

LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

SMITH-FREE GROUP

2. Address:

1401 K STREET, NW SUITE 1200, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

4. Contact Name: DEENA FLORENCE

Telephone: 2023934760

E-mail (optional): dflorence@smithfree.com

Senate ID #: 35800-1003635

House ID #: 30770

7. Client Name: ☐ Self

HSBC GR CORP

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2007 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): ☒ **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31): ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report: ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report: ☐ => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity: ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000: ☐

\$10,000 or more: ☒ => Income (nearest \$20,000): 40,000.00

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000: ☐

\$10,000 or more: ☐ => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): _____

14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

- ☐ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only
☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code
☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

LOBBYING ACTIVITY

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: BAN (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H.R. 1510 Credit Card Repayment Act of 2007 H.R. 2146 Universal Default Prohibition Act of 2007 S. 239 Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act of 2007 S. 495 Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2007 S. 1176 Credit Card Minimum Payment Warning Act of 2007 S. 1178 Identity Theft Prevention Act S. 1260 Data Security Act of 2007 S. 1309 Universal Default Prohibition Act of 2007 S. 1395 Government Credit Card Abuse Prevention Act Legislative activity related to "interchange payments" in the bank card industry H.R. 873 Credit Card Payment Fee Act of 2007 H.R. 946 Consumer Overdraft Protection Fair Practices Act H.R. 958 Data Accountability and Trust Act H.R. 1461 Credit Card Accountability Responsibility & Disclosure Act of 2007

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: DUMONT, SARAH
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: FREE, JAMES C.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: HICKMOTT, ROBERT W.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SMITH, JAMES E.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: ENV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Monitored climate change proposals

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: HICKMOTT, ROBERT W.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: FIN (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Monitored issues associated with hedge funds Monitored administration "tax gap" recommendations affecting credit card issuers and/or acquirers

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: DEUSER, JON S.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: DUMONT, SARAH
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SMITH, JAMES E.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 13, 2007

Printed Name and Title: ALICIA W. SMITH SR. VP & CORP. SECRETARY -

Information Update Page:

Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is NO LONGER expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that NO LONGER pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following organization(s)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is NO LONGER affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity the NO LONGER owns, OR controls, OR is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 13, 2007

Printed Name and Title: -