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VIA EDGAR

U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

Attn: Eric Envall

Re:

Security National Financial Corporation
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009
Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended March 31, 2010
File No. 000-09341

Dear Mr. Envall:

Security National Financial Corporation (the "Company") is in receipt of the letter dated August 5, 2010 with respect to the above-referenced Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 and Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2010. The Company's responses to the comments are set forth below. For ease of reference, the Company has set forth the comments and its responses thereto.

It should be noted that although responses to the comments in the letter are required to be made within ten business days from the date of the letter, this will confirm that on August 11, 2010, you and David Irving acquiesced to extending the time for the Company to file its responses until August 31, 2010. A letter confirming the extension of time for filing responses was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on August 19, 2010. You further acquiesced to extending the time for the Company to file its responses until August 21, 2010. The for the Company to file its responses until September 10, 2010 and a letter confirming this additional extension of time was filed with the Commission on August 31, 2010.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009 General

1. We note that you attempted to incorporate by reference portions of your definitive proxy statement for your 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders into your Form 10-K. In accordance with General Instruction G.3 of Form 10-K, your definitive proxy statement must be filed not later than 120 days after your fiscal year end in order to qualify for incorporation by reference. You did not file your definitive proxy statement within 120 days of your Form 10-K was so incorporated. Therefore, please file an amendment to your Form 10-K including all the information in the definitive proxy statement that you attempted to incorporate by reference.

The disclosure information required by Part III of General Instruction G(3) of Form 10-K was included in the Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 (the "Form 10-K"). Thus, it was not necessary to incorporate by reference portions of the definitive Proxy Statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Because the information required by Part III of General Instruction G(3) of Form 10-K was included in the Form 10-K, the Company should not be required to file an amendment to the Form 10-K. In the future, when the Company includes the information required by Part III of General Instruction G(3) in its Form 10-K, the Company will not indicate that portions of the definitive Proxy Statement from its Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference.

2. In future filings please include your correct Commission File Number on the cover.

Response:

The Company will include the correct Commission File Number on the cover of all future filings.

3. Please tell us why you have not identified yourself as a "smaller reporting company" based on your disclosure that you had a \$16.1 million aggregate market value held by non-affiliates as of your most recently completed second fiscal quarter.

Response:

The Company is a smaller reporting company because, under Rule 12b-2 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, it had a public float of less than \$75 million as of June 30, 2009, the end of the second fiscal quarter. The Company will identify itself as a smaller reporting company in all future filings where required.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Results of Operations

General

4. Considering the diversification of your business (i.e., life insurance, cemetery and mortuary, and mortgage loans), and in an effort to provide more meaningful and granular disclosure, please consider revising your results of operations in future filings to present your discussion and analysis at the segment level. Your disclosure should include a robust discussion of any known material trends, events, and uncertainties related to your results of operations, rather than merely reciting financial statement information in narrative form. It would also be helpful to include a discussion of key variables, such as industry specific metrics, and financial measures management utilizes in managing each segment of the business. Refer to Item 303(A)(3) of Regulation S-K and Release No. 33-8350 (MD&A Interpretive Release).

The results of operations in the second quarter 10-Q included a more robust discussion and analysis at the segment level.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Consolidated Statements of Earnings, page 50

5. It appears your financial statements are presented in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation S-X. Please tell us how your income statement presentation is consistent with the guidance in Article 5-03 of Regulation S-X, emphasis is added to items 2, 7, and 9.

Response:

As disclosed in "Index to Consolidated Financial Statements" on page 46 of the Form 10-K, the Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation S-X. As primarily a life insurance company, the Company follows the financial statement presentation for insurance companies as set forth in Article 7 of Regulation S-X. The Company has compared its consolidated statements of earnings to the requirements of Article 7-04 of Regulation S-X and it believes the statement is presented correctly.

6. We note your response to our previously issued comment one in your letter to us dated October 9, 2008, where you indicated you would revise future filings to the extent disclosures were relevant and material. We do not see however, where you have provided such information. Therefore we are reissuing our comment. We note mortgage loans on real estate and construction loans, net of allowance for loan losses represent 22% of your total assets at December 31, 2009 and 23% of total assets at March 31, 2010. SAB Topic 11.K requires non-bank holding companies with material amounts of lending activities to disclose applicable Industry Guide 3 ("the Guide") information. Please provide us with your assessment of the relevance and materiality of the information required by Items III and IV of the Guide."

Response:

The Company believes that Industry Guide 3, Items III and IV have been addressed in the Form 10-K. Note No. 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements includes a table that detailed the loan portfolio by category or types of loans for 2009 and 2008. Maturity of loans for the year ended December 31, 2009 was addressed in the Management Discussion and Analysis on page 39 of the Form 10-K. Risk elements and problem loans were included in the Management Discussion and Analysis under the heading of Risks on page 35 of the Form 10-K. Loan concentration is discussed in Note No. 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 74 of the Form 10-K. Other interest bearing assets is included in Note No. 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 68–70 of the Form 10-K. Summary of losses experience is covered in Note No. 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, pages 56 and 57, and includes a table of allowances for loan losses, doubtful accounts and loan loss reserve.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Note 1 – Significant Accounting Policies Real Estate, page 54

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7. Please tell us and revise your future filings to expand your disclosure to state your policy for initially recording other real estate owned upon acquisition, and how that complies with ASC 310-40-40.

Response:

In future filings the Company will change Note No. 1 - Significant Accounting Policies for Real Estate of the Consolidated Financial Statements on page 54 of the Form 10-K as follows:

Real estate is carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation provided on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the properties, or is adjusted to a new basis from impairment in value if any. Foreclosed property is carried at the lower of cost or market determined at the time of foreclosure.

