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# FEDERATED INVESTORS, INC.

**Federated Investors Tower** 

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-3779

#### INFORMATION STATEMENT

March 11, 2015

#### INTRODUCTION

This Information Statement is furnished to the shareholders (the Shareholders ) of Federated Investors, Inc. (Federated , or the Company ) by its Board of Directors (the Board ) in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders to be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 in the Fayette Room of the Westin Convention Center Hotel, 1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222 at 4:00 p.m. local time (the Annual Meeting ). Action will be taken at the Annual Meeting for: (i) the election of directors; and (ii) any other business that properly comes before the meeting.

Federated has shares of both Class A Common Stock, no par value per share (the Class A Common Stock), and Class B Common Stock, no par value per share (the Class B Common Stock), issued and outstanding. The Class B Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol FII. Except under certain limited circumstances, the entire voting power of Federated is vested in the holder of the outstanding shares of the Class A Common Stock. All of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock are held by a Voting Shares Irrevocable Trust, dated May 31, 1989 (the Voting Trust), and will be voted in person at the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, Federated is not soliciting proxies for the Annual Meeting, but is providing this Information Statement to its Shareholders in accordance with Rule 14c-2 (17 C.F.R. §240.14c-2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act).

#### WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY AND YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND US A PROXY.

This Information Statement is being mailed and/or furnished to the Shareholders on or about March 11, 2015. Federated s 2014 Annual Report to Shareholders (the 2014 Annual Report ) accompanies this Information Statement.

# SHAREHOLDERS SHARING THE SAME ADDRESS.

Federated has adopted a procedure called householding, which has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Under this procedure, Federated will deliver only one copy of its 2014 Annual Report and this Information Statement to multiple Shareholders who share the same address and last name unless contrary instructions have been received from an affected Shareholder. Federated will deliver promptly upon written or oral request a separate copy of the 2014 Annual Report and this Information Statement to any Shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of either of these documents was delivered. To receive a separate copy of the 2014 Annual Report or this Information Statement, please contact: Corporate Communications, Federated Investors Tower, 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779 or call 1-800-341-7400.

If you are a Shareholder, share an address and last name with one or more other Shareholders and would like to revoke your householding consent, or you are a Shareholder and are eligible for householding and would like to participate in householding, please contact: Broadridge, ATTN: Householding Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New

York 11717 or call 1-800-542-1061.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT AND INFORMATION STATEMENT FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2015.

THIS INFORMATION STATEMENT AND THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT http://corp.federatedinvestors.com.

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#### **VOTING SECURITIES**

Only the holder of record of Class A Common Stock at the close of business on February 23, 2015 will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof. On that date, 9,000 shares of Class A Common Stock were outstanding, all of which were held by the Voting Trust, the three trustees of which are Federated s Chairman of the Board, Mr. John F. Donahue, his wife, and his son, Mr. J. Christopher Donahue, who is Federated s President, Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board, for the benefit of certain members of the family of John F. Donahue. Accordingly, Federated qualifies as a controlled company under Section 303A of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual (the NYSE Rules ) and qualifies for and relies upon exemptions available to controlled companies under the NYSE Rules. A controlled company is not required to comply with certain requirements of the NYSE Rules, such as the requirements of NYSE Rules 303A.01 (requiring a majority of independent directors), 303A.04 (requiring a nominating committee consisting entirely of independent directors) and 303A.05 (requiring a compensation committee consisting entirely of independent directors).

The presence of the holder of the Class A Common Stock, constituting all of the votes that all Shareholders are entitled to cast on the election of directors, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Any business transacted at the Annual Meeting shall be authorized upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by all Shareholders entitled to vote thereon. Under the terms of the Voting Trust, the trustees are authorized to vote the shares owned by the Voting Trust, and as a result, all of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock will be voted in person at the Annual Meeting. Each share of Class A Common Stock is entitled to one vote. Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Cumulative voting is not allowed. The trustees of the Voting Trust have advised Federated that they intend to vote in favor of all the directors nominated by the Board.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board currently consists of six members. The current directors of Federated are: Messrs. John F. Donahue, J. Christopher Donahue, Michael J. Farrell, David M. Kelly, John W. McGonigle, and Ms. Marie Milie Jones. Under Federated s bylaws, directors are elected at each annual meeting and each director holds office until the expiration of the term of one year for which he or she was elected and until a successor is elected and qualified.

The Board has nominated Messrs. John F. Donahue, J. Christopher Donahue, Michael J. Farrell, David M. Kelly, John W. McGonigle and Ms. Marie Milie Jones for election as directors. All of the nominees for director have previously served as members of the Board.

# John F. Donahue

Age 90

Mr. John F. Donahue is a co-founder of Federated. He has served as director and Chairman of Federated since Federated s initial public offering in May 1998. He is a director or trustee of 33 investment companies managed by subsidiaries of Federated. Mr. Donahue is the father of J. Christopher Donahue who serves as President, Chief Executive Officer and director of Federated and Thomas R. Donahue who serves as Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Federated.

In determining that Mr. John F. Donahue should serve as a director of Federated, the Board identified his role as a co-founder of the Company and the wealth of knowledge he possesses with respect to the Company and the investment management industry as a whole, along with his general executive management experience.

# J. Christopher Donahue

Age 65

Mr. J. Christopher Donahue has served as director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Federated since 1998. He also serves as a director, trustee or officer of various Federated subsidiaries. He is President of 33 investment companies managed by subsidiaries of Federated. He is also director or trustee of 36 investment companies managed by subsidiaries of Federated. Mr. Donahue is the son of John F. Donahue who serves as Chairman and director of Federated and the brother of Thomas R. Donahue who serves as Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer of Federated.

In determining that Mr. J. Christopher Donahue should serve as a director of Federated, the Board identified his wealth of knowledge of Federated and its subsidiaries as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, his legal background, his knowledge of the investment management industry and his general executive management experience.

# Michael J. Farrell

Age 65

Mr. Michael J. Farrell was elected to the Board in August 1998. He has been the President of Farrell & Co., a merchant banking firm specializing in heavy manufacturing companies, since 1982. Additionally, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Standard Steel, LLC, a vertically integrated manufacturer and marketer of forged steel railway wheels and axles, from July 2001 until its acquisition in August 2011, at which time he resigned from the company. He has also served in executive capacities for MK Rail Corporation, Motor Coils Manufacturing Co. and Season-All Industries. Mr. Farrell is a Certified Public Accountant. Prior to his resignation on March 4, 2014, Mr. Farrell was a member of the Board of Directors of TriState Capital Holdings, Inc.

In determining that Mr. Michael J. Farrell should serve as a director of Federated, the Board identified his extensive background in finance as President of a merchant banking firm and his general executive management experience.

David M.

Mr. David M. Kelly was elected to the Board in April 2004. He retired in 2007 as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President of Matthews International Corporation, a designer, manufacturer, and marketer of memorialization products and caskets for the cemetery and funeral home industries. Mr. Kelly is a member of the Board of Directors of Mestek, Inc., Elliott Turbomachinery, Inc., and Mesa Laboratories, Inc.

Age 73

**Kelly** 

In determining that Mr. David M. Kelly should serve as a director of Federated, the Board identified his knowledge and experience in corporate oversight as a member of several boards of directors, leadership background as Chief Executive Officer of Matthews International Corporation and his general executive management experience.

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# John W. McGonigle

Age 76

Mr. John W. McGonigle has been a director of Federated since 1998. He has served as Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Federated since 1998 and as Vice Chairman since 2003. Mr. McGonigle is also Chairman of Federated International Management Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Federated. He also is a director or trustee of certain other subsidiaries of Federated. Mr. McGonigle is a trustee of three investment companies managed by a subsidiary of Federated. Mr. McGonigle is also Secretary of 36 registered investment companies managed by subsidiaries of Federated and Executive Vice President of 36 of those registered investment companies.

In determining that Mr. John W. McGonigle should serve as a director of Federated, the Board identified his extensive knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries and the regulations affecting them as Chief Legal Officer of the Company, his knowledge of the investment management industry as a whole and his general executive management experience.

# Marie Milie Jones

Age 52

Ms. Marie Milie Jones was elected to the Board in April 2014. Since June 2011, Ms. Jones has been a founding partner of JonesPassodelis PLLC, a law firm that concentrates in, among other areas, civil rights and employment law, commercial litigation, and professional liability law. In addition, from 1987 until June 2011, she practiced law at Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebeneck & Eck P.L.L.C., where she was elected partner in 1993 and managing partner in 1998.

