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Quarter End 09/30/2018



## **Quarterly Plan Review**

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## **Plan Analytics**



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### **Cash Flow**

#### As of 09/30/2018



\* Participant Activity includes the sum of Contributions and Total Disbursements.

\*\* Fees may include but are not limited to: transactional and plan administrative fees.

\*\*\* Other includes 'Transfer In', 'Transfer Out', 'Adjustments', 'Loan Issue' and 'Loan Payment'.





### Net Interfund Transfer Activity

#### Rolling 12 Months as of 09/30/2018

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American Beacon Bridgwy Lg Cp Val I CIT	\$22,464,198.18	12,019	-\$4,324,217.45	6,319	\$18,139,980.73	\$18,992,447.29	95.51%
American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6	\$39,431,600.00	13,233	-\$37,364,737.51	13,496	\$2,066,862.49	\$179,961,637.94	1.15%
BlackRock EAFE Equity Index Coll T	\$43,629,087.47	13,586	-\$35,969,100.83	11,821	\$7,659,986.64	\$160,355,296.10	4.78%
BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index - Coll F	\$27,058,236.32	11,291	-\$40,554,776.85	13,194	-\$13,496,540.53	\$219,082,057.27	-6.16%
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Coll T	\$14,658,307.00	7,694	-\$18,584,048.79	11,323	-\$3,925,741.79	\$87,957,283.58	-4.46%
BlackRock US Debt Index Fund Coll W	\$47,789,545.26	13,612	-\$17,052,135.74	8,887	\$30,737,409.52	\$177,141,750.87	17.35%
Calvert Equity I	\$5,650,245.65	352	-\$64,901,237.31	3,215	-\$59,250,991.66		
Calvert US Large Cap Core Resp Index R6	\$59,643,108.41	3,051	-\$1,038,692.60	74	\$58,604,415.81	\$59,892,762.64	97.85%
DFA US Micro Cap I	\$15,001,460.14	3,514	-\$29,566,182.70	1,740	-\$14,564,722.56	\$265,815,176.97	-5.48%
FDIC Bank Option	\$31,634,041.95	8,561	-\$21,336,479.61	7,189	\$10,297,562.34	\$118,979,740.49	8.65%
Federated US Government Securities 2-5yr	\$3,353,824.23	355	-\$3,900,902.99	877	-\$547,078.76	\$31,013,724.05	-1.76%
Fidelity Contrafund	\$33,077,813.85	1,395	-\$805,309,481.33	19,972	-\$772,231,667.48	\$0.18	<-500.00%
Fidelity Contrafund Commingled Pool Cl 2	\$755,774,588.28	25,074	-\$6,969,982.86	413	\$748,804,605.42	\$773,565,985.68	96.80%
Schwab SDB Securities	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$60,016,527.81	0.00%
Schwab SDB Securities Roth	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,490,361.99	0.00%
Schwab SDB Sweep Program	\$3,354,139.17	83	-\$6,155,740.50	108	-\$2,801,601.33	\$5,633,405.74	-49.73%
Schwab SDB Sweep Program Roth	\$41,507.71	11	-\$31,843.52	9	\$9,664.19	\$297,135.97	3.25%
Stable Value Fund	\$100,015,860.97	13,307	-\$69,151,203.23	7,057	\$30,864,657.74	\$663,908,512.80	4.65%
T. Rowe Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr	\$32,817,158.08	12,746	-\$60,817,387.82	14,222	-\$28,000,229.74	\$556,410,092.37	-5.03%
Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust	\$547,432,118.53	26,747	-\$6,152,283.07	2,635	\$541,279,835.46	\$554,115,921.31	97.68%
Vanguard Institutional Index Instl PI	\$31,577,100.04	9,463	-\$607,298,134.90	27,369	-\$575,721,034.86	\$0.21	<-500.00%
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2015 Instl	\$12,770,160.03	208	-\$126,613,222.08	3,230	-\$113,843,062.05		
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2025 Instl	\$20,367,105.24	429	-\$260,433,591.36	6,907	-\$240,066,486.12		
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2035 Instl	\$7,535,741.66	282	-\$175,024,632.47	6,995	-\$167,488,890.81	\$80,965.07	<-500.00%
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2045 Instl	\$4,588,227.13	196	-\$99,541,323.69	6,366	-\$94,953,096.56		
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2055 Instl	\$2,436,594.26	123	-\$27,954,089.01	3,598	-\$25,517,494.75		