The Company believes this disclosure will meet the requirement of ASC310-40-40.

Mortgage Operations, page 59

8. Please revise your future filings to disclose how often you obtain updated appraisals for your collateral dependent loans. If your policy varies by loan type disclose as such. Describe any adjustments you make to appraised values, including those made as a result of outdated appraisals. Discuss how you consider the potential for outdated appraisal values in your determination of the allowance for loan losses.

Response:

We will disclose the following in future filings:

Mortgage loans require a current appraisal at the time of underwriting and funding. The Company's current policy is not to lend more than 80% of the appraised value unless third party mortgage insurance is obtained to insure the amount in excess of 80%. However, in prior periods loans were made in excess of the 80% threshold. If these prior period loans become delinquent more than 90 days, the amount in excess of 80% is provided for in the allowance for loan losses account.

On a quarterly basis, the Company performs an analysis of mortgage loans foreclosed during the period in order to verify that loans are carried on the financial statements at the lower of cost or market. The Company increased the loan loss provision by \$4,219 for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and \$171,081 for the six months ended June 30, 2010. The Company believes the write down to 80% of appraised value and the analysis of the loans at time of foreclosure covers the impact of further deterioration in appraised values on the properties servicing the loans.

9. Please revise your future filings to disclose as of each balance sheet date presented, the amount of impaired loans for which there is a related allowance for credit losses determined in accordance with ASC 310-10-35 and the amount of that allowance and the amount of impaired loans for which there is no allowance for credit losses. Refer to ASC 310-10-50-15.

Response:

Future filings will disclose the following information:

	Decer	As of nber 31, 2009	Ju	As of 1ne 30, 2010
Impaired Loans Without Allowance	\$	-	\$	-
Impaired Loans With Allowance		19,538,135		19,590,551
Total Impared Loans	\$	19,538,135	\$	19,590,551
Allowance for Impaired Loans	\$	6,808,803	\$	6,795,390

10. We note your disclosures regarding indemnification losses whereby you may be required to repurchase a loan or pay a fee instead of repurchase under certain events disclosed on page 59. Please tell us and revise your future filings to address the following related to these guarantees:

· Expand your disclosure to discuss how you determine the estimated liability for indemnification losses;

Specifically disclose how loans with similar characteristics are grouped to be evaluated for indemnification liabilities, how loss rates are determined, what factors are considered when establishing appropriate time frames over which you evaluate loss experience; and descriptions of qualitative factors that have affected loss rates or other loss measurements; and
 Revise your MD&A to explain in detail the period-to-period changes in your liability for indemnification. In this regard, discuss the specific facts and circumstances related to the significant increase in the reserve during FY 2009 and the subsequent decrease in the three months ended March 31, 2010. A roll forward (in tabular format) of the liability may also be useful here.

The Company will include the following disclosure in future filings in Notes to Financial Statements:

The loan loss reserve analysis involves mortgage loans that have been sold to third party investors where the Company has received a demand from the investor. There are generally three types of demands: make whole, repurchase, or indemnification. These types of demands are more particularly described as follows:

Make whole demand – A make whole demand occurs when an investor forecloses on a property and then sells the property. The make whole amount is calculated as the difference between the original unpaid principal balance, accrued interest and fees, less the sale proceeds.

Repurchase demand – A repurchase demand usually occurs when there is a significant payment default, error in underwriting or detected loan fraud.

Indemnification demand - On certain loans the Company has negotiated a set fee that is to be paid in lieu of repurchase. The fee varies by investor and by loan product type.

When a repurchase demand is received, the relevant data is reviewed and captured so that an estimated future loss can be calculated. The key factors that are used in the estimated loss calculation are as follows: (i) lien position, (ii) payment status, (iii) claim type, (iv) unpaid principal balance and (v) interest rate. Other data is captured and is useful for management purposes, the actual estimated loss is generally based on these key factors. The Company conducts its own review upon the receipt of a repurchase demand. In many instances, the Company is able to resolve the issues relating to the repurchase demand by the third party investor without having to make any payments to the investor.

The Company will include the following disclosure in future filings in the MD&A:

The mortgage industry has seen the potential loan losses increase from quarter to quarter and the Company has increased its allowance accordingly. Future estimated loan losses are extremely difficult to assess, especially in the current market. However, management believes that the Company's reserve methodology and its current practice of property preservation allow it to conservatively estimate its losses on loans sold.

The amount accrued for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$1,373,354 and \$5,384,564, respectively and the charge to expense has been included in other selling, general and administrative expenses. The estimated liability for indemnification losses is included in other liabilities and accrued expenses and, as of March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009, the balance was \$8,991,955 and \$5,337,012, respectively.

	 Months Ended rch 31, 2010	Three Months Ended March 31, 2009			
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 11,662,897	\$	2,775,452		
Provisions for losses	1,373,354		5,384,564		
Charge-offs	(4,044,296)		(2,823,004)		
Balance, March 31	\$ 8,991,955	\$	5,337,012		

The Company believes the Allowance for Loan Losses and Doubtful Accounts and Loan Loss Reserve represent probable loan losses incurred as of the balance sheet date.

There was a significant increase in the loan loss reserve in 2009 when the settlement for CitiMortgage was accrued and a subsequent significant decrease in the first quarter 2010 when the settlement payment to CitiMortgage was actually made.

11. We also note your disclosure on page 57 that you may be required to reimburse third party investors for costs associated with early payoff of loans within the first six months of such loans and to repurchase loans where there is a default in any of the first four month payments to the investors or, in lieu of repurchase, to pay a negotiated fee to the investors. Please tell us the quantity of loans (by loan type) and dollar amount of loans repurchased and the fees paid in lieu of repurchase during the periods presented as a result of this specific guarantee.