In determining that Ms. Marie Milie Jones should serve as a director of Federated, the Board identified her extensive legal and management experience as a law firm partner, managing partner and founding partner, as well as her experience serving as a board member for Duquesne University, where she has been Chairman of the Board since 2009, and for St. Vincent s Seminary Board of Regents.

The Board has determined that Messrs. Farrell and Kelly and Ms. Jones, are independent as defined by the NYSE Rules applicable to controlled companies such as Federated. In making this determination, the Board considered all relevant facts and circumstances. Messrs. Farrell and Kelly and Ms. Jones have no relationship with Federated that impacts their independence.

Mr. Edward G. O Connor served as a director of Federated from April 2001 until April 2014. Mr. O Connor was not re-nominated for election as director of Federated in April 2014 because he reached the maximum age permitted for an independent director under Federated s Corporate Governance Guidelines, which was then 73 years. In addition to previously being a member of the Board, Mr. O Connor also was formerly the chairman of the Compliance Committee and a member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee. The Board had previously determined that Mr. O Connor was independent as defined by the NYSE Rules applicable to controlled companies such as Federated. Mr. O Connor also did not have a relationship with Federated that impacted his independence.

#### Meetings and Committees of the Board

In 2014, the Board met on six occasions. The Board has an Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Compliance Committee. The Board does not have a Nominating Committee; the Board as a whole performs this function. During 2014, all directors attended at least seventy-five percent of the meetings of the Board and the committees on which they serve.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee currently consists of Messrs. Michael J. Farrell and David M. Kelly and Ms. Marie Milie Jones, none of whom is a current or former officer or employee of Federated. Mr. Farrell is Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Board has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee. The Board has determined that the members of the Audit Committee are independent as defined by the NYSE Rules applicable to audit committee members of a controlled company.

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the integrity of the financial statements of Federated, the independent registered public accounting firm s qualifications and independence, the performance of Federated s internal audit function and independent registered public accounting firm, and Federated s compliance with related applicable legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee has the sole authority to appoint or replace the independent registered public accounting firm and is directly responsible for the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent registered public accounting firm. In performing its responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviews the audit plans of Federated s internal auditors and the independent registered public accounting firm and monitors their progress during the year. In discharging its responsibilities, the Audit Committee is entitled to rely upon the reports, findings and representations of Federated s internal auditors, independent registered public accounting firm, legal counsel and responsible officers. In 2014, the Audit Committee met on five occasions.

The Board has determined that Messrs. Kelly and Farrell are audit committee financial experts as defined under federal securities laws.

# **Audit Committee Report**

The Audit Committee oversees Federated s financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process including the systems of internal controls. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee has met to review and discuss the audited financial statements in the 2014 Annual Report with management including a discussion of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity and completeness of disclosures in the financial statements.

The Audit Committee discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm, who is responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, their judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of Federated's accounting principles as applied to the financial statements and such other matters as are required to be discussed with the Audit Committee under standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB). In addition, the Audit Committee has received from the independent registered public accounting firm the written disclosures required by Rule 3526 of the PCAOB, Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence, relating to the independent registered public accounting firm s independence from management and Federated, and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm their independence. The Audit Committee has considered whether the provisions of non-audit services by the independent registered public accounting firm are compatible with maintaining their independence.

The Audit Committee discussed with Federated s internal auditors and independent registered public accounting firm the overall scope and plans for their respective audits. The Audit Committee meets with the internal auditors and independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, their evaluations of Federated s internal controls, and the overall quality of Federated s financial reporting.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board (and the Board has approved) that the audited financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, for filing with the SEC. The Audit Committee also selected Federated s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael J. Farrell, Audit Committee Chairman

David M. Kelly, Audit Committee Member

Marie Milie Jones, Audit Committee Member

#### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee, which operates pursuant to a written charter, consists of Messrs. Michael J. Farrell and David M. Kelly and Ms. Marie Milie Jones. Mr. Farrell is Chairman of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee establishes performance measures and certifies achievement, recommends and approves compensation levels of executive officers, awards share-based compensation, works with senior management on benefit and compensation programs for Federated employees, and monitors local and national compensation trends to ensure that Federated s compensation program is competitive within the mutual fund industry. The Compensation Committee has delegated its full power and authority under the Federated Investors, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, (the Stock Incentive Plan ) to the Chief Executive Officer with respect to all employees other than those subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act. Currently, the following employees are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act: Brian P. Bouda, Gordon J. Ceresino, John F. Donahue, J. Christopher Donahue, Thomas R. Donahue, John B. Fisher, Eugene F. Maloney, John W. McGonigle, Richard A. Novak and Thomas E. Territ. In 2014, the Compensation Committee met on three occasions.

As members of the Compensation Committee, Messrs. Farrell and Kelly and Ms. Jones, are deemed to be outside directors for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code and non-employee directors as defined in Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act.

# **Compensation Risk**

The Compensation Committee collaborates with Federated s management in reviewing the material terms of Federated s compensation policies and programs for all employees, and evaluates the intended behaviors each is designed to incent to ensure that such policies and programs do not encourage excessive risk-taking that could result in a material, adverse impact to the Company. The Compensation Committee believes that Federated s compensation policies and programs do not give rise to risks reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

# **Corporate Governance**

To address corporate governance matters and communicate its business standards, Federated has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines and a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applies to directors, officers and employees of Federated. Copies of these materials as well as Charters for the Audit, Compensation, and Compliance Committees are available on Federated s website at FederatedInvestors.com by first clicking on About Federated and then Corporate Governance. The information is also available in print upon written request.

On January 22, 2015, the Board amended Federated s Corporate Governance Guidelines to change the maximum age permitted for an independent director from 73 years to 75 years.

Under Federated s policies, the directors are expected to attend the Annual Meeting. All of the directors attended the 2014 Annual Meeting.

#### Communications with the Board

Independent members of the Board have regularly scheduled executive sessions without management participation. Mr. David M. Kelly presides over these meetings. In order that shareholders and other interested parties may make their concerns known to the independent directors as well as to the Audit Committee, Compliance Committee, and the full Board, the Board has established a telephone messaging system and an internet-based anonymous incident reporting system. All messages will be forwarded to Federated s Chief Compliance Officer ( CCO ) for review, who will prepare a summary of such communications for the independent directors, the Audit Committee, the Compliance Committee, or the full Board as appropriate. Information concerning the use of the messaging system and the reporting system can be obtained on Federated s website at **FederatedInvestors.com** by first clicking on About Federated and then Corporate Governance.

# **Board Leadership Structure**

Since 1998, the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer have been held separately. Mr. John F. Donahue serves as Chairman and Mr. J. Christopher Donahue serves as Chief Executive Officer. The Board does not have a policy with respect to whether the Chairman should be an independent director, an affiliated director or a member of Company management. The Company s policy as to whether the role of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman should be separate is to adopt the practice that best serves the Company s and Shareholders interests at any particular time. Currently, the Company believes the separation of the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer best serves the Company s and Shareholders interests as the Chairman, John F. Donahue, provides guidance to the Chief Executive Officer, leads the Board, and brings a wealth of business, industry and management experience as a co-founder of the Company, while the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. J. Christopher Donahue, is best suited to oversee the overall strategic management of the Company and communicate the same to the Board. Additionally, the Board has currently designated Mr. David M. Kelly as Lead Independent Director. In that capacity, he chairs all executive sessions of the independent directors and serves as a liaison between the independent directors and management. The Board believes this leadership structure is appropriate because it effectively allocates authority, responsibility and oversight between management and the non-management directors.

#### **Risk Oversight**

The Board has oversight responsibility for risk management, focusing on significant risks facing Federated, including operational, financial, legal, compliance and macro-economic risks. The Board and its committees work closely with management to monitor risk and it is management s responsibility to manage risk and bring to the Board s attention material risks to the Company. The Board has delegated responsibility to certain Board committees for the oversight of specific risks as follows:

The Compliance Committee is responsible for monitoring and reviewing significant legal, compliance and regulatory matters involving Federated. It accomplishes this by receiving regular reports from Federated s Chief Risk Officer (CRO) and CCO, and meeting in executive session with these individuals as necessary.

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring and reviewing Federated s policies and procedures relating to the financial reporting process, including the internal control process. It also monitors the Company s internal audit function, the work performed by the independent registered public accounting firm and the Company s compliance with related applicable legal and regulatory requirements. It accomplishes these tasks by receiving regular reports from Federated s Chief Audit Executive ( CAE ), as well as from Federated s independent registered public

accounting firm. It also meets in regular executive sessions with the CAE and the independent registered public accounting firm.