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### Net Interfund Transfer Activity

#### Rolling 12 Months as of 09/30/2018

Fund	Transfer In	Participant Transfer In Counts	Transfer Out	Participant Transfer Out Count	Net Transfers	Assets	Net Transfer as a % of Fund's Assets
Vanguard Long-Term Investment Grade Adm	\$26,688,015.01	8,601	-\$27,027,046.92	8,565	-\$339,031.91	\$131,691,688.86	-0.26%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Trust I	\$118,030,289.62	3,078	-\$1,186,472.94	27	\$116,843,816.68	\$117,015,119.00	99.85%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I	\$244,930,242.70	6,634	-\$1,631,200.95	51	\$243,299,041.75	\$246,580,862.23	98.67%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I	\$165,119,163.62	6,765	-\$1,483,588.32	58	\$163,635,575.30	\$167,412,290.94	97.74%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I	\$95,928,899.29	6,181	-\$373,733.89	39	\$95,555,165.40	\$98,791,062.27	96.72%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I	\$25,681,930.68	3,460	-\$339,618.44	26	\$25,342,312.24	\$26,427,739.29	95.89%
Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Instl	\$8,955,607.56	209	-\$52,272,629.74	1,983	-\$43,317,022.18		
Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Trust I	\$49,566,013.58	1,886	-\$320,411.15	22	\$49,245,602.43	\$49,227,624.51	100.04%
Vanguard Treasury Money Market Inv	\$16,652,146.13	221	-\$4,424,176.77	292	\$12,227,969.36	\$33,101,281.07	36.94%
Vanguard Wellington Adm	\$59,893,934.21	12,495	-\$58,443,704.62	11,749	\$1,450,229.59	\$490,258,419.10	0.30%
Total	\$2,673,548,011.96		-\$2,673,548,011.96		\$0.00	\$5,295,216,873.60	



### Net Transfer Activity by Asset Class

#### Rolling 12 Months as of 09/30/2018



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### WDC Assets – All Participants

Asset Class/Fund Name	9/30	0/2018	
	Amount	Pct	Accts
Self-Directed		<b>_</b>	
Schw ab SDB Sw eep Program	5,626,961	0.1%	549
Schw ab SDB Sw eep Program Roth	299,907	0.0%	47
Schwab SDB Securities	60,043,963	1.1%	567
Schw ab SDB Securities Roth	1,489,729	0.0%	46
	67,460,560	1.3%	
Fund of Funds			
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2035 Instl	80,965	0.0%	1
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Trust I	116,912,684	2.2%	3.043
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I	246,564,401	4.7%	6,591
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I	167,411,133	3.2%	6,748
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I	98,759,203	1.9%	6,192
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I	26.392.567	0.5%	3,488
Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Trust I	49,120,491	0.9%	1,816
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	705,241,444	13.3%	
International	170.040.000	0.40/	10.001
American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6	179,846,690	3.4%	19,901
BlackRock EAFE Equity Index Coll T	160,300,982	3.0%	18,789
	340,147,672	6.4%	
Small-Cap			
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Coll T	87,851,128	1.7%	13,562
DFA US Micro Cap I	265,776,556	5.0%	14,988
	353,627,684	6.7%	
Mid-Cap			
BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index - Coll F	219,072,191	4.1%	20,625
T. Row e Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr	556,166,496	10.5%	29,869
	775,238,687	14.6%	
Large-Cap	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1.11070	
Calvert US Large Cap Core Resp Index R6	59,882,236	1.1%	3,029
Fidelity Contrafund Commingled Pool Cl 2	773,381,481	14.6%	25,089
Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust	553,996,466	10.5%	26,746
Vanguard Institutional Index Inst Pl	0	0.0%	20,740
American Beacon Bridgw y Lg Cp Val I CIT	18,989,921	0.4%	12,245
Vanguard Wellington Adm	490,128,929	9.3%	24,386
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	1,896,379,034	35.8%	
Bond		0.00/	10.005
BlackRock US Debt Index Fund Coll W	177,138,139	3.3%	16,805
Federated US Government Securities 2-5yr	31,063,208	0.6%	5,962
Vanguard Long-Term Investment Grade Adm	132,159,963	2.5%	16,533
	340,361,311	6.4%	
Money Market			
Vanguard Treasury Money Market Inv	33,151,974	0.6%	6,547
	33,151,974	0.6%	
Fixed			
Stable Value Fund	663,871,012	12.5%	24,606
FDIC Bank Option	118,992,233	2.2%	9,503
·	782,863,245	14.8%	· -
	102,003,245	14.070	
	5,294,471,611	100.0%	