Response:

The following table provides the detail of fees by loan type:

	Twelve	Months Er	nded December 31,		Six Months Ended Jur	ne 30,
	2008		2009		2010	
	Fees Paid	No.	Fees Paid	No.	Fees Paid	No.
Early Payment Defaults						
Conforming	\$1,460,709	222	\$1,641,227	59		
Government	1,023,624	155	1,548,009	194	\$276,745	39
Jumbo	53,901	8	12,500	1		
Other Financing	588,381	32	762,500	13		
Total Early Payment Defaults	\$3,126,615	417	\$3,964,236	267	\$276,745	39
Early Payoffs						
Conforming	\$376,749	82	\$92,160	30	\$20,313	6
Government	180,289	30	288,698	56	18,674	6
Jumbo	19,057	2				
Other Financing	4,563	2				
Total Early Payoffs	\$580,658	116	\$380,858	86	\$38,987	12
Total Fees Paid	\$3,707,273	533	\$4,345,094	353	\$315,732	51

12. 350-30-50.

Please revise your future filings to disclose the allocation of goodwill by reportable segment and any significant changes in the allocation of goodwill by reportable segment. Refer to ASC

Response:

The Asset section of the Balance Sheet for the Company's second quarter 10-Q was modified to disclose that all goodwill of the Company is related to the Cemetery and Mortuary business segment. Future filings will be modified to include goodwill in Note No. 8 - Business Segment of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as follows:

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8) Business Segment

	L	ife Insurance		Cemetery/ Mortuary		Mortgage	Reconciling Items		(Consolidated
For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2010										
Revenues from										
external customers	\$	14,294,453	\$	3,611,410	\$	25,518,895	\$	-	\$	43,424,758
Intersegment revenues		1,564,408		428,698		61,358		(2,054,464)		-
Segment profit (loss)										
before income taxes		1,303,284		99,703		(1,318,206)		-		84,781
For the Three Months Ended										
June 30, 2009										
Revenues from										
external customers	\$	13,499,302	\$	3,625,168	\$	40,885,462	\$	-	\$	58,009,932
Intersegment revenues		1,366,734		95,303		50,810		(1,512,847)		-
Segment profit (loss)										
before income taxes		363,661		151,353		3,969,355		-		4,484,369
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 Revenues from										
external customers	\$	28,387,336	\$	6,916,048	\$	46,643,280	\$	-	\$	81,946,664
Intersegment revenues		2,760,213		797,944		118,043		(3,676,200)		-
Segment profit (loss)										
before income taxes		1,450,594		52,759		(3,091,486)		-		(1,588,133)
Identifiable Assets		446,016,789		109,101,362		34,429,574		(106,640,705)		482,907,020
Goodwill				1,075,039						1,075,039
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009										
Revenues from	\$	27 457 720	\$	6 906 262	¢	02 220 046	\$		\$	117,502,029
external customers	Э	27,457,720	Э	6,806,263	\$	83,238,046	Э	-	Э	117,502,029
Intersegment revenues		2,429,988		177,894		102,596		(2,710,478)		-
Segment profit										
before income taxes		51,461		396,914		8,975,897		-		9,424,272
Identifiable Assets		425,588,966		87,315,916		39,402,323		(90,161,957)		462,145,248
Goodwill				1,075,039						1,075,039

13. Please revise your future filings to disclosure the information for all assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis (e.g., impaired assets, other real estate owned, etc.). Refer to ASC 820-10-50 paragraphs 5 and 8.

All future filings will include the disclosures for all assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in accordance with ASC 820-10-50 paragraphs 5 and 8. The tables in the fair value footnote will be presented as follows:

The following table summarizes Level 1, 2, and 3 financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value by their classification in the consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2009 of the Form 10-K.

	Ā		Quoted Priced in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		C	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant nobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis							
Investment in securities available for sale	\$	6,936,137	\$	6,936,137	\$	-	\$ -
Short-term investments		7,144,349		7,144,349		-	-
Restricted assets of cemeteries and mortuaries		1,677,273		1,677,273		-	-
Cemetery perpetual care trust investments		1,104,046		1,104,046		-	-
Derivatives - interest rate lock commitments		1,770,193		-		-	 1,770,193
Total assets accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis		18,631,998		16,861,805			 1,770,193
Assets accounted for at fair value on a nonrecurring basis							
Fixed maturity securities, held for investment		326,000		326,000		-	-
Mortgage loans held for investment		2,028,336		-		2,028,336	-
Policy, student and other loans held for investment		97,352	_	-		97,352	 -
Total assets accounted for at fair value on a nonrecurring basis		2,451,688		326,000		2,125,688	 <u> </u>
Total assets accounted for at fair value	\$	21,083,686	\$	17,187,805	\$	2,125,688	\$ 1,770,193
Liabilities accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis							
Investment type insurance contracts	\$	(115,763,748)	\$	-	\$	-	\$ (115,763,748)
Derivatives - bank loan interest rate swaps		(101,251)		-		-	(101,251)
- call options		(134,492)		-		-	(134,492)
- interest rate lock commitments		(215,481)		-		-	(215,481)
Total liabilities accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis		(116,214,972)		-		-	(116,214,972)
Liabilities accounted for at fair value on a nonrecurring basis							 -
Total liabilities accounted for at fair value	\$	(116,214,972)	\$		\$		\$ (116,214,972)

Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers, page 114

14. Please revise your Form 10-K/Proxy Statement in order to include the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that lead you to the conclusion that your directors and executive officers should serve in their respective positions. Refer to Item 401(e) of Regulation S-K and SEC Release No. 33-9089.