In addition, the Board as a whole receives regular reports on significant legal and regulatory matters from Federated s General Counsel.

Federated maintains several departments which focus on risk assessment and mitigation. It maintains an Enterprise Wide Risk Management department (Risk Management) headed by the CRO. Risk Management implements the processes established to report and monitor material risks to the Company. The CRO reports directly to the Compliance Committee of the Board on a quarterly basis and the full Board as appropriate. The CRO reports to the Compliance Committee on significant enterprise risks such as regulatory, compliance and business risks as well as top investment-related risks that could impact the investment products under management by Federated. The CRO also provides the Compliance Committee with regular updates on enterprise risk initiatives being conducted by Risk Management.

Federated also maintains a Compliance Department headed by the CCO. The function of the Compliance Department and the role of the CCO are intended to operate in a manner consistent with Rule 38a-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and Rule 206 (4)-7 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, respectively. The Compliance Department s primary responsibility is to assure that compliance and ethical standards are in place within Federated and that policies and procedures have been adopted and implemented that are reasonably designed to prevent violation of federal securities laws and regulations. The CCO, like the CRO, reports directly to the Compliance Committee on significant compliance issues and initiatives on a quarterly basis and the full Board as appropriate.

Federated also maintains an Internal Audit Department headed by the CAE. The function of the Internal Audit Department is to provide an internal assessment of business processes, including assessments of Federated s internal controls over the financial reporting process. It also provides consulting services to Federated business units to better allow such units to assess and monitor risk relating to their business processes. The CAE reports directly to the Audit Committee on significant internal audit-related issues, as well as on the progress of management s review of the internal controls over financial reporting on a quarterly basis.

Each of the CCO, CAE, CRO and General Counsel have the authority to contact the Board directly at any time to discuss risk-related matters if they deem it necessary. In addition, Federated fosters effective communications among its various departments by maintaining an internal compliance committee that meets at least quarterly and consists of the CCO, CAE, CRO and General Counsel. This committee presents a formal mechanism for these department heads to discuss compliance- and risk-related matters at Federated.

Federated believes that the division of risk management responsibilities described above is an effective approach for addressing the risks facing Federated and that the Board leadership structure, described above, supports this approach.

#### **Nomination of Directors**

Under the NYSE Rules, Federated is not required to have a nominating committee because it is considered a controlled company for purposes of these rules. In light of this fact, Federated believes that it is appropriate not to have a nominating committee and, therefore, does not have a nominating committee charter in reliance on the NYSE Rules exemption. Federated s current practice is for the Board as a whole to perform the functions of a nominating committee.

The Board does not currently consider director candidates recommended by Shareholders and does not have a formal policy with regard to consideration of director candidates recommended by Shareholders. Federated believes that it is appropriate not to have such a policy because of its status as a controlled company under the NYSE Rules.

The Board seeks candidates who possess the background, skills, experience, expertise, integrity, and degree of commitment necessary to make a significant contribution to the Board. In connection with its evaluation of a nominee, the Board takes into account all applicable laws, rules, regulations and listing standards and considers other relevant factors as it deems appropriate, including the current composition of the Board, the balance of management and independent directors, the need for Audit Committee expertise, and its evaluation of other prospective nominees. Although the Board does not have a formal policy regarding the consideration of diversity in identifying nominees for director, the Board believes directors should be selected so that the Board is a diverse body. In order to achieve this result, the Board seeks nominees who reflect differences of viewpoint, professional experience, education, skill and other individual qualities and attributes that it believes will strengthen the Board as a whole. Nominees for directorship are recommended to the Board by Federated s Chief Executive Officer and its other directors. An invitation to join the Board will generally be extended by Federated s Chief Executive Officer and its Chairman of the Board.

#### **Compensation of Directors**

Members of the Board who are also employees of Federated do not receive compensation for their service as directors. For their service as directors, non-management directors receive (i) \$50,000 per year; (ii) \$5,000 per year for each Board Committee Membership; (iii) \$2,500 per year for Compliance or Compensation Committee Chairmanship or Lead Independent Director/ \$7,500 per year for Audit Committee Chairmanship (each of the aforementioned payable in quarterly installments); (iv) \$1,500 per attendance at a special meeting of the Board payable when such meetings occur; and (v) 1,700 shares of unrestricted Class B Common Stock annually pursuant to Federated s Stock Incentive Plan. On February 19, 2015, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board, and the Board approved, an increase in the number of shares of unrestricted Class B Common Stock to be awarded annually to non-management directors beginning in 2015 from 1,700 shares to 1,900 shares. Federated also paid the premiums for term life insurance and travel/accident insurance for each of Messrs. Farrell and Kelly, and Ms. Jones, which, in the aggregate, cost Federated approximately \$230 in 2014.

# **Director Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth compensation information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 for Federated s non-management directors.

#### 2014 DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE

	Fees earned or paid in cash	Stock awards	All other compensation	Total
Name (1)	(\$)	<b>(\$)(2)</b>	(\$)(3)	<b>(\$</b> )
Michael J. Farrell	75,000	50,694	815	126,509
David M. Kelly	68,750	50,694	270	119,714
Marie Milie Jones	41,841	50,694	225	92,760
Edward G. O Connor	33,750		90	33,840

(1) The compensation of Messrs. John F. Donahue and J. Christopher Donahue is set forth in the 2014 Summary Compensation Table. Mr. John W. McGonigle is an executive officer of Federated, however, since Mr. McGonigle is not a Named Executive Officer for 2014, as defined in the following Compensation Discussion and Analysis, his executive compensation is not included in the 2014 Summary Compensation Table. Messrs. John F. Donahue, J. Christopher Donahue, and McGonigle do not receive any additional compensation for services provided as a director of Federated.

Ms. Marie Milie Jones and Mr. Edward G. O Connor each served as a director for only a portion of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Therefore, the compensation listed for each reflects the period each served, rather than a full year s fees.

- (2) The amounts in this column reflect the grant date fair value of 1,700 shares of unrestricted Class B Common Stock granted to each of Messrs. Farrell and Kelly, and Ms. Jones, as non-management directors in 2014 pursuant to the Stock Incentive Plan. The grant date fair value reflects the closing price of \$29.82 for Federated Class B Common Stock on the NYSE on April 24, 2014. Mr. O Connor did not receive a grant of unrestricted Class B Common Stock in 2014. As of December 31, 2014, each of Messrs. Farrell and Kelly, and Ms. Jones, had the following number of stock options outstanding: Michael J. Farrell: 12,000, David M. Kelly: 15,000, and Marie Milie Jones: 0. As of December 31, 2014, Mr. O Connor had no stock options outstanding. These stock options were granted in 2009 or earlier. There have been no stock options granted since that time.
- (3) The amounts in this column reflect imputed income for Federated-provided life and travel/accident insurance.

# **Compensation Committee Report**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis included herein with management. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Information Statement.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael J. Farrell, Compensation Committee Chairman

David M. Kelly, Compensation Committee Member

Marie Milie Jones, Compensation Committee Member

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

# COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# **Compensation Philosophy and Objectives**

The investment management business is highly competitive and experienced professionals have significant career mobility. Federated s ability to attract, retain and properly motivate highly qualified professionals is a critical factor in maintaining Federated s competitive position within the investment management industry and ensuring Federated s future success. Accordingly, Federated s compensation program is comprised of competitive levels of cash compensation together with equity and other components that are consistent with Shareholder interests. Federated s compensation program is designed to reward outcomes related to a variety of factors including Federated s revenues, earnings, earnings on a per share basis, and return on equity and payout ratio. Additional consideration is given to Federated s investment and financial performance as measured against other similar companies within the investment management industry and the performance of Federated s stock. Federated s Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and its three other most highly compensated executive officers are referred to herein as the Named Executive Officers.

#### **Allocation Among Compensation Components**

As previously noted, each component of Federated s compensation program is designed to be competitive within the investment management industry and to align the interests of Federated s executive officers with those of Federated s Shareholders. The final determination on setting compensation for executive officers rests with the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee takes a holistic approach to assessing and determining the components of each executive officer s total compensation. The Compensation Committee receives input and recommendations from, and works collaboratively with, Federated s Chief Executive Officer in analyzing information relating to company and individual performance. The Compensation Committee not only considers a variety of factors relating to Company performance including Federated s Operating Profits (as defined hereinafter), revenues, earnings per share and stock performance, but also considers industry compensation trends among companies in Federated s peer group, as discussed below. The Compensation Committee also reviews investment performance and financial performance on a comparative basis, as well as the effectiveness of marketing and sales efforts. The Compensation Committee subjectively considers a number of different individual and corporate performance factors, but gives no specific weighting to any such factor. Each component of compensation is reviewed independently each year, taking into consideration both Company and individual results as well as comparative peer group information.

