

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Office of FOIA Services

December 1, 2022

Mr. Connor Hindley PO Box 1370 Dillon, CO 80435

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552

Request No. 23-00321-FOIA

Dear Mr. Hindley:

This letter responds to your request, dated November 13, 2022 and received in this office on November 14, 2022, for any investigations into FTX tokenized stocks from January 2021 to the present.

We are withholding records that may be responsive to your request under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A). This exemption protects from disclosure records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement activities. Since Exemption 7(A) protects the records from disclosure, we have not determined if other exemptions apply. Therefore, we reserve the right to assert other exemptions when Exemption 7(A) no longer applies.

It is the general policy of the Commission to conduct its investigations on a non-public basis. Thus, subject to the provisions of FOIA, the Commission does not disclose the existence or non-existence of an investigation or information gathered unless made a matter of public record in proceedings brought before the Commission or in the courts. Accordingly, the assertion of this exemption should not be construed as an indication by the Commission or its staff that any violations of law have occurred with respect to any person, entity, or security. Please be advised that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard in preparing this response.

I am the deciding official with regard to this adverse determination. You have the right to appeal my decision to the SEC's General Counsel under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6), 17 CFR § 200.80(f)(1). The appeal must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this adverse decision. Your appeal must be in writing, clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act

Appeal," and should identify the requested records. The appeal may include facts and authorities you consider appropriate.

You may file your appeal by completing the online Appeal form located at <a href="https://www.sec.gov/forms/request\_appeal">https://www.sec.gov/forms/request\_appeal</a>, or mail your appeal to the Office of FOIA Services of the Securities and Exchange Commission located at Station Place, 100 F Street NE, Mail Stop 2465, Washington, D.C. 20549, or deliver it to Room 1120 at that address.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Mandic of my staff at <a href="mandicf@sec.gov">mandicf@sec.gov</a>. You may also contact me at <a href="mandicfoiapa@sec.gov">foiapa@sec.gov</a> or (202) 551-7900. You may also contact the SEC's FOIA Public Service Center at <a href="mandicfoiapa@sec.gov">foiapa@sec.gov</a> or (202) 551-7900. For more information about the FOIA Public Service Center and other options available to you please see the attached addendum.

Sincerely,

for Lizzette Katilius FOIA Branch Chief

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Enclosure

## **ADDENDUM**

For further assistance you can contact a SEC FOIA Public Liaison by calling (202) 551-7900 or visiting https://www.sec.gov/oso/help/foia-contact.html.

SEC FOIA Public Liaisons are supervisory staff within the Office of FOIA Services. They can assist FOIA requesters with general questions or concerns about the SEC's FOIA process or about the processing of their specific request.

In addition, you may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. OGIS can be reached at 1-877-684-6448 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:ogis@nara.gov">ogis@nara.gov</a>. Information concerning services offered by OGIS can be found at their website at <a href="mailto:Archives.gov">Archives.gov</a>. Note that contacting the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not a substitute for filing an administrative appeal.