In future filings the Company will provide the information required by Item 401(e) of Regulation S-K and SEC Release No. 33-9089, which requires disclosure for each director and executive officer the particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that qualify that person to serve in his or her respective position. If the staff determines it is necessary to amend the Form 10-K, after reviewing the Company's response to Comment No. 1 above, such information will be included in the amendment to the Form 10-K.

The Board of Directors, Board Committees and Meetings, page 115

15. Please amend your Form 10-K in order to comply with the requirements of Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K as they relate to disclosures regarding whether or not you have at least one member of the audit committee that qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert."

Response:

The Company's Board of Directors has determined that Norman G. Wilbur, who currently serves as a director of the Company as well as Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee qualifies as an audit committee financial expert. This disclosure will be included in future filings and in the amendment to the Form 10-K if the staff determines it is necessary to amend the Form 10-K after reviewing the Company's response to Comment No. 1 above.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters, page 128.

16. Please revise your Form 10-K to include the information required by Section 201(d) of Regulation S-K in this item.

Response:

In future filings the Company will provide the information required by Section 201(d) of Regulation S-K, which consists of equity compensation plan information in a tabular format for the Company's compensation plans under which after reviewing its equity securities are issued. If the staff determines it is necessary to amend the Form 10-K after reviewing the Company's response to Comment No. 1 above, such information will be included on the amendment to the Form 10-K.

Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended March 31, 2010

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, page 29

17. We note your disclosure that your total revenues decreased by 35.2% for the three months ended March 31, 2010 from the three months ended March 31, 2009. Please provide us with revised disclosure that would provide a reader an understanding of why your total revenues decreased, such as why you experienced a \$19.8 million decrease in mortgage fee income, rather than simply stating your revenues decreased. Please refer to the Commission Guidance Regarding Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Release No. 33-8350.

The Company disclosed the following on page 34 of the 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2010.

The loan volume in 2009 was higher than 2010 primarily due to greater refinancing activity in 2009. The 2010 loan volume is primarily for home purchases and the lower volume is due to the slowdown in the economy and the low demand in the housing sector. SecurityNational Mortgage expects the loan volume for the rest of the year to be at the \$160,000,000 to \$175,000,000 per month range compared to \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 per month range in 2009 and has taken steps to reduce staff and funding costs to these production levels.

The following table shows the condensed financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009. See the footnote 8 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

	_	Т		nths ended June 3 isands of dollars)		Six months ended June 30 (in thousands of dollars)						
		2010	2009	% Increase (Decrease)		2010		2009	% Increase (Decrease)			
Revenues from external customers												
Income from loan originations	\$	22,414	\$	29,364	(24%)	\$	39,187	\$	59,681	(34%)		
Secondary gains from investors		3,105		11,521	(73%)		7,456		23,557	(68%)		
Total	\$	25,519	\$	40,885	(38%)	\$	46,643	\$	83,238	(44%)		
Earnings (Losses) before income taxes	\$	(1,318)	\$	3,969	(133%)	\$	(3,091)	\$	8,976	(134%)		

This decrease in profitability is due to the lower loan volume and lower secondary gains from investors.

Note to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

General

18. Please revise your future filings to provide the disclosures required by ASC 310-10-50 for all interim and annual periods. Please show us what your disclosure will look like in your response.

Below are Notes 10 and 11 of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements from the June 30, 2010 Form 10-Q that the Company believes includes some of the disclosures required by ASC 310-10-50. In order to more fully comply with the cited requirements, the Company will make the following changes to these disclosures. Bolded items will be added. Italicized items reflect existing items the Company believes comply. The example below omits the disclosures previously shown in our response to Comment No. 9 above.

10) Other Business Activity

Mortgage Operations

Over fifty percent of revenue and expenses of the Company are through its wholly owned subsidiary, SecurityNational Mortgage. SecurityNational Mortgage is a mortgage lender incorporated under the laws of the State of Utah. SecurityNational Mortgage is approved and regulated by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), a department of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to originate mortgage loans that qualify for government insurance in the event of default by the borrower. SecurityNational Mortgage obtains loans primarily from its retail offices and independent brokers. SecurityNational Mortgage funds the loans from internal cash flows and loan purchase agreements with unaffiliated financial institutions. SecurityNational Mortgage receives fees from the borrowers and other secondary fees from third party investors that purchase its loans. SecurityNational Mortgage securityNational Mortgage pays the brokers and retail loan officers a commission for loans that are brokered through SecurityNational Mortgage. For the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, SecurityNational Mortgage originated and sold 5,459 loans (\$967,240,911 total volume), and 9,781 loans (\$1,824,623,109 total volume), respectively.

SecurityNational Mortgage has entered into loan purchase agreements to originate and sell mortgage loans to unaffiliated warehouse banks. The total amount available to originate loans under these loan purchase agreements at June 30, 2010 was \$55,000,000. SecurityNational Mortgage originates the loans and immediately sells them to warehouse banks. As of June 30, 2010, there were \$131,803,246 in mortgage loans in which settlements with third party investors were still pending. Generally when certain mortgage loans are sold to warehouse banks, SecurityNational Mortgage is no longer obligated, except in certain circumstances, to pay the amounts outstanding on the mortgage loans, but is required to pay a fee in the form of interest on a portion of the mortgage loans between the date that the loans are sold to warehouse banks and the date of settlement with third party investors. The terms of the loan purchase agreements are typically for one year, with interest rates on a portion of the mortgage loans ranging from 2.5% to 2.75% over the 30 day Libor rate. SecurityNational Mortgage is in the process of renewing one of its loan purchase agreements that expired on June 18, 2010 for an additional one year term. SecurityNational Mortgage loans to such warehouse bank while negotiating the renewal of the loan purchase agreement.