**Peer Group**. In 2014, Federated engaged Deloitte Consulting ( Deloitte ), a nationally recognized consulting firm with expertise in executive compensation practices and program design, to conduct a study of the compensation of executive officers at Federated and eleven of Federated s peers within the investment management industry. The Compensation Committee has reviewed Federated s relationships with, and the services provided by, Deloitte and has not identified any conflicts of interest.

Federated s peer group selected for purposes of Deloitte s study included Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.; AllianceBernstein Holding LP; BlackRock, Inc.; Calamos Asset Management, Inc.; Eaton Vance Corp.; Franklin Resources, Inc.; INVESCO Ltd.; Janus Capital Group, Inc.; Legg Mason, Inc.; T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.; and Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. In selecting this peer group, Federated used the size criteria of approximately one-half to two times Federated in one or more of the following metrics: revenue, assets under management, net income and market capitalization. The peer group data used for purposes of Deloitte s study is generally gathered from publicly disclosed documents of those companies. Therefore, these results will typically only relate to the five most highly compensated executive officers of a given company.

Information prepared by Deloitte was provided to the Compensation Committee to assist it in its efforts to determine appropriate levels of compensation. While the Compensation Committee considers the peer data provided by Deloitte in setting executive compensation, Federated does not benchmark to a specified percentile of this peer group.

**Base Salary.** Base salaries are intended to form a competitive percentage of total cash compensation. Federated s objective in paying a base salary is to provide its executive officers with a level of assured cash compensation that is commensurate with their position, expertise and accomplishments. In establishing base salaries, the Compensation Committee considers performance assessments and recommendations provided by Federated s Chief Executive Officer with respect to executive officers other than himself. The Compensation Committee also gives consideration to Federated s financial results from the prior year as well as the base salaries paid for comparable positions by companies in Federated s peer group. The Compensation Committee did not increase executive officers 2014 base salaries consistent with Federated s company-wide effort to control expenses in 2014.

Bonuses. Bonuses paid under the Federated Investors, Inc. Annual Incentive Plan ( Annual Incentive Plan ) are designed to reward executive officers for the successful attainment of annual results that are consistent with Federated s long-term growth and development. Each year, the Compensation Committee establishes one or more performance goals that must be attained for bonuses to be awarded under the Annual Incentive Plan. The performance period over which the performance goals are measured may be a calendar year, or other period of 12 months or less, for which a participant s performance is measured as established in the discretion of the Compensation Committee. In 2014, the Compensation Committee required that Federated attain operating profits of \$56.5 million for the nine month period ending September 30, 2014 for bonuses to be awarded. For purposes of the Annual Incentive Plan performance goal, operating profits are defined, for the applicable performance period, as total revenue less distributions to non-controlling (minority) interests and less total expenses (including net nonoperating income/expenses and income taxes and excluding amortization of intangibles, impairment losses and debt expenses) as reflected in Federated s audited or unaudited financial statements ( Operating Profits ). Achievement of the performance goal is a condition for payment of a bonus under the Annual Incentive Plan. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014, Federated had Operating Profits of approximately \$118.12 million. The maximum amount that may be awarded to each executive officer in a given year under the Annual Incentive Plan is \$6 million. Achievement of the performance goal, however, does not serve to ensure the award of a bonus under the Annual Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee has the discretion, in appropriate circumstances, to reduce or eliminate a bonus even if a performance goal is achieved. The awards are payable under the Annual Incentive Plan promptly after the Compensation Committee has determined that the performance goal, and any other material terms, have been achieved (but in no event later than 2 ½ months after the close of the fiscal year in which the performance period ends).

In addition to the Operating Profits threshold for bonuses under the Annual Incentive Plan, in determining awards for 2014 under the Annual Incentive Plan, the Compensation Committee considered a variety of factors including Federated s Operating Profits, revenues, earnings, earnings on a per share basis and return on equity and payout ratio. Also taken into consideration by the Compensation Committee was the performance of Federated s stock, Federated s investment and financial performance as measured against other similar companies within the investment management industry, and the performance assessment and recommendations made by Federated s Chief Executive Officer with respect to executive officers other than himself. The Compensation Committee also considered the Company s relative performance in challenging market conditions, the Company s effective expense management and the Company s market share.

The Compensation Committee, as noted above, also considers individual performance factors.

Individual factors the Compensation Committee considered when determining J. Christopher Donahue s 2014 bonus award included executive leadership with respect to overall management of the Company, and executive leadership in responding to current and emerging regulatory issues.

Individual factors the Compensation Committee considered when determining Thomas R. Donahue s 2014 bonus award included breadth of operational responsibility beyond traditional Chief Financial Officer duties, and executive leadership with respect to financial reporting, industry initiatives, and acquisitions.

Individual factors the Compensation Committee considered when determining John B. Fisher s 2014 bonus award included executive leadership with respect to investment management, product performance and depth and breadth of fund knowledge.

Individual factors the Compensation Committee considered when determining Thomas E. Territ s 2014 bonus award included executive leadership with respect to product sales, sales results and communications with fund shareholders.

Individual factors the Compensation Committee considered when determining John F. Donahue s 2014 bonus award included strategic vision, executive leadership among senior staff, relationship with mutual fund boards, and industry expertise.

The Compensation Committee gives no specific weighting to any of the aforementioned individual and corporate performance factors and considers each of them on a subjective basis. For 2014, consistent with past practice, the Compensation Committee, in the exercise of its discretion under the Annual Incentive Plan, reduced the amount of the bonus award from the maximum amount eligible to be attained by an executive officer.

Equity Compensation. For 2014 Annual Incentive Plan bonus awards, executives under the age of sixty-two on the date of the award generally receive eighty percent in cash and twenty percent in the form of restricted stock (Bonus Restricted Stock), and may elect to receive seventy percent in cash and thirty percent in Bonus Restricted Stock. For 2014, executive officers aged sixty-two or older on the date of the award, who receive bonus awards under the Annual Incentive Plan may elect to receive 100% of such awards in cash, may elect to receive eighty percent in cash and twenty percent in Bonus Restricted Stock or may elect to receive seventy percent in cash and thirty percent in Bonus Restricted Stock. Bonus Restricted Stock is awarded at eighty-five percent of fair market value, which is based on the closing price of Federated Class B Common Stock on the NYSE on the award date and generally vests over a three-year period. Bonus Restricted Stock awards are made at eighty-five percent of fair market value in recognition of the risk of forfeiture and the delay in receiving awards earned under the Annual Incentive Plan. The Company believes that the Bonus Restricted Stock portion of the award serves to further align the interests of executive officers with those of the Shareholders.

In 2014, the Compensation Committee also granted periodic restricted stock (Periodic Restricted Stock) awards to executive officers under the Stock Incentive Plan. In determining whether Periodic Restricted Stock awards are appropriate and, if so, the size of such an award, the Compensation Committee holistically considers any outstanding and unvested stock options and restricted stock the executive officer holds as well as the value of equity compensation as a component of total compensation. In making its decision, the Compensation Committee also considers on a subjective basis factors such as the executive officer sperformance, changes in his or her responsibilities, promotions and general industry practices. Periodic Restricted Stock awards, for which executive officers pay the Company \$3.00 per share, generally vest over a ten-year period, which Federated believes serves to align the long-term interests of executive officers with those of Federated s Shareholders. The timing of Periodic Restricted Stock grants is driven by the Compensation Committee s assessment of the need to compensate executive officers, not by Federated s stock price. Grants are made only during open periods in which the Company has not implemented trading restrictions. Please refer to footnotes (1) and (2) of the 2014 Summary Compensation Table and footnotes (2), (3) and (4) of the 2014 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End Table, and the Narrative Disclosure to 2014 Summary Compensation Table and 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table, for further information relating to the Company s awards of Bonus Restricted Stock and Periodic Restricted Stock to Named Executive Officers.

Federated does not currently award stock options to its executive officers (or its other employees).

