b>   |          |        |
| 4,800                        | Bowne & Co., Inc., 5.00%, 10/1/33 | B1/B     | 4,686, |
|                              | <b>Computers-1.4%</b>             |          |        |
| 4,925                        | Maxtor Corp., 6.80%, 4/30/10      | Ba1/NR   | 4,703, |



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| Principal<br>Amount<br>(000) |                                                     | Credit Rating<br>(Moody's/S&P) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                              | <b>Electrical Components &amp; Equipment-0.4%</b>   |                                |
| \$4,605                      | JA Solar Holdings Co., Ltd., 4.50%, 5/15/13         | NR/NR                          |
|                              | <b>Entertainment-1.1%</b>                           |                                |
| 4,300                        | Regal Entertainment Group, 6.25%, 3/15/11 (b) (c)   | NR/NR                          |
|                              | <b>Oil &amp; Gas-0.6%</b>                           |                                |
| 2,345                        | Transocean, Inc., 1.50%, 12/15/37                   | Baa2/BBB+                      |
|                              | <b>Real Estate (REIT)-0.9%</b>                      |                                |
| 5,950                        | Developers Diversified Realty Corp., 3.00%, 3/15/12 | NR/BBB-                        |
|                              | <b>Telecommunications-2.4%</b>                      |                                |
| 5,910                        | Level 3 Communications, Inc., 6.00%, 3/15/10        | Caa3/CCC                       |
| 4,700                        | NII Holdings, Inc., 3.125%, 6/15/12                 | NR/NR                          |
| 3,730                        | Nortel Networks Corp., 2.125%, 4/15/14              | B3/B-                          |
|                              | Total Convertible Bonds & Notes (cost-\$43,462,795) |                                |

**CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES-3.0%**

|       |                                                            |        |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|       | <b>Apparel-0.1%</b>                                        |        |
| 500   | Levi Strauss., 9.75%, 1/15/15                              | B2/B+  |
|       | <b>Computers-0.4%</b>                                      |        |
| 2,300 | Unisys Corp., 8.00%, 10/15/12                              | B2/B+  |
|       | <b>Diversified Financial Services-0.1%</b>                 |        |
| 500   | GMAC LLC, 6.75%, 12/1/14                                   | Caa/B- |
|       | <b>Miscellaneous Manufacturing-0.2%</b>                    |        |
| 1,000 | Polypore, Inc., 8.75%, 5/15/12                             | B3/B-  |
|       | <b>Oil &amp; Gas-0.9%</b>                                  |        |
| 4,340 | Dynegy Holdings, Inc., 7.75%, 6/1/19                       | B2/B   |
|       | <b>Paper Products-0.2%</b>                                 |        |
| 1,000 | Neenah Paper, Inc., 7.375%, 11/15/14                       | B2/B+  |
|       | <b>Telecommunications-1.1%</b>                             |        |
| 4,600 | Millicom International Cellular S.A., 10.00%, 12/1/13, GDR | B1/BB  |
|       | Total Corporate Bonds & Notes (cost-\$13,524,149)          |        |

**U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES-0.7%**



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2,000 United States Treasury Notes, 12.50%, 8/15/14  
(cost-\$2,197,500)

**SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT-2.8%**

**Time Deposit-2.8%**

9,218 Citibank[]London, 0.17%, 11/3/08  
(cost-\$9,217,509)

**Total Investments, before call options written (cost-\$528,020,832)-99.5%**

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| Contracts                                                                        | Value*               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN (e)-(0.0)%</b>                                           |                      |
| 960 Abbott Laboratories, strike price \$60, expires 11/22/08                     | \$(38,400)           |
| 770 Baxter International, Inc., strike price \$70, expires 11/22/08              | (15,400)             |
| 2,195 Cisco Systems, Inc., strike price \$27, expires 11/22/08                   | (2,195)              |
| 845 McDonalds Corp., strike price \$67.50, expires 11/22/08                      | (8,450)              |
| 630 Occidental Petroleum Corp., strike price \$95, expires 11/22/08              | (3,150)              |
| 800 PepsiCo, Inc., strike price \$75, expires 11/22/08                           | (8,000)              |
| 610 Prudential Financial, Inc., strike price \$85, expires 11/22/08              | (21,350)             |
| Total Call Options Written (premium received-\$976,636)                          | (96,945)             |
| <b>Total Investments, net of call options written (cost-\$527,044,196)-99.5%</b> | <b>326,285,938</b>   |
| Other assets less other liabilities -0.5%                                        | 1,638,246            |
| <b>Net Assets-100.0%</b>                                                         | <b>\$327,924,184</b> |

**Notes to Schedule of Investments:**

- \* Portfolio securities and other financial instruments for which market quotations are readily available are stated at market value. Market value is generally determined on the basis of last reported sales prices, or if no sales are reported, based on quotes obtained from a quotation reporting system, established market makers, or pricing services.