### WDC Assets – All Participants

Schwab SDB Sweep Program Schwab SDB Sweep Program Roth Schwab SDB Securities Schwab SDB Securities Roth Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2035 Instl Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Trust I American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6 BlackRock EAFE Equity Index Coll T BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Coll T DFA US Micro Cap I BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index - Coll F T. Rowe Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr Calvert US Large Cap Core Resp Index R6 Fidelity Contrafund Commingled Pool Cl 2 Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust Vanguard Institutional Index Instl PI American Beacon Bridgwy Lg Cp Val I CIT Vanguard Wellington Adm BlackRock US Debt Index Fund Coll W Federated US Government Securities 2-5yr Vanguard Long-Term Investment Grade Adm Vanguard Treasury Money Market Inv Stable Value Fund FDIC Bank Option



Dollar Amount (in millions)

### **Contributions – All WDC Participants**

Schwab SDB Sweep Program Schwab SDB Sweep Program Roth Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2015 Instl Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2025 Instl Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2035 Instl Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2045 Instl Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2055 Instl Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Inst Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Trust I American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6 BlackRock EAFE Equity Index Coll T BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Coll T DFA US Micro Cap I BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index - Coll F T. Rowe Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr Calvert US Large Cap Core Resp Index R6 Fidelity Contrafund Commingled Pool Cl 2 Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust Vanguard Institutional Index Instl PI **Fidelity Contrafund** Calvert Equity I American Beacon Bridgwy Lg Cp Val I CIT Vanguard Wellington Adm BlackRock US Debt Index Fund Coll W Federated US Government Securities 2-5yr Vanguard Long-Term Investment Grade Adm Vanguard Treasury Money Market Inv Stable Value Fund FDIC Bank Option



Dollar Amount (in millions)

### Assets by Asset Class – All Participants

12.1%



- Fixed
- Bond
- Small Cap
- Money Market
- Self-Directed

26.2%

### Contributions by Asset Class – All Participants



### Assets – State Participants

Asset Class/Fund Name	9/3	0/2018	
	Amount	Pct	Accts
Self-Directed			
Schw ab SDB Sw eep Program	3,652,243	0.1%	383
Schw ab SDB Sw eep Program Roth	271,747	0.0%	34
Schw ab SDB Securities	43,329,881	1.2%	390
Schwab SDB Securities Roth	1,300,726	0.0%	35
	48,554,597	1.4%	
Fund of Funds			
Vanguard Instl Trgt Retire 2035 Instl	80,965	0.0%	1
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Trust I	76,854,966	2.2%	1,881
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I	146,001,489	4.1%	3,807
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I	90,543,636	2.6%	3,717
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I	59,906,939	1.7%	3,698
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I	16,346,284	0.5%	2,052
Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Trust I	34,287,602	1.0%	1,112
	424,021,880	12.0%	,
International	424,021,880	12.078	
American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6	119,317,029	3.4%	11,249
BlackRock EAFE Equity Index Coll T	96,008,168	2.7%	10,655
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• <i>· · ·</i> •	215,325,198	6.1%	
Small-Cap			
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Coll T	57,011,194	1.6%	7,905
DFA US Micro Cap I	179,550,586	5.1%	8,630
	236,561,780	6.7%	
Mid-Cap			
BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index - Coll F	140,410,690	4.0%	11,700
T. Row e Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr	371,215,275	10.5%	17,232
	511,625,965	14.5%	
Large-Cap			
Calvert US Large Cap Core Resp Index R6	43,514,214	1.2%	1,953
Fidelity Contrafund Commingled Pool Cl 2	529,279,197	15.0%	14,671
Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust	382,276,996	10.8%	15,581
Vanguard Institutional Index Instl Pl	0	0.0%	1
Fidelity Contrafund	0	0.0%	1
American Beacon Bridgwy Lg Cp Val I CIT	10,195,744	0.3%	6,811
Vanguard Wellington Adm	330,272,230	9.4%	14,078
	1,295,538,381	36.7%	
Bond	.,,,,	001170	
BlackRock US Debt Index Fund Coll W	107,285,288	3.0%	9,369
Federated US Government Securities 2-5yr	21,514,572	0.6%	3,573
Vanguard Long-Term Investment Grade Adm	95,672,832	2.7%	9,700
	224,472,692	6.4%	0,100
	224,472,092	0.4%	
Money Market	25 922 570	0.7%	4,172
Vanguard Treasury Money Market Inv	25,823,579	0.7%	4,172
	25,823,579	0.7%	
Fixed			
Stable Value Fund	458,829,083	13.0%	14,463
FDIC Bank Option	87,157,944	2.5%	5,372
	545,987,027	15.5%	
	3,527,911,099	100.0%	
	5,527,311,039	100.078	