**Perquisites and Other Benefits**. Federated provides a limited number of perquisites and other benefits to its executive officers that are intended to encourage the health and wellness of its executive officers and to reduce the time and attention that they must spend on non-Federated issues.

Certain executive officers are eligible for reimbursement for the initiation fees and dues associated with membership in golf and/or social clubs that have a business purpose. Such memberships provide executive officers with an appropriate forum for entertaining clients and interacting with the community. During 2014, one executive officer was provided the use of a company car and seven executive officers were provided with on-site parking at Federated s headquarters. Executive officers are permitted to use Federated s corporate aircraft for a limited amount of personal use when the corporate aircraft is not being utilized for business purposes. Such personal use of the corporate aircraft

must be pre-approved by the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer. Personal use of the corporate aircraft by an executive officer results in taxable income to the executive officer determined in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations. For security and efficiency reasons, the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are required to use the corporate aircraft for business and personal use to the greatest reasonable extent.

Executive officers are entitled to receive medical, life and disability coverage and other corporate benefits available to most of Federated s other employees. A grandfathered group of executive officers also receives supplemental executive medical coverage. Executive officers are also provided an annual physical, at their option.

Executive officers are eligible to participate in the Federated Investors, Inc. Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan, which is made available to substantially all of Federated s employees.

#### **Board Process**

The Compensation Committee receives input and recommendations from, and works collaboratively with, Federated s Chief Executive Officer in analyzing information relating to Company and individual performance. As discussed above, the Compensation Committee also considers a variety of factors when determining annual salary and awards of bonuses under the Annual Incentive Plan or awards of Periodic Restricted Stock under the Stock Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee not only considers a variety of factors relating to Company performance including Federated s Operating Profits, revenues, earnings per share and stock performance, but also considers industry compensation trends among companies in Federated s peer group as provided in the aforementioned study conducted by Deloitte. The Compensation Committee also reviews investment performance and financial performance on a comparative basis, as well as the effectiveness of marketing and sales efforts. Although the Compensation Committee considers a number of different individual and corporate performance factors, no specific weighting is given to any such factor. Because Federated is a controlled company and does not solicit proxies, consents or authorizations from shareholders relating to the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, Federated is not required to hold, and, therefore, consideration is not given to the results of, a shareholder advisory vote on executive compensation pursuant to Section 14A of the Exchange Act.

# **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth compensation information for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 for Federated s Named Executive Officers.

# 2014 SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

				Non-Equity Incentive		
Name &			Stock Awards	Plan Compensation	All Other	
		Salary	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Total
Principal Position	Year	(\$)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(\$)
J. Christopher Donahue	2014	787,500	847,078	1,662,500	361,166	3,658,244
President and Chief	2013	787,500	1,418,065	1,680,000	347,471	4,233,036
Executive Officer	2012	787,500	1,149,225	1,820,000	533,627	4,290,352
Thomas R. Donahue						
Chief Financial Officer and	2014	720,000	1,189,295	1,260,000	363,330	3,532,625
President,	2013	720,000	1,171,009	1,260,000	318,015	3,469,024
FII Holdings, Inc.	2012	720,000	937,463	1,330,000	566,613	3,554,076
John B. Fisher						
Vice President and President and Chief						
	2014	635,000	1,106,945	1,960,000	281,986	3,983,931
Executive Officer, Federated Advisory	2013	635,000	1,065,121	1,880,000	283,232	3,863,353
Companies	2012	621,000	837,463	1,920,000	671,329	4,049,792
Thomas E. Territ	2014	500,000	1,071,653	1,840,000	247,840	3,659,493
Vice President and President,	2013	500,000	1,294,525	1,760,000	245,548	3,800,073
Federated Securities Corp.	2012	500,000	790,394	1,575,000	526,454	3,391,848
John F. Donahue	2014	810,000		1,800,000	87,331	2,697,331
Chairman	2013	810,000		1,800,000	95,469	2,705,469
	2012	810,000		1,800,000	75,376	2,685,376

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock awards for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 calculated in accordance with U.S. generally accepted

accounting principles applicable to stock compensation. Additional information regarding Restricted Stock awards can be found in the 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table. The calculation methodology for the valuation of Periodic Restricted Stock and Bonus Restricted Stock awards is set forth in Note 1(p) of Federated s Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Federated s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

(2) The table below is provided to assist the reader in understanding the total bonus earned by each Named Executive Officer under the Annual Incentive Plan ( Total Bonus ) and the percentage of such Total Bonus allocated to Bonus Restricted Stock ( % BRS ) for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012.

	2014 Annual Ince	ntive Plaí	<b>2</b> 013 Annual Ince	ntive Plaî	2012 Annual Ince	ntive Plan
	<b>Total Bonus (\$)</b>	% BRS	<b>Total Bonus (\$)</b>	% BRS	<b>Total Bonus (\$)</b>	% BRS
J. Christopher Donahue	2,375,000	30	2,400,000	30	2,600,000	30
Thomas R. Donahue	1,800,000	30	1,800,000	30	1,900,000	30
John B. Fisher	2,450,000	20	2,350,000	20	2,400,000	20
Thomas E. Territ	2,300,000	20	2,200,000	20	2,250,000	30
John F. Donahue	1,800,000	0	1,800,000	0	1,800,000	0

While the cash portion of the Total Bonus paid in 2015 for fiscal year 2014 is reported in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the 2014 Summary Compensation Table, the portion of the fiscal year 2014 Total Bonus received in the form of Bonus Restricted Stock in 2015 is not represented. Rather, the Bonus Restricted Stock received in 2014 for fiscal year 2013 Total Bonus is represented in the Stock Awards column for fiscal year 2014. The grant date fair value of the Bonus Restricted Stock received in 2014, 2013 and 2012 under the Annual Incentive Plan for fiscal years 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively, was based on the NYSE closing prices of \$28.01, \$23.38 and, \$20.35, respectively, on the relevant grant dates. The closing price of the Class B Common Stock on December 31, 2014 was \$32.93. Bonus Restricted Stock is awarded at eighty-five percent of fair market value on the date of grant.

(3) With respect to Mr. J. Christopher Donahue, the amount listed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 reflects matching contributions under Federated s 401(k) Plan, company-provided parking, spousal travel and an annual physical. In addition, Federated paid the premium for long-term disability insurance. It also includes club dues of \$25,193, life insurance premium of \$44,899, medical insurance premium of \$52,891, dividends on restricted stock of \$185,570 and \$36,561 that reflects the aggregate incremental cost to Federated of personal use of the corporate aircraft. The aggregate incremental cost to Federated of personal use of the corporate aircraft is determined on a per flight basis and includes the cost of fuel, landing and storage fees, crew-related expenses and other miscellaneous variable costs.

With respect to Mr. Thomas R. Donahue, the amount listed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 reflects matching contributions under Federated s 401(k) Plan, company-provided parking, club dues, spousal travel and an annual physical. In addition, Federated paid the premium for long-term disability insurance. It also includes a life insurance premium of \$44,079, a medical insurance premium of \$69,922, dividends on restricted stock of \$191,313 and \$30,204 that reflects personal use of the corporate aircraft.

With respect to Mr. Fisher, the amount listed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 reflects matching contributions under Federated s 401(k) Plan, company-provided parking, club dues, spousal travel, personal use of the corporate aircraft and an annual physical. In addition, Federated paid the premium for long-term disability insurance and a portion of the premiums for life, accidental death and medical insurance. It also includes dividends received on restricted stock of \$238,006.

With respect to Mr. Territ, the amount listed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 reflects matching contributions under Federated s 401(k) Plan, company-provided parking, club dues, spousal travel and an annual physical. In addition, Federated paid premiums for long-term disability and portions of the premiums for life, accidental death and medical insurance. It also includes dividends received on restricted stock of \$208,515.

With respect to Mr. John F. Donahue, the amount listed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 reflects use of a company car and personal use of the corporate aircraft. In addition, Federated paid the premium for long-term disability insurance. It also includes a life insurance premium of \$22,017 and a medical insurance premium of \$58,042.

#### **Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

The following table sets forth information concerning cash bonuses and restricted stock awards granted to the Named Executive Officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

2014 GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS TABLE

				future payor incentive p			_	youts under an awards	All other stock awards: number of shares of stock or	fair value
ıme	Grant Date	Approval Date (1)	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$) (2)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#) (3)	Maximum (#)	units (#) (4)	awards (\$) (5)
nristopher onahue	3/7/14	1/22/14							30,242	847,078
omas R. onahue	3/7/14	1/22/14		1,662,500	6,000,000		20,000		22,681	635,29:
	11/18/14	10/23/14		1,260,000	6,000,000		20,000			554,000
hn B. sher	3/7/14	1/22/14							19,741	552,94:
	11/18/14	10/23/14		1,960,000	6,000,000		20,000			554,000
omas E.	3/7/14	1/22/14		, ,	. ,				18,481	517,653

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<sup>(1)</sup> Compensation Committee approval date.