Key accounting policies related to mortgage operations are as follows:

Mortgage loans on real estate, and construction loans are originated and held for investment and carried at their principal balances adjusted for chargeoffs, the related allowance for loan losses, and net deferred fees or costs on originated loans. The Company defers related material loan origination fees, net of related direct loan origination costs, and amortizes the net fees over the term of the loans.

Mortgage loans sold to investors are carried at the amount due from third party investors, which is the estimated fair value at the balance sheet date since these amounts are generally collected within a short period of time.

Real estate is carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the properties, or is adjusted to a new basis from impairment in value, if any. Foreclosed property is carried at the lower of cost or market determined at the time of foreclosure.

Policy, student, and other loans are carried at the aggregate unpaid balances, less allowances for possible losses.

Mortgage fee income consists of origination fees, processing fees and certain other income related to the origination and sale of mortgage loans. For mortgage loans sold to third party investors, mortgage fee income and related expenses are recognized pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles at the time the sales of mortgage loans meet the sales criteria for the transfer of financial assets which are: (i) the transferred assets have been isolated from the Company and its creditors, (ii) the transfere has the right to pledge or exchange the mortgage, and (iii) the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred mortgage. The Company must determine that all three criteria are met at the time the loan is funded. All rights and tile to the mortgage loans are assigned to unrelated financial institution investors, including any investor commitments for these loans, prior to warehouse banks purchasing the loans under the purchase commitments.

The Company, through SecurityNational Mortgage, sells all mortgage loans to third party investors without recourse. However, it may be required to repurchase a loan or pay a fee instead of repurchase under certain events such as the following:

- Failure to deliver original documents specified by the investor.
- The existence of misrepresentation or fraud in the origination of the loan.
- The loan becomes delinquent due to nonpayment during the first several months after it is sold.
- Early pay-off of a loan, as defined by the agreements.
- Excessive time to settle a loan.
- Investor declines purchase.
- Discontinued product and expired commitment.

Loan purchase commitments generally specify a date 30 to 45 days after delivery upon which the underlying loans should be settled. Depending on market conditions, these commitment settlement dates can be extended at a cost to the Company. Generally, a ten day extension will cost .125% (12.5 basis points) of the loan amount. The Company's historical data shows that 99% of all loans originated by the Company are generally settled by the investors as agreed within 16 days after delivery. There are situations, however, when the Company determines that it is unable to enforce the settlement of loans rejected by the third-party investors and that it is in the Company's best interest to repurchase those loans from the warehouse banks. It is the Company's policy to cure any documentation problems with respect to such loans at a minimal cost for up to a six-month time period and to pursue efforts to enforce loan purchase commitments from third-party investors concerning the loans. The Company believes that six months allows adequate time to remedy any documentation issues, to enforce purchase commitments, and to exhaust other alternatives. Remedy methods include, but are not limited to:

- Research reasons for rejection.
- Provide additional documents.
- Request investor exceptions.
- Appeal rejection decision to purchase committee.
 Commit to secondary investors.

Once purchase commitments have expired and other alternatives to remedy are exhausted, which could be earlier than the six month time period, the loans are repurchased and transferred to the long term investment portfolio at the lower of cost or market value and previously recorded sales revenue is reversed. Any loan that later becomes delinquent is evaluated by the Company at that time and any impairment is adjusted accordingly.

Determining lower of cost or market: Cost is equal to the amount paid to the warehouse bank and the amount originally funded by the Company. Market value is often difficult to determine, but is based on the following:

- For loans that have an active market the Company uses the market price on the repurchased date.
 - For loans where there is no market but there is a similar product, the Company uses the market value for the similar product on the repurchased date.
- For loans where no active market exists on the repurchased date, the Company determines that the unpaid principal balance best approximates the market value on the repurchased date, after considering the fair value of the underlying real estate collateral and estimated future cash flows.

The appraised value of the real estate underlying the original mortgage loan adds significance to the Company's determination of fair value because if the loan becomes delinquent, the Company has sufficient value to collect the unpaid principal balance or the carrying value of the loan. In determining the market value on the date of repurchase, the Company considers the total value of all of the loans because any sale of loans would be made as a pool.

For mortgages originated and held for investment, mortgage fee income and related expenses are recognized when the loan is originated.

As a standard in the industry, the Company receives payments on the mortgage loans during the time period between the sale date and settlement or repurchase date. During the period the Company services these loans through Security National Life, its life insurance subsidiary.

As of June 30, 2010, the Company's long term mortgage loan portfolio contained mortgage loans of \$19,590,551 in unpaid principal with delinquencies more than 90 days. Of this amount, \$9,204,691 in mortgage loans were in foreclosure proceedings. The Company has not received any interest income on the \$19,590,551 in mortgage loans with delinquencies more than 90 days. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, the Company increased its allowance for mortgage loasses by \$4,219 and \$171,081, respectively which was charged to loan loss expense and included in other selling, general and administrative expenses for the period. The allowance for mortgage loan losses as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was \$6,795,390 and \$6,808,803, respectively.

Also at June 30, 2010, the Company has foreclosed on a total of \$51,661,589 in long term mortgage loans, of which \$7,410,770 in loans were foreclosed on and reclassified as real estate during 2010. The foreclosed property was shown in real estate. The Company carries the foreclosed property in Security National Life, Memorial Estates and SecurityNational Mortgage, its life, cemeteries and mortuaries and mortgage subsidiaries, and will rent the properties until it is deemed desirable to sell them.