### Assets – Local Participants

Asset Class/Fund Name	9/30	0/2018	
	Amount	Pct	Accts
Self-Directed		-	
Schw ab SDB Sw eep Program	1,974,718	0.1%	166
Schw ab SDB Sw eep Program Roth	28,160	0.0%	13
Schw ab SDB Securities	16,714,082	0.9%	177
Schw ab SDB Securities Roth	189,003	0.0%	11
	18,905,963	1.1%	
Fund of Funds			
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Trust I	40,057,719	2.3%	1,162
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I	100,562,912	5.7%	2,784
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I	76,867,497	4.4%	3,031
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I	38,852,264	2.2%	2,494
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I	10,046,284	0.6%	1,436
Vanguard Target Retirement Inc Trust I	14,832,889	0.8%	704
	281,219,564	15.9%	
International			
American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6	60.529.661	3.4%	8.652
BlackRock EAFE Equity Index Coll T	64,292,813	3.6%	8,134
1.3	124,822,475	7.1%	-, -
Small-Cap	124,822,475	1.170	
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Coll T	30,839,934	1.7%	5,657
DFA US Micro Cap I	86,225,970	4.9%	6,358
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Mid Con	117,065,903	6.6%	
Mid-Cap	70 004 504	4 50/	0.005
BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index - Coll F	78,661,501	4.5%	8,925
T. Row e Price Instl Mid-Cap Equity Gr	184,951,221	10.5%	12,637
	263,612,722	14.9%	
Large-Cap		0.00/	4 9 7 9
Calvert US Large Cap Core Resp Index R6	16,368,022	0.9%	1,076
Fidelity Contrafund Commingled Pool Cl 2	244,102,284	13.8%	10,418
Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust	171,719,470	9.7%	11,165
Vanguard Institutional Index InstI Pl	0	0.0%	1
American Beacon Bridgwy Lg Cp Val I CIT	8,794,177	0.5%	5,434
Vanguard Wellington Adm	159,856,700	9.0%	10,308
	600,840,652	34.0%	
Bond			
BlackRock US Debt Index Fund Coll W	69,852,851	4.0%	7,436
Federated US Government Securities 2-5yr	9,548,636	0.5%	2,389
Vanguard Long-Term Investment Grade Adm	36,487,132	2.1%	6,833
	115,888,619	6.6%	
Money Market			
Vanguard Treasury Money Market Inv	7,328,395	0.4%	2,375
	7,328,395	0.4%	
Fixed			
Stable Value Fund	205,041,929	11.6%	10,143
FDIC Bank Option	31,834,289	1.8%	4,131
	236,876,218	13.4%	
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	1,766,560,512	100.0%	

### **WDC** Participation Statistics

	State	Local	Total
Participants 07/01/2018	37,001	26,420	63,421
New Enrollments 7/1/2018 - 9/30/2018	572	437	1,009
Withdrawals			
Service Separation			
Full	227	129	356
Partial	263	136	399
Periodic Payments	1,700	858	2,558
Hardship			
Full	0	0	0
Partial	32	16	48
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Full	0	0	0
Partial	0	0	0
Final Withdraw als			
Rollovers out of the WDC	0	6	6
Final Withdrawals	104	100	204
Participants 9/30/2018	37,251	26,624	63,875