<sup>(2)</sup> With respect to Messrs. J. Christopher Donahue and Thomas R. Donahue, the amounts in this column reflect seventy percent of the bonus each received in 2015 under the Annual Incentive Plan for fiscal year 2014. The remaining thirty percent for 2014 was received in 2015 in the form of Bonus Restricted Stock. With respect to Messrs. Fisher and Territ, the amounts in this column reflect eighty percent of the bonus each received in 2015 under the Annual Incentive Plan for fiscal year 2014. The remaining twenty percent for 2014 was received in 2015 in the form of Bonus Restricted Stock.

- The amounts reflected in this column represent Periodic Restricted Stock received in 2014 under the Stock Incentive Plan for a purchase price of \$3 per share.
- (4) The amounts reflected in this column represent Bonus Restricted Stock received in 2014 attributed to the allocated portion of the 2013 bonus under the Annual Incentive Plan, which is generally subject to a three-year vesting period.
- (5) The calculation methodology for the valuation of Periodic Restricted Stock and Bonus Restricted Stock awards is set forth in Note 1(p) of Federated s Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Federated s Annual Report on form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Named Executive Officers pay the Company \$3.00 per share for Periodic Restricted Stock awards.

# Narrative Disclosure to 2014 Summary Compensation Table and 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table

Bonus Restricted Stock awards included in the Stock Awards column of the 2014 Summary Compensation Table were granted in partial payment of the 2013 bonus awards and generally vest in equal one-third amounts over a three-year period. The Bonus Restricted Stock is awarded at eighty-five percent of fair market value. The Bonus Restricted Stock is granted under the Annual Incentive Plan. See the discussion under the captions Bonuses and Equity Compensation in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis above for further information regarding the terms of the Annual Incentive Plan. The Bonus Restricted Stock grant date fair value is reflected under the Grant date fair value of stock and option awards column of the 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table.

On November 18, 2014, each of Messrs. Thomas R. Donahue, Fisher and Territ received an award of 20,000 shares of Periodic Restricted Stock under the Stock Incentive Plan, which awards are reflected in the Estimated future payouts under equity incentive plan awards column of the 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table. Each such award is governed by an accompanying 2014 Restricted Stock Award Agreement, which specifies that the shares are subject to forfeiture should a certain performance measurement not be attained. In order to satisfy the performance measurement, Federated must have Operating Profits of at least \$60.0 million for the nine-month period ending September 30, 2015. Such awards are also subject to confidentiality and non-competition obligations. Recipients pay the Company \$3.00 per share for Periodic Restricted Stock awards and are entitled to receive dividends on the shares which are the same as those paid on unrestricted Class B Common Stock. Periodic Restricted Stock awards granted in 2014 vest over a ten-year period with restrictions lapsing fifty percent on each of approximately the award s fifth- and tenth-year anniversaries, except in the case of a recipient s death or separation from employment due to disability, in which case should death or separation from employment due to disability occur prior to the fifth vesting date, the stock vests in accordance with the vesting schedule and all unvested shares at the time of death or disability are forfeited and sold back to Federated for the purchase price (\$3.00/share) or should death or separation from employment due to disability occur on or after the fifth vesting date, all of the unvested shares become vested shares upon such separation from employment or death.

Federated makes a matching contribution under the Federated Investors, Inc. Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan in an amount equal to 100% of the first 2% that each participant defers and 50% of the next 4% of deferral contributions, and these amounts are included in the All Other Compensation column of the 2014 Summary Compensation Table.

# **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End**

The following table sets forth information concerning unvested restricted stock awards held by the Named Executive Officers as of December 31, 2014. The Named Executive Officers held no stock options as of December 31, 2014.

# 2014 OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR END TABLE

Stock Awards
Market value of shares or units of
stock that have not vested

		Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested	(\$)
Name	<b>Grant Date</b>	(#)	(1)
J. Christopher	11/18/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	12,500	411,625
Donahue	11/18/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	20,000	658,600
	11/18/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	21,250	699,763
	3/2/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	13,586	447,387
	11/16/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	18,000	592,740
	3/4/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	26,167	861,679
	11/18/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	19,000	625,670
	3/7/2014 <sup>(3)</sup>	30,242	995,869
Total		160,745	5,293,333
Thomas R. Donahue	8/17/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	10,000	329,300
	11/18/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	11,250	370,463
	11/18/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	12,500	411,625
	11/18/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	20,000	658,600
	11/18/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	21,250	699,763
	3/2/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	10,117	333,153
	11/16/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	18,000	592,740
	3/4/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	19,122	629,687

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	11/18/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	19,000	625,670
	3/7/2014 <sup>(3)</sup>	22,681	746,885
	11/18/2014(2)	20,000	658,600
Total		183,920	6,056,486
John B. Fisher	4/4/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	35,000	1,152,550
risitei	8/17/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	16,000	526,880
	11/18/2008(2)	18,000	592,740
	11/18/2009(2)	12,500	411,625
	11/18/2010(2)	20,000	658,600
	11/18/2011(2)	21,250	699,763
	3/2/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	8,479	279,213
	11/16/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	18,000	592,740
	3/4/2013(3)	16,103	530,272
	11/18/2013(2)	19,000	625,670
	3/7/2014 <sup>(3)</sup>	19,741	650,071
	11/18/2014 <sup>(2)</sup>	20,000	658,600
Total		224,073	7,378,724
Thomas E. Territ	7/1/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	1,800	59,274
Territ	4/4/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	17,500	576,275
	8/17/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	10,000	329,300
	11/18/2008(2)	11,250	370,463
	11/18/2009(2)	12,500	411,625
	11/18/2010(2)	20,000	658,600
	11/18/2011(2)	21,250	699,763
	3/2/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	7,708	253,824
	11/16/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	18,000	592,740

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3/4/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	22,644	745,667
11/18/2013(2)	19,000	625,670
3/7/2014 <sup>(3)</sup>	18,481	608,579
11/18/2014 <sup>(2)</sup>	20,000	658,600
Total	200,133	6,590,380

John F. Donahue

- (1) The amounts in this column reflect a December 31, 2014 closing price of \$32.93 for Federated Class B Common Stock on the NYSE.
- (2) These Periodic Restricted Stock awards vest over a 10-year period from the grant date, with 5% vesting in years 1-4 and years 6-9 and 30% vesting in years 5 and 10. Vested shares are considered restricted until they are released releases occur in years 5 (first half of shares released) and 10 (second half of shares released). Vesting schedules for the awards shown above are as follows:

<b>Grant Date:</b>	<b>Vesting Schedule</b> (vesting percentages are applied to original shares awarded):
11/18/2008	5% on or about November 1, 2015, 2016, and 2017; 30% on November 1, 2018
11/18/2009	5% on or about November 1, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018; 30% on November 1, 2019
11/18/2010	5% on or about November 1, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019; 30% on November 2, 2015 and November
	16, 2020
11/18/2011	5% on or about November 1, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019; 5% on November 16, 2020; 30% on
	November 1, 2016 and November 16, 2021
11/16/2012	5% on or about November 1, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019; 5% on or about November 16, 2020 and
	2021; 30% on November 1, 2017 and November 16, 2022
11/18/2013	5% on or about November 1, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019; 5% on or about November 16, 2020, 2021,
	and 2022; 30% on November 1, 2018 and November 17, 2023
11/18/2014	5% on or about November 1, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018; 5% on or about November 16, 2020, 2021,
	2022, and 2023; 30% on November 1, 2019 and November 18, 2024.

(3) These Bonus Restricted Stock awards vest over a 3-year period in equal annual installments. Vested shares under these plans are released upon vesting. Vesting schedules for the awards shown above are as follows:

<b>Grant Date:</b>	Vesting Schedule:
3/2/2012	Two-thirds of this award has already vested; remaining one-third to vest on March 4, 2015
3/4/2013	One-third of this award has already vested; remaining two thirds to vest in equal installments on
	March 4, 2015 and March 4, 2016
3/7/2014	Vests in three equal annual installments on each of March 4, 2015, March 4, 2016, and March 3, 2017.