11) Allowance for Loan Losses and Loan Loss Reserve

The Company provides allowances for losses on its mortgage loans held for investment through an allowance for loan losses (a contra-asset account) and for mortgage loans sold to investors through the mortgage loan loss reserve (a liability account). The allowance for loan losses and doubtful accounts is an allowance for losses on the Company's mortgage loans held for investment. *When a mortgage loan is past due more than 90 days, the Company, where appropriate, sets up an allowance to approximate the excess of the carrying value of the mortgage loan over the estimated fair value of the underlying real estate collateral. Once a loan is past due more than 90 days the Company does not accrue any interest income and proceeds to foreclose on the real estate. Payments received after a loan is in nonaccrual status are credited first against the interest was accrued before reach nonaccrual status, then against the principal balance. If a loan becomes current again, the Company carries the foreclosed properties in Security National Life, Memorial Estates, and SecurityNational Mortgage, its life, cemeteries and mortgage subsidiaries, and will rent the properties until it is deemed desirable to sell them.*

The following is a summary of the allowance for loan losses as a contra-asset account:

	 Three Months E	nded Ju	ne 30,	 Six Months E	nded Ju	ne 30,
	 2010 2009			 2009		2008
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 6,806,003	\$	5,561,421	\$ 6,808,803	\$	4,780,467
Provisions for losses	4,219		61,383	171,081		842,337
Charge-offs	(14,832)		(1,231)	(184,494)		(1,231)
Balance, end of period	\$ 6,795,390	\$	5,621,573	\$ 6,795,390	\$	5,621,573

The mortgage loan loss reserve is an estimate of probable losses at the balance sheet date that the Company will realize in the future on mortgage loans sold to third party investors. The Company may be required to reimburse third party investors for costs associated with early payoff of loans within the first six months of such loans and to repurchase loans where there is a default in any of the first four monthly payments to the investors or, in lieu of repurchase, to pay a negotiated fee to the investors. The Company's estimates are based upon historical loss experience and the best estimate of the probable loan loss liabilities.

Upon completion of a transfer that satisfies the conditions to be accounted for as a sale, the Company initially measures at fair value liabilities incurred in a sale relating to any guarantee or recourse provisions. The Company accrues a monthly allowance for indemnification losses to investors based on the Company's historical experience. The amount accrued for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 was \$1,526,966 and \$2,900,321, respectively and the amount accrued for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 was \$5,052,577 and \$9,792,284, respectively, and the charge to expense has been included in other selling, general and administrative expenses. The estimated liability for indemnification losses is included in other liabilities and accrued expenses, and, as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the balance was \$9,890,947 and \$11,662,897, respectively.

		Three Months I	Ended J	une 30,	 Six Months E	Inded Ju	ne 30,
	2010 2009			2009		2008	
Balance, beginning of period	\$	8,991,955 \$		5,337,012	\$ 11,662,897	\$	2,775,452
Provisions for losses		1,526,966		5,052,577	2,900,321		9,792,284
Charge-offs		(627,974)		(2,556,456)	(4,672,271)		(4,734,603)
Balance, end of period	\$	9,890,947	\$	7,833,133	\$ 9,890,947	\$	7,833,133

The Company believes the allowance for loan losses and doubtful accounts and loan loss reserve represent probable loan losses incurred as of the balance sheet date.

Note 8 - Disclosure about Fair Value of Financial Instruments, page 11

19. Please revise your future filings to provide the disclosures required by ASC 825-10-50 for all interim and annual periods. Please show us what your disclosure will look like in your response.

Response:

The Company's Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2010 included the following disclosure, which will be included in future filings.

3) <u>Investments</u>

The Company's investments in fixed maturity securities held to maturity and equity securities available for sale as of June 30, 2010 are summarized as follows:

June 30. 2010:	Amortized Cost			Gross Unrealized Gains		Gross Unrealized Losses		Estimated Fair Value
Fixed maturity securities held to maturity carried at amortized cost: Bonds:								
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S Government agencies	\$	8,907,869	\$	776,643	\$	(1,469)	\$	9,683,043
Obligations of states and political subdivisions		1,891,377		131,548		(18,027)		2,004,898
Corporate securities including public utilities		97,249,699		6,742,153		(1,243,872)		102,747,980
Mortgage-backed securities		7,242,312		290,156		(557,453)		6,975,015
Redeemable preferred stock		1,579,953		19,230		(70,631)		1,528,552
Total fixed maturity securities held to maturity	\$	116,871,210	\$	7,959,730	\$	(1,891,452)	\$	122,939,488
Securities available for sale carried at estimated fair value:								
Fixed maturity securities available for sale: U.S. Treasury securities								
and obligations of U.S. Government agencies	\$	98,320	\$	31,415	\$	<u> </u>	\$	129,735
Total fixed maturity securities available for sale	\$	98,320	\$	31,415	\$		\$	129,735

	GrossGrossAmortizedUnrealizedCostGainsLosses		Amortized Unreal		ortized Unrealized		Inrealized	alized Fair		
<u>June 30, 2010:</u>										
Equity securities available for sale at estimated fair value:										
Non-redeemable preferred stock	\$	20,281	\$	-	\$	(4,927)	\$	15,354		
Common stock:										
Industrial, miscellaneous and all other		6,754,171		345,247		(928,233)		6,171,185		
Total equity securities available for sale at estimated fair value	\$	6,774,452	\$	345,247	\$	(933,160)	\$	6,186,539		
Total securities available for sale carried at estimated fair value	\$	6,872,772	\$	376,662	\$	(933,160)	\$	6,316,274		
Mortgage loans on real estate and construction loans held for investment at amortized cost:										
Residential	\$	56,832,153								
Residential construction		21,722,877								
Commercial		36,607,990								
Less: Allowance for loan losses		(6,795,390)								
Total mortgage loans on real estate and										
construction loans held for investment	\$	108,367,630								
Real estate at cost – net of depreciation and allowance	\$	53,216,157								
Policy, student and other loans at										
amortized cost - net of allowance for doubtful accounts	\$	16,261,155								
Short-term investments at amortized cost	\$	1,380,639								