### Self-Directed Brokerage

#### As of 09/30/2018

	3Q18
Participants with Self-directed Brokerage	640
Total Participants with a balance in the plan	63,337
Percent of users with Self-directed Brokerage	1.01%
Self-directed Brokerage balance	\$67,437,431.51
Total balance for Self-directed Brokerage Participants	\$148,554,889.74
Percent of brokerage balance for Self-directed Brokerage users	45.40%
Self-directed Brokerage balance	\$67,437,431.51
Total balance in plan	\$5,295,216,873.60
Percent of total plan balance in Self-directed Brokerage	1.27%



### **Advisory Services**

#### As of 09/30/2018

	3Q18
Participants with Advice	131
Participants with Managed Accounts	13,210
Total Participants With Balance in the Plan	63,337
Percentage using Managed Accounts	20.86%
Average Managed Account Balance	\$39,944.40
Average Age Managed Account Participant	45.16
Managed Account Saving Rate	5.21%
Average Contribution Rate for Deferring	8.06%
Managed Accounts Balance	\$527,665,559.71
Total Balance in Plan	\$5,295,216,873.60
Percentage of total balance in Managed Accounts	9.96%

If the plan allows for dollar deferrals, we cannot include those people that are contributing with dollar amounts that have an invalid salary (less than the deferral amount) when calculating an average contribution rate. The percentages may not reflect your plan's maximum deferral constraints.

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### Single Investment Holders - DIY

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### Single Investment Holders - TDF

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### **Equity Positions**

#### As of 09/30/2018

Do-it-yourselfers equity positions vs. representative target date glidepath

The representative target date glidepath reflects an asset allocation derived in conjunction with Morningstar Investment Management LLC. The glidepath reflected is for illustrative purposes only.



To illustrate the scatter graph clearly, it has been limited to a maximum of 3,000 randomly Do-It-Yourself investors



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### QDRO'S

DRO Distributions – 2018			
	Q1	Q2	Q3
Full Withdrawals			
	8	7	15
Partial Withdrawals			
	7	10	9
Periodic Payments			
	7	7	7
DRO Distribution Totals			
	22	24	31

### **Revenue Sharing**

Investment Option	Participants	Amount	Average Reimbursement
Federated US Government Securities 2-5yr	2,790	\$15,675.82	\$5.62
Fidelity Contrafund	12,357	\$312,063.29	\$25.25
Calvert Equity I	980	\$4,713.18	\$4.81

### Web Analytics – 3Q2018



#### Page visits

	Views
Login & registration	185,176
Retirement income	117,798
Balances	24,462
How do I compare?	4,207
Profile	3,550
Health care cost estimator	2,451
My contributions	4,513
News & articles	1,967
View/Manage my investments	4,321
FAQS	1,135
Reneficiaries	224

#### Web sessions by device used



### Web Analytics – YTD (since migration to new website)

#### Participant web statistics for Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program - 98971-01



#### Page visits

	Views
Login & registration	442,071
Retirement income	336,969
Balances	39,729
How do I compare?	10,282
Profile	6,936
Health care cost estimator	6,346
My contributions	4,513
News & articles	4,430
View/Manage my investments	4,322
FAQS	2,758
Reneficiaries	22/

#### Web sessions by device used



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### KeyTalk (IVR) Activity

	Plan Totals			
	4/2/2018 to 7/1/2018		7/1/2018 to 9/30/2018	
Category	Avg	Pct	Avg	Pct
Change Passcode	357	68.7%	339	64.2%
Inq Acct Bal	148	28.5%	170	32.2%
Req Stmts	3	0.5%	5	0.9%
Fund To Fund Trf	4	0.8%	4	0.8%
Inq Uval	1	0.1%	4	0.8%
Inq Tran Hist	5	1.0%	3	0.6%
Ing Alloc	1	0.2%	2	0.4%
Inq Rates	1	0.2%	1	0.2%
GRAND TOTAL	519	100.0%	528	100.0%
Avg Unique Callers Per Month	1,784		1,824	
Avg Total Calls Per Month	3,558		3,645	
Avg Rolled to Customer Service Per Month	1,911		2,000	
Pct Transferred to CSR	53.7%		54.9%	

### KeyTalk (IVR) Activity - Continued



### Call Center and VRU Statistics



### Call Center and VRU Statistics- Continued





## Legislative and Regulatory Update

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# The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proposed investment advice rule

- Purpose of SEC proposal
- Regulation best interest

Client relationship summary

• What it may mean for plan sponsors and participants

Next steps



### Purpose of the proposed SEC investment advice rule

The SEC's investment advice proposal is designed to enhance the quality and transparency of investors' relationships with advisors and brokers.