(4) These restricted stock awards are structured identically to the 10-year November awards described in footnote (2). Vesting schedules for these awards are as follows:

Grant Date:	<b>Vesting Schedule</b> (vesting percentages are applied to original shares awarded):
7/1/2005	30% on June 24, 2015
4/4/2006	5% on March 27, 2015; 30% on March 25, 2016
8/17/2007	5% on or about August 1, 2015, and 2016; 30% on August 1, 2017

## **Option Exercises and Stock Vested**

The following table sets forth information concerning restricted stock held by the Named Executive Officers that vested during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. No options were exercised by the Named Executive Officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

## 2014 OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED TABLE

	Stock A	Stock Awards	
	Number of shares acquired on vesting	Value realized on vesting (\$)	
Name	(#)	(1)	
J. Christopher Donahue	57,040	1,599,098	
Thomas R. Donahue	47,251	1,322,805	
John B. Fisher	53,782	1,503,109	
Thomas E. Territ	49,403	1,382,499	
John F. Donahue			

(1) The value realized on vesting of stock awards is equal to the difference between the closing market price of Class B Common Stock on the NYSE on the date of vesting and the purchase price paid by the Named Executive Officer, if any, multiplied by the number of shares that vested.

# **Employment Agreements and Change-of-Control Agreements**

Federated generally does not have employment agreements or change-of-control agreements with its executive officers. The only employment agreements Federated currently has in place with Named Executive Officers are those with Mr. John B. Fisher and Mr. Thomas E. Territ.

On December 28, 1990, Mr. Fisher entered into an employment agreement (the 1990 Employment Agreement ) with Federated Investors, a predecessor of Federated, in connection with his employment by Federated Investors as an officer and employee. The 1990 Employment Agreement is still in effect. Under the terms of the 1990 Employment Agreement, Mr. Fisher is subject to certain restrictions with regard to confidentiality and competition. Mr. Fisher is not permitted to disclose confidential information that he receives in the course of or as a result of his employment. Additionally, upon termination of his employment, Mr. Fisher is prohibited from directly or indirectly competing with Federated for a period of two years. Furthermore, upon termination of his employment, Mr. Fisher agrees not to directly or indirectly solicit employees of Federated to terminate their employment or contractual relationships with Federated. On July 6, 1983, Mr. Territ entered into an employment agreement (the 1983 Employment Agreement) with Federated Securities Corp., a subsidiary of Federated, in connection with his employment by Federated Securities Corp. as a sales representative. The 1983 Employment Agreement is still in effect. Under the terms of the 1983 Employment Agreement, Mr. Territ is subject to certain restrictions with regard to confidentiality and competition. Mr. Territ is not permitted to disclose confidential information he receives in the course of or as a result of his employment. Additionally, upon termination of his employment, Mr. Territ is prohibited from directly or indirectly competing with Federated for a period of two years. Furthermore, upon termination of his employment, Mr. Territ agrees not to directly or indirectly solicit employees of Federated to terminate their employment or contractual relationships with Federated.

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The only agreements Federated currently has in place with Named Executive Officers that contain a change-of-control provision are the respective 2006 Restricted Stock Award Agreements entered into with Mr. John B. Fisher and Mr. Thomas E. Territ on April 4, 2006 under the Stock Incentive Plan pursuant to which Mr. Fisher received 100,000 shares of Restricted Stock and Mr. Territ received 50,000 shares of Restricted Stock. Under the terms of the respective Agreements, the shares awarded vest over a ten-year period with restrictions lapsing on fifty percent of the award on each of approximately the award s fifth- and tenth-year anniversaries. In certain circumstances where there is a change of control (as described below), the vesting of the shares is accelerated. For this to occur, a combination of events must take place: (a) there must be a change in ownership of fifty-one percent or greater of the Class A Common Stock of Federated; and (b) one of the following must

occur (i) Mr. Fisher s or Mr. Territ s employment agreement is terminated other than for cause (as defined in the Agreements) by Federated or its successor during the six-month period before or the first two-year period following a change in ownership or (ii) a constructive termination (as defined in the Agreement) occurs prior to the occurrence of events which would permit a termination for cause during the first two-year period following a change of ownership. If this double-trigger provision is satisfied, then any portion of the award not vested will fully vest. Assuming that the aforementioned events occurred on December 31, 2014, thereby satisfying the double-trigger provision, the shares of Restricted Stock awarded to Messrs. Fisher and Territ pursuant to the respective 2006 Restricted Stock Award Agreements that were not vested would have become fully vested with an approximate value of \$1,152,550 for Mr. Fisher and \$576,275 for Mr. Territ, which would include \$105,000 Mr. Fisher paid for his shares and \$52,500 Mr. Territ paid for his shares. Such events, however, did not occur.

# TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS

During 2014, Mr. Richard B. Fisher, a co-founder of Federated and father of Mr. John B. Fisher, Vice President of Federated, was employed by Federated as Vice Chairman. Mr. Richard B. Fisher was provided a salary of eight hundred thousand dollars for his services throughout the year.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Federated maintains a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the Code ). The Code applies to each director, officer and employee of Federated (each a Covered Person ). The Code specifically addresses a variety of conflicts of interest, including transactions with related persons. The Code also sets forth guidance for Covered Persons with regard to general conflict of interest scenarios where an individual s private interests interfere in any way with the interests of Federated as a whole. Federated relies on the integrity and undivided loyalty of Covered Persons to maintain the highest level of objectivity in performing their duties.

Covered Persons are expected to avoid any situation in which personal interests conflict, or have the appearance of conflicting, with those of Federated. Covered Persons are responsible for avoiding any misconduct or perceived conflicts of interest. Accordingly, employees are expected to use prudent behavior and discretion in all transactions and relationships and are required to make prompt and complete disclosure of any possible or probable conflict of interest to their direct supervisor or manager, human resources, or the Internal Compliance Committee, as defined hereinafter. Non-management directors are also expected to make appropriate disclosures to the Board and to take appropriate steps to recuse themselves from Board decisions with respect to transactions or other matters involving Federated as to which they are interested parties or with respect to which a real or apparent conflict of interest exists. As a general rule, Covered Persons should never receive a payment or anything of value in exchange for a decision involving Federated s business, with limited exceptions for token gifts of nominal value. Additionally, Covered Persons generally may not have any direct or indirect financial interest in, or any business relationship with, a person or entity that does business with Federated or is a competitor of Federated. This policy does not apply to an arms-length purchase of goods or services for personal or family use or to the ownership of less than five percent of the shares of a publicly traded company. Other arms-length business relationships with Federated and/or the Federated Funds may be permissible provided such business relationships are disclosed to, reviewed and approved by the Internal Compliance Committee (as detailed below). Furthermore, Covered Persons should not engage in outside jobs or activities that compete with Federated in any way. Except in certain limited circumstances, any employee who is invited to join the board of directors or to serve as an officer of another organization must obtain the approval of the Internal Compliance Committee. The Code requires directors who are invited to serve on other boards to promptly notify Federated s Chief Executive Officer and Chairman.

The Code is administered by an Internal Compliance Committee, which consists of Federated's General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, Chief Risk Officer and Chief Audit Executive. As previously discussed, the Code requires Covered Persons to disclose to the Internal Compliance Committee any personal activities or financial interests that could negatively influence, or give the appearance of negatively influencing, their judgment or decisions. The Internal Compliance Committee then determines if there is a conflict and, if so, how to resolve it without compromising the interests of Federated, the Federated Funds or other accounts, as applicable. When necessary, the Internal Compliance Committee will bring matters to the Chief Legal Officer, senior staff or the Board for final resolution.

A copy of the Code is available on Federated s website at **FederatedInvestors.com** by first clicking on About Federated and then Corporate Governance.

#### **SECURITY OWNERSHIP**

#### **Class A Common Stock**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of Federated s Class A Common Stock by each person who is known by Federated to own beneficially more than five percent of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock as of February 27, 2015.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class
Voting Shares Irrevocable Trust		
dated May 31, 1989 c/o The Beechwood Company, L.P.	9,000	100.0%
Suite 850		
1001 Liberty Avenue		
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-3716		

All of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock are held by the Voting Trust, the trustees of which are Mr. John F. Donahue, his wife, and his son, Mr. J. Christopher Donahue, for the benefit of certain members of the family of John F. Donahue. Under the terms of the Voting Trust, the trustees are authorized to vote shares held by the Voting Trust and the trustees additionally may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of shares owned by the Voting Trust. The entire voting power of Federated is vested in the holder of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock, except as otherwise provided in the Restated Articles of Incorporation of Federated or as required by applicable law. The address for the trustees of the Voting Trust is the same address shown in the above table.