The Company's investments in fixed maturity securities held to maturity and equity securities available for sale as of December 31, 2009 are summarized as follows:

December 31, 2009:	1	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains		Gross Unrealized Losses			Estimated Fair Value
Fixed maturity securities held to maturity carried at amortized cost: Bonds:								
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S Government agencies	\$	9,477,032	\$	430,783	\$	(6,389)	\$	9,901,426
Obligations of states and political subdivisions		2,034,784		95,333		(20,722)		2,109,395
Corporate securities including public utilities		95,903,129		3,927,607		(2,763,448)		97,067,288
Mortgage-backed securities		6,852,072		182,932		(1,338,817)		5,696,187
Redeemable preferred stock		1,565,283		-		(109,832)	_	1,455,451
Total fixed maturity securities held to maturity	\$	115,832,300	\$	4,636,655	\$	(4,239,208)	\$	116,229,747
Securities available for sale carried at estimated fair value:								
Fixed maturity securities available for sale: U.S. Treasury securities								
and obligations of U.S. Government agencies	\$	98,280	\$	21,158	\$	-	\$	119,438
Corporate securities including public utilities		1,012,458		17,627				1,030,085
Total fixed maturity securities available for sale	\$	1,110,738	\$	38,785	\$	<u> </u>	\$	1,149,523

	Amortized Cost	τ	Gross Jnrealized Gains	Gross Inrealized Losses]	Estimated Fair Value
<u>December 31, 2009</u> :						
Equity securities available for sale at estimated fair value:						
Non-redeemable preferred stock	\$ 20,281	\$	-	\$ (5,061)	\$	15,220
Common stock:						
Industrial, miscellaneous and all other	 5,398,320		682,075	(309,001)		5,771,394
Total equity securities available for sale at estimated fair value	\$ 5,418,601	\$	682,075	\$ (314,062)	\$	5,786,614
Total securities available for sale carried at estimated fair value	\$ 6,529,339	\$	720,860	\$ (314,062)	\$	6,936,137
Mortgage loans on real estate and construction loans held for investment at amortized cost:						
Residential	\$ 60,863,842					
Residential construction	25,028,081					
Commercial	24,206,956					
Less: Allowance for loan losses	 (6,808,803)					
Total mortgage loans on real estate and construction loans held for investment	\$ 103,290,076					
Real estate at cost – net of depreciation & allowance	\$ 46,901,832					
Policy, student and other loans at						
amortized cost - net of allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 18,145,029					
Short-term investments at amortized cost	\$ 7,144,319					

Fixed Maturity Securities

The following tables summarize unrealized losses on fixed-maturities securities, which are carried at amortized cost, at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. The unrealized losses were primarily related to interest rate fluctuations or spread-widening, and mortgage and other asset-backed securities. The tables set forth unrealized losses by duration and number of investment positions, together with the fair value of the related fixed-maturity securities:

At June 30, 2010	Unrealized Losses for Less than Twelve Months		No. of Investment Positions	Unrealized Losses for More than Twelve Months		No. of Investment Positions	То	tal Unrealized Loss
Interest rate or spread widening	\$	435,220	18	\$	898,779	34	\$	1,333,999
Mortgage and other								
asset-backed securities		15,646	3		541,807	5		557,453
Total unrealized losses	\$	450,866	21	\$	1,440,586	39	\$	1,891,452
Fair Value	\$	7,917,487		\$	11,128,618		\$	19,046,105
<u>At December 31, 2009</u>								
Interest rate or spread widening	\$	580,244	37	\$	2,320,148	70	\$	2,900,392
Mortgage and other								
asset-backed securities		31,337	3		1,307,479	5		1,338,816
Total unrealized losses	\$	611,581	40	\$	3,627,627	75	\$	4,239,208
Fair Value	\$	17,777,172		\$	22,641,536		\$	40,418,708

As of June 30, 2010, the average market value of the related fixed maturities was 91.0% of amortized cost and the average market value was 90.5% of amortized cost as of December 31, 2009. During the first six months ended June 30, 2010 and for the year ended December 31, 2009, an other-than-temporary decline in market value resulted in the recognition of an impairment loss on fixed maturity securities of \$30,000 and \$326,000, respectively. No other-than-temporary impairment loss was considered to exist for these fixed maturities as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

3) Investments (Continued)

Equity Securities

The following tables summarize unrealized losses on equity securities that were carried at estimated fair value based on quoted trading prices at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. The unrealized losses were primarily the result of decreases in market value due to overall equity market declines. The tables set forth unrealized losses by duration and number of investment positions, together with the fair value of the related equity securities available for sale in a loss position:

At June 30, 2010	Unrealized Losses for Less than Twelve Months		No. of Investment Positions	Unrealized Losses for More than Twelve Months		No. of Investment Positions	Tota	al Unrealized Losses
Non-redeemable preferred stock	\$	-	-	\$	4,927	2	\$	4,927
Industrial, miscellaneous and all other		638,759	92		289,474	13		928,233
Total unrealized losses	\$	638,759	92	\$	294,401	15	\$	933,160
Fair Value	\$	3,759,691		\$	488,678		\$	4,248,369
<u>At December 31, 2009</u>								
Non-redeemable preferred stock	\$	-	-	\$	5,061	2	\$	5,061
Industrial, miscellaneous and all other		55,287	23		253,714	16		309,001
Total unrealized losses	\$	55,287	23	\$	258,775	18	\$	314,062
Fair Value	\$	1,007,525		\$	660,809		\$	1,668,334

As of June 30, 2010, the average market value of the equity securities available for sale was 82.0% of the original investment and the average market value was 84.2% of the original investment as of December 31, 2009. The intent of the Company is to retain equity securities for a period of time sufficient to allow for the recovery in fair value. However, the Company may sell equity securities during a period in which the fair value has declined below the amount of the original investment. In certain situations, new factors, including changes in the business environment, can change the Company's previous intent to continue holding a security. No other-than-temporary impairment loss on equity securities was determined to exist as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

The fair values of fixed maturity securities are based on quoted market prices, when available. For fixed maturity securities not actively traded, fair values are estimated using values obtained from independent pricing services, or in the case of private placements, are estimated by discounting expected future cash flows using a current market value applicable to the coupon rate, credit and maturity of the investments. The fair values for equity securities are based on quoted market prices.