- The proposal does not create a uniform fiduciary standard for brokers and investment advisers, but rather preserves the two-tiered approach due to their different relationship types and models for providing advice.
- The proposal does, however, indicate that there is a need for broker/dealers to improve their standard of conduct, to better inform customers, and to eliminate or mitigate conflicts of interest.
- The SEC seeks to implement its new broker standard through a combination of enhanced disclosures and obligations related to certain financial incentives (such as conflicts associated with compensation and the sale of proprietary products) but does not intend to prohibit a broker-dealer from having conflicts when making a recommendation.



### Regulation best interest (RBI)

 Brokers, dealers and associated persons would be held to a "best interest" standard when making a recommendation about securities transactions or an investment strategy involving securities to a retail customer "primarily for personal, family, or household purposes."

They must act in the best interest of customer at the time the recommendation is made (i.e., no duty to monitor unless expressly agreed to) without putting their own interests first.

The SEC intends for brokers to act in clients' best interest — meaning they can't place the firm's or their individual financial interests first.

The proposal would not apply to unsolicited transactions, or to dually registered — hybrid — RIAs when making recommendations in an investment-adviser capacity.

The SEC does not refer to the standard as a "fiduciary" standard.



### Regulation best interest (RBI)

A broker-dealer would discharge this duty by complying with each of three specific obligations:

- —Disclosure obligation: disclose to the retail customer the key facts about the relationship, including material conflicts of interest-
- —Care obligation: exercise reasonable diligence, care, skill, and prudence, to (1) understand the product; (2) have a reasonable basis to believe that the product is in the retail customer's best interest; and (3) have a reasonable basis to believe that a series of transactions is in the retail customer's best interest.
- —Conflict of interest obligation: establish, maintain and enforce policies and procedures reasonably designed to identify and then at a minimum to disclose and mitigate, or eliminate, material conflicts of interest arising from financial incentives.



### Client relationship summary (Form CRS)

- Form CRS would require both broker-dealers and investment advisers to provide retail
  - investors with a new disclosure document that would be a "relationship summary."
    - —A "retail investor" is defined as a prospective or existing client or customer who is a natural person (an individual), including a trust or similar entity that represents natural persons.

—Definitions of "retail investor" for Form CRS and "retail customer" for RBI are different.

- CRS Form would state whether the firm is a broker-dealer or an investment adviser or is "dual-hatted" and would:
  - Highlight key differences between broker-dealers and investment advisers, including standards of conduct, fees and conflicts of interest.
  - —Alert retail investors about where to find information about their investment professionals, whom to contact about complaints and questions to ask their investment professionals.
  - —Be required to be provided to each retail investor at the inception of the customer's relationship with an investment professional.
  - -Be updated upon a material change.



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### What it may mean for plan sponsors and participants

- The DOL proposal would have impacted plan sponsor discussions with participants about distribution options or rollovers into or out of a plan unless the discussion met the "education" exemption.
- The SEC proposal covers only recommendations made by a broker not a plan sponsor.
- The DOL proposal would have applied to recommendations made to plan sponsors about the plan's investment lineup.
- The SEC proposal does not apply to any recommendation of any securities transaction or investment strategy given to a plan sponsor because it would not be "primarily for personal, family, or household purposes."

The DOL proposal would have applied only to ERISA plans and IRAs except for rollovers between plans and IRAs.

 The SEC proposal may apply to brokers interacting with IRA owners and all types of plan participants.



### Next steps

- The SEC proposal is only in proposed form and almost certainly will undergo material changes prior to finalization and adoption-
- Public comments due August 7 will be crucial in shaping the agency's investment advice standards.
- A final SEC vote on the proposal may not happen until 2019.
- Commenters will be asking SEC whether IRA owners and/or participants in ERISA qualified plans, governmental qualified plans, eligible 457(b) plans, ERISA 403(b) plans, non-ERISA 403(b) plans, public school 403(b) plans, etc. will be treated as "retail customers" covered by the final SEC rule if and when it is adopted.
- Empower Retirement is following this proposal closely and will keep you apprised of any future developments as the SEC begins reviewing the comments.



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