#### **Class B Common Stock**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of Federated s Class B Common Stock as of February 27, 2015 by (i) each of the current directors of Federated, (ii) the Named Executive Officers of Federated, and (iii) all executive officers and current directors of Federated as a group. As of February 27, 2015 there were 104,736,378 shares of Class B Common Stock outstanding.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class
	(1)(2) 3,146,975	
J. Christopher Donahue (3)		3.0%
John W. McGonigle (4)	3,454,411	3.3%
Thomas R. Donahue (5)	1,983,699	1.9%
John F. Donahue (6)	1,078,724	1.0%
John B. Fisher (7)	500,380	*
Thomas E. Territ	345,224	*
Michael J. Farrell (8)	67,400	*
David M. Kelly (9)	41,500	*
Marie Milie Jones	1,700	*
All executive officers and current directors as a group (13		
persons)	10,884,656	10.4%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%.

- (1) Calculated pursuant to Rule 13d-3(d) of the Exchange Act. Unless stated below, each such person has sole voting and investment power with respect to all such shares.
- (2) Does not include an aggregate of 30,654 shares of Class B Common Stock allocated to the accounts of directors and executive officers who are participants in the Federated Investors, Inc. Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan.
- (3) Includes 592,766 shares for which Mr. J. Christopher Donahue has the power to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose under powers of attorney (Mr. J. Christopher Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the 592,766 shares for which he has powers of attorney); 75,073 shares for which Mr. J. Christopher Donahue is a custodian of shares under the Uniform Transfer for Minors Act (Mr. J. Christopher Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the 75,073 shares for which he acts as custodian); 341,542 shares owned by The Beechwood Company, L.P. (formerly Comax Partners Limited Partnership), a limited partnership of which Beechmax, Inc. is general partner, Mr. J. Christopher Donahue is a trustee of the Trust for the Benefit of the Family of J. Christopher Donahue which is a shareholder of Beechmax, Inc. (Mr. J. Christopher Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of approximately 340,961 shares owned by The Beechwood Company, L.P.); and 82 shares owned by AWOL, Inc., Mr. J. Christopher Donahue is a trustee of the Trust for the Benefit of the Family of J. Christopher Donahue which is a shareholder of AWOL, Inc. (Mr. J. Christopher Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of all 82 shares owned by AWOL, Inc.).
- (4) Includes 1,954,878 shares owned by Fairview Partners, L.P., a limited partnership of which 713 Investment Corporation is the sole general partner; 199,533 shares owned by 713 Investment Partners, L.P., a limited partnership of which 713 Investment Corporation is the sole general partner (Mr. McGonigle and his wife are shareholders and directors of 713 Investment Corporation); 942,695 shares owned by the John W. McGonigle Revocable Trust; and 357,305 shares owned by the Mary Ita McGonigle Revocable Trust. Mr. McGonigle

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disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares in which he does not have a pecuniary interest.

- (5) Includes 4,409 shares owned by Mrs. Thomas R. Donahue; 4,800 shares for which Mr. Thomas R. Donahue is a custodian of shares under the Uniform Transfer for Minors Act (Mr. Thomas R. Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the 4,800 shares for which he acts as custodian); 131,035 shares which Mr. Thomas R. Donahue has the power to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose under a power of attorney (Mr. Thomas R. Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of all of the 131,035 shares for which he holds powers of attorney); 715,550 shares owned by Maxfund Partners, L.P., a limited partnership of which Maxfund, Inc. is the general partner, Mr. Thomas R. Donahue is a shareholder of Maxfund, Inc. (Mr. Thomas R. Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of approximately 688,710 shares owned by the Maxfund Partners, L.P.); 341,542 shares owned by The Beechwood Company, L.P. (formerly Comax Partners Limited Partnership), a limited partnership of which Beechmax, Inc. is general partner, Mr. Thomas R. Donahue is a trustee of the Trust for the Benefit of the Family of Thomas R. Donahue which is a shareholder of Beechmax, Inc. (Mr. Thomas R. Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of approximately 335,907 shares owned by The Beechwood Company, L.P.); 152,178 shares owned by an immediate family member living in his household (Mr. Thomas R. Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of all 152,178 shares); and 82 shares owned by AWOL, Inc., Mr. Thomas R. Donahue is a trustee of the Trust for the Benefit of the Family of Thomas R. Donahue which is a shareholder of AWOL, Inc. (Mr. Thomas R. Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of all 82 shares owned by AWOL, Inc.).
- (6) Includes 458,385 shares owned by Richmond Farm L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership, of which Mr. John F. Donahue has controlling interest (Mr. John F. Donahue disclaims beneficial ownership of approximately 454,382 shares owned by Richmond Farm L.P.); 38,821 shares owned by Comax Land Company of Florida; 5,819 shares owned by John F. Donahue Revocable Trust; 5,819 shares owned by Rhodora J. Donahue Revocable Trust; and 569,880 shares owned by the John F. Donahue and Rhodora J. Donahue Joint Revocable Trust.
- (7) Includes 40,000 shares held by Rosewood Limited Partnership, a limited partnership of which Mr. Fisher is a general partner. Mr. Fisher disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares in which he does not have a pecuniary interest.
- (8) Includes 12,000 stock options which are currently exercisable; 20,000 shares owned by the Farrell Family Partnership 2nd, a limited partnership of which Mr. Farrell is the sole owner of the corporate general partner; and 7,500 shares owned by the Michael J. Farrell Charitable Remainder Unit Trust. Mr. Farrell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares in which he does not have a pecuniary interest.
- (9) Includes 12,000 stock options which are currently exercisable.

## Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Under the securities laws of the United States, Federated s directors, its executive officers and any persons beneficially owning more than ten percent of Federated s Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock are required to report their ownership of Federated s Class A and Class B Common Stock and any changes in that ownership to the SEC and to the NYSE. Specific due dates for these reports have been established and Federated is required to report in this Information Statement any failure to file by these dates. Based on a review of any Forms 3 and 4 (and amendments) furnished to Federated during, and Forms 5 (and amendments) furnished to Federated with respect to, the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, all reports required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act during the fiscal year were timely filed.

#### INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Ernst & Young LLP served as the independent registered public accounting firm for 2014 and continues to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm for Federated. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP will be present at the Annual Meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The following fees are for services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP for the audit of Federated s financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the audit of internal control over financial reporting for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the review of the financial statements in Federated s Forms 10-Q for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and other billings for services rendered to Federated:

	2014	2013
Audit Fees:	\$1,947,052	\$1,880,277
Audit-Related Fees:	\$ 96,115	\$ 110,059
Fees for audit-related services primarily include due		
diligence, agreed upon procedures, audits of the		
employee benefit plan and other attest services.		
Tax Fees:	\$ 184,646	\$ 160,591
Fees for tax services primarily include international tax		
compliance, tax advice and tax planning.		
All Other Fees:	\$ 197,114	\$ 112,230
Fees for other services primarily include certain		
Federated-sponsored product-related tax assistance,		
portfolio scanner services and audits.		

### AUDIT COMMITTEE PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy for pre-approval of all audit, audit-related, tax and other services, classified as All Other Services, to be performed by Federated s independent registered public accounting firm, subject to the de minimus exception for non-audit services described in Section 10A(i)(1) subparagraph (B) of the Exchange Act. The policy was adopted in order to ensure that the provision of these services does not impair the auditor s independence. The Audit Committee annually, or more frequently (if necessary), reviews and pre-approves the services that may be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm. Unless a type of service to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm has received general pre-approval, it will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will revise the list of general pre-approved services from time to time, based upon subsequent determinations. The term of the general pre-approval is twelve months from the date of pre-approval, unless specifically provided otherwise. The Audit Committee will waive the pre-approval requirement with respect to the provision of non-audit services if: (i) the aggregate amount of all such non-audit services provided constitutes not more than five percent of the total amount of fees paid by Federated to its independent registered public accounting firm during the fiscal year in which the services are provided; (ii) such services were not recognized by Federated at the time of engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm to be non-audit services; and (iii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Audit Committee (or its delegate) and approved prior to the completion of the audit. The Audit Committee has delegated pre-approval authority to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Chairman of the Audit Committee reports any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its scheduled meetings. All fees paid to Ernst & Young LLP for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee in accordance with this policy.

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