3) Investments (Continued)

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of fixed maturity securities at June 30, 2010, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because certain borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Held to Maturity:	Amortized Cost	E	stimated Fair Value
Due in 2010	\$ 2,248,171	\$	2,261,598
Due in 2011 through 2014	23,369,328		24,992,700
Due in 2015 through 2019	35,985,098		39,224,650
Due after 2019	46,446,348		47,956,973
Mortgage-backed securities	7,242,312		6,975,015
Redeemable preferred stock	1,579,953		1,528,552
Total held to maturity	\$ 116,871,210	\$	122,939,488

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of available-for-sale securities at June 30, 2010, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because certain borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Equities are valued using the specific identification method.

Available for Sale:	A	Amortized Cost	Est	imated Fair Value
Due in 2010	\$	-	\$	-
Due in 2011 through 2014		-		-
Due in 2015 through 2019		-		-
Due after 2019		98,320		129,735
Non-redeemable preferred stock		20,281		15,354
Common stock		6,754,171		6,171,185
Total available for sale	\$	6,872,772	\$	6,316,274

The Company's realized gains and losses from investments and other assets are summarized as follows:

	Three Month E	ine 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,				
	 2010		2009		2010		2009
Fixed maturity securities held to maturity:							
Gross realized gains	\$ 23,315	\$	8,181	\$	296,012	\$	69,637
Gross realized losses	(57,682)		(450)		(252,924)		(581)
Securities available for sale:							
Gross realized gains	151,488		226,318		447,992		226,936
Gross realized losses	(12,144)		(11,348)		(43,073)		(11,349)
Other assets	184,494		4,022		205,910		8,126
Total	\$ 289,471	\$	226,723	\$	653,917	\$	292,769

Generally gains and losses from held to maturity securities are a result of early calls and related amortization of premiums or discounts. However, credit losses of \$30,000 and \$-0- were recognized during the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and credit losses of \$30,000 and \$-0- were recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, from other-than-temporary declines in market value of held to maturity securities.

Mortgage loans consist of first and second mortgages. The mortgage loans bear interest at rates ranging from 2.0 % to 11.0%, maturity dates range from three months to 30 years and are secured by real estate. Concentrations of credit risk arise when a number of mortgage loan debtors have similar economic characteristics that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic conditions. Although the Company has a diversified mortgage loan portfolio consisting of residential mortgages, commercial loans and residential construction loans and requires collateral on all real estate exposures, a substantial portion of its debtors' ability to honor obligations is reliant on the economic stability of the geographic region in which the debtors do business. At June 30, 2010, the Company has 43%, 11% and 14% of its mortgage loans from borrowers located in the states of Utah, Florida and California, respectively. The mortgage loans on real estate balances on the consolidated balance sheet are reflected net of an allowance for loan losses of \$6,795,390 and \$6,808,803 at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

There were no investments, aggregated by issuer, in excess of 10% of shareholders' equity (before net unrealized gains and losses on available for sale securities) at June 30, 2010, other than investments issued or guaranteed by the United States Government.

Major categories of net investment income are as follows:

	Three Month Ended June 30,						Six Months Ended June 30,						
	20	10		200	09		20	10		2009			
Fixed													
maturity													
securities	\$	1,770,573		\$	1,749,945		\$	3,540,003		\$	3,583,951		
Equity													
securities		61,158			221,982			112,774			406,086		
Mortgage													
loans on													
real estate		1,580,153			1,447,064			2,998,595			2,876,259		
Real estate		369,273			439,197			767,899			799,381		
Policy,													
student													
and other		217 (51			175 100			445 202			401 740		
loans Short-term investme	mto	217,651			175,128			445,392			431,746		
principally gains of													
	on sale of												
mortgage loans and													
other		1,803,131			1,821,517			3,177,864			4,405,380		
Gross													
investment													
income		5,801,939			5,854,833			11,042,527			12,502,803		
Investment													
expenses		(614,353)		(599,001)		(1,286,746)		(1,198,969		
Net													
investment													
income	\$	5,187,586	:	\$	5,255,832		\$	9,755,781		\$	11,303,834		

Net investment income includes net investment income earned by the restricted assets of the cemeteries and mortuaries of \$337,489 and \$189,337 for three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$706,309 and \$366,150 for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Net investment income on real estate consists primarily of rental revenue received under short-term leases.

Investment expenses consist primarily of depreciation, property taxes, operating expenses of real estate and an estimated portion of administrative expenses relating to investment activities.

Securities on deposit for regulatory authorities as required by law amounted to \$9,470,110 at June 30, 2010 and \$10,614,292 at December 31, 2009. The restricted securities are included in various assets under investments on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

In connection with the Company's responses to the comments, the Company hereby acknowledges as follows:

· The Company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;

· The staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and

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The Company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (801) 264-1060 or (801) 287-8171.

Very truly yours,

Stephen M. Sill Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer