

REVISION HISTORY

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REDUNDANT OPERATIONAL FACILITIES

Operational Facility #1

- Located at Earthnet in Boulder CO.
- Redundant server operates on an uninterruptible power supply (UPS).
- The site also has its own diesel generator to guard against long-term power outages.
- The facility uses multiple internet providers.
- Earthnet has access to 2 separate power grids and has automatic failover from grid to grid.

Operational Facility #2

- Located at the RCM main office.
- Redundant server operates on a UPS.
- This facility is geographically separate from facilities #1 and #3 and is on a different power grid. It also uses a separate internet provider.

Operational Facility #3

- Located at Rob Olson's residence.
- Redundant server operates on a UPS.
- This facility is geographically separate from facilities #1 and #2 and is on a different power grid. It uses Qwest/Earthnet as Internet providers.



DOCUMENT AND DATA BACKUPS

Documents

- Critical hard-copy documents are stored at the main office (in a locked enclosure).
- Critical electronic documents (both originals and also copies of hard documents) are stored on a secure, remote, commercial site using a RAID5/6 array (www.codesion.com).
- DVD copies of copies of documents are made periodically.
- Backup status is reviewed and maintained at least once per month, and more frequently as necessary.

Data

- Data is stored at the main office on a RAID6 array.
- Data is also archived on a RAID1 array at a location distinct from the main office.



CRITICAL STAFF COMPETENCIES

- Understanding of model signal generation
 - All three principals possess this competency.
- Knowledge of FCM and executing broker and associated contact information
 - All three principals possess this competency.
- Knowledge of data provider and associated contact information
 - All three principals possess this competency.
- Knowledge of hardware infrastructure and ability to address hardwarerelated issues
 - All three principals possess this competency.



THIRD-PARTY FAILURES

- A second-source data provider is in place in order to provide a backup source. The current primary data source provides the daily updates via FTP.
- Alternate trading desks can be used in the event of issues experienced by our primary trading desk. Our primary IB, FCI, has access to alternate desks.



DISASTER-RELATED COMMUNICATION PLAN

- There are currently two (2) employees to contact.
- The three managing members and two employees will contact each other in person, via telephone, or via electronic mail/messaging.
- Data vendors will be contacted, if possible, via telephone or electronic mail.
- Brokers and trading desks will be contacted, if possible, via telephone or electronic mail.
- A full contact list is maintained by each of the key personnel.



TESTING AND UPDATING THE PLAN

- How often is the plan reviewed?
 - The plan is reviewed at least on an annual basis.
- How is the plan tested?
 - Testable components of the plan are tested via normal operational contingencies.
- Where are plan copies maintained?
 - Plan copies are maintained at the main office, at the residences of each of the managing members, and on a remote server.
- Who has received the plan? How does one ensure that those who 'need to know' do receive the plan?
 - All managing members and employees have received and are familiar with the plan.
- Do we have NFA emergency contact information?
 - NY office: (212) 608 8660
 - Chicago office: (312) 781 1300
 - Information center: (312) 781 1410 or (800) 621 3570



Specific Risk Factors and Mitigation Plans



- Failure type: Hardware failure with signal-generating servers
- Impact: Inability to place orders or modify positions
- Severity level: High
- Mitigation: Independent local servers, co-located remote server, RAID 5/6 protocols used to ensure data integrity, software copies stored in a remote, commercial repository, failover plan in case primary server fails.



- Failure type: Software failure with signal-generating servers
- Impact: Inability to place orders or modify positions
- Severity level: High
- Mitigation: Extensive testing before deployment, daily monitoring of systems to ensure presence and validity of orders



- Failure type: Market data receipt failure
- Impact: Inability to place orders or modify positions
- Severity level: High
- Mitigation: Data sent via multiple methods (email and FTP), end-of-day price data can be obtained manually from exchange websites, second data source.



- Failure type: Short-term power outage (2 hours or less)
- Impact: Inability to place orders or modify positions
- Severity level: High
- Mitigation: Real-time servers are on uninterruptible power supplies and operational facility #1 has a diesel generator, so code can be run manually if machine power is temporarily lost.



- Failure type: Long-term power outage
- Impact: Inability to place orders or modify positions
- Severity level: High
- Mitigation: Server at operational facility #1 can be used to generate orders.



- Failure type: Hardware failure of research servers
- Impact: Loss of research/development data
- Severity level: Medium
- Mitigation: RAID 5/6 used to preserve data integrity, uninterruptible power supplies used to ensure machine uptime, offline backups periodically made (hard drive and/or DVD), offsite backups periodically made to secure, remote server.



- Failure type: Destruction of office (due to natural disaster) or theft
- Impact: Loss of hardware, software, and/or account documentation
- Severity level: High
- Mitigation: Remote server can be used for real-time signal generation, software copies are stored remotely at a commercial repository, documents are kept in locked cabinets, electronic copies of documents are kept on a secure, remote server.

