

## Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

**Part I Reporting Issuer**

<b>1</b> Issuer's name		<b>2</b> Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)	
THE CUSHING MLP TOTAL RETURN FUND		35-2303963	
<b>3</b> Name of contact for additional information	<b>4</b> Telephone No. of contact	<b>5</b> Email address of contact	
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777 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE 5TH FLOOR		MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, 53202	
<b>8</b> Date of action		<b>9</b> Classification and description	
9/10/2011		NONTAXABLE RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION	
<b>10</b> CUSIP number	<b>11</b> Serial number(s)	<b>12</b> Ticker symbol	<b>13</b> Account number(s)
231631102		SRV	

**Part II Organizational Action** Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

**14** Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ THE CUSHING MLP TOTAL RETURN FUND PAID A NONTAXABLE RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION ON 9/10/2011 TO SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD ON 8/26/11. THE ESTIMATED PERCENT OF THE NONTAXABLE RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD ON 8/26/11 IS 98 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF DIVIDEND.

**15** Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ THE TOTAL NONTAXABLE RETURN OF CAPITAL PORTION OF THE DIVIDEND PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD ON 8/26/11 WAS 0.2205 PER SHARE.

**16** Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ THE BASIS OF SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD ON 8/26/11 IS LOWERED BY THE PER SHARE AMOUNT OF 0.2205 REFERENCED ABOVE. THE RATE WAS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRC SECTION 301 AND SECTION 316.

**Part II Organizational Action** (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ IRC 301,316

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ NO LOSS CAN BE RECOGNIZED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD ON 8/26/11 FOR THE NONTAXABLE RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION RECEIVED.

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SHAREHOLDERS 2011 1099 DIV STATEMENT BOX 3.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature ▶ / John Alban / Date ▶ 1/12/2012  
Print your name ▶ John Alban Title ▶ CFO

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