Portfolio securities and other financial instruments for which market quotations are not readily available or if a development/event occurs that may significantly impact the value of a security, are fair-valued, in good faith, pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Trustees or persons acting at their discretion pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The Fund's investments, including over-the-counter options, are valued daily using prices supplied by an independent pricing service or dealer quotations, or by using the last sale price on the exchange that is the primary market for such securities, or the last quoted mean price for those securities for which the over-the-counter market is the primary market or for listed securities in which there were no sales. Independent pricing services use information provided by market makers or estimates of market values obtained from yield data relating to investments or securities with similar characteristics. Exchange traded options are valued at the settlement price determined by the relevant exchange. Short-term securities maturing in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, if their original term to maturity was 60 days or less, or by amortizing their value on the 61st day prior to maturity, if the original term to maturity exceeded 60 days.

The prices used by the Fund to value securities may differ from the value that would be realized if the securities were sold. The Fund's net asset value is normally determined as of the close of regular trading (normally, 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") on each day the NYSE is open for business.

- (a) All or partial amount segregated as collateral for call options written.
- (b) 144A security □ Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, typically to qualified institutional buyers.
- (c) Private Placement. Restricted as to resale and may not have a readily available market. Securities with an aggregate market value of \$3,440,000, representing 1.05% of net assets.
- (d) Variable rate security. Interest rate disclosed reflects the rate in effect on October 31, 2008.
- (e) Non-income producing.
- (f) Securities exchangeable or convertible into securities of an entity different than the issuer. Such entity is identified in the parenthetical.
- (g) Issuer in default.
- (h) Fair-valued □ Securities with an aggregate value of \$1,128,819, representing 0.34% of net assets.

**Glossary:**

GDR-Global Depositary Receipt

NR-Not Rated



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**Other Investments:**

Transactions in call options written for the nine months ended October 31, 2008:

|                                                     | <b>Contracts</b> | <b>Premiums</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Options outstanding, January 31, 2008               | 32,480           | \$4,595,709     |
| Options written                                     | 107,486          | 13,291,418      |
| Options terminated in closing purchase transactions | (26,468)         | (3,449,286)     |
| Options expired                                     | (105,831)        | (13,369,428)    |
| Options exercised                                   | (857)            | (91,777)        |
| Options outstanding, October 31, 2008               | 6,810            | \$976,636       |

**Fair Value Measurements** Effective February 1, 2008, the Fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("FAS 157"). This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of the fair value measurements. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FAS 157 are described below:

□ Level 1 □ quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

□ Level 2 □ other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

□ Level 3 □ significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The valuation techniques used by the Fund to measure fair value during the nine months ended October 31, 2008 maximized the use of observable inputs and minimized the use of unobservable inputs.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of October 31, 2008 in valuing the Fund's investments carried at value:

| <b>Valuation Inputs</b>                       | <b>Investments in Securities</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Level 1 □ Quoted Prices                       | \$244,397,120                    |
| Level 2 □ Other Significant Observable Inputs | 80,759,999                       |
| Level 3 □ Significant Unobservable Inputs     | 1,128,819                        |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>\$326,285,938</b>             |

A roll forward of fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) as of October 31, 2008, were as follows:

|                                           | <b>Investments in Securities</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beginning balance, January 31, 2008       | \$ -                             |
| Net purchases (sales) and settlements     | -                                |
| Accrued discounts (premiums)              | -                                |
| Total realized and unrealized gain (loss) | -                                |
| Transfers in and/or out of Level 3        | 1,128,819                        |
| <b>Ending balance, October 31, 2008</b>   | <b>\$1,128,819</b>               |



**Item 2. Controls and Procedures**

a) The registrant's President & Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer, Principal Financial & Accounting Officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a -3(c))), as are effective based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this document.

(b) There were no significant changes in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a -3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3. Exhibits**

(a) Exhibit 99.302 Cert.  Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant: Nicholas-Applegate Equity & Convertible Income Fund

By /s/ Brian S. Shlissel  
President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: December 22, 2008

By /s/ Lawrence G. Altadonna  
Treasurer, Principal Financial & Accounting Officer

Date: December 22, 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By /s/ Brian S. Shlissel  
President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: December 22, 2008

By /s/ Lawrence G. Altadonna  
Treasurer, Principal Financial & Accounting Officer

Date: December 22, 2008

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