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Dear Financial Advisor,

As you know, the Boards of Directors of CPA[®]:15 and W. P. Carey & Co. LLC (W. P. Carey) have approved a plan under which the two companies will combine their businesses through a merger and W. P. Carey will convert into a real estate investment trust (REIT) known as W. P. Carey Inc. W. P. Carey has been the advisor to CPA[®]:15 since inception and has invested and managed its assets successfully through a variety of economic conditions. We are pleased to be presenting a transaction that we believe will be beneficial to CPA[®]:15 stockholders by providing them with liquid shares in a company poised for growth and continued stable income. CPA[®]:15 s board has determined that the merger is advisable and unanimously recommends that stockholders vote FOR the merger.

In the merger, CPA[®]:15 stockholders will receive \$1.25 in cash and 0.2326 shares of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock for each CPA[®]:15 share. W. P. Carey is a publicly-traded company and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: WPC). As of the close of trading on July 23, 2012, the price of each W. P. Carey share was \$46.08. The resulting total consideration based on that stock price would be \$11.97 per share of CPA[®]:15, a 15% premium to CPA[®]:15 s estimated net asset value of \$10.40 as of September 30, 2011. The ultimate merger consideration may be higher or lower as of the closing date of the merger due to changes in W. P. Carey s stock price. We urge you to obtain current market quotations for W. P. Carey s listed shares.

The timeline of events for the proposed merger is as follows:

July 23, 2012 Record date for stockholders entitled to vote on the merger proposal

August 6, 2012 Commencement of mailing of Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus to stockholders and their financial advisors

August 6, 2012 through September 12, 2012 Proxy solicitation period. All proxies for stockholders not in attendance at the Special Meeting must be received and processed prior to the meeting

September 13, 2012 Special Meeting at 3 p.m. ET at the offices of Clifford Chance US LLP

Stockholders may authorize their proxy:

By mail, in the return envelope stockholders have been provided

By Internet at www.proxyvote.com

By telephone (U.S. and Canada residents only) at 1-800-690-6903, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

If we approach the date of the Special Meeting and have not received enough proxies to reach a quorum, Computershare Fund Services (Computershare), the solicitation agent for the merger, may contact your clients to solicit their vote. Please encourage your clients who are CPA®:15 stockholders to vote at their earliest convenience. With your assistance, we will be able to get the votes required without your clients being contacted by Computershare.

Computershare may answer any questions that you or your clients may have as they relate to the proposed merger. They can be reached at their toll-free number, 1-866-432-8736. Please contact our Investor Relations Department at 1-800-WP CAREY (1-800-972-2739) with questions regarding any of your clients' stockholdings or tax information.

We encourage you and your clients to read the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus as well as the accompanying brochure.

Thank you again for your continued confidence and support.

With best regards,

Trevor P. Bond

Chief Executive Officer

Additional Questions and Answers Regarding the Merger:

Who is eligible to vote in the merger?

CPA[®]:15 stockholders of record on July 23, 2012 are eligible to vote in the merger. You will receive a list of your clients who own shares of CPA[®]:15 common stock on that date in a separate mailing. This list will contain the stockholder's current registration, total shares owned and current payee of record.

What will my clients receive if the merger is approved?

CPA[®]:15 stockholders will receive \$1.25 in cash and 0.2326 shares of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock for each CPA[®]:15 share. No fractional shares of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock will be issued. CPA[®]:15 stockholders entitled to receive a fractional share of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock will instead receive a cash payment in the amount equal to such fraction multiplied by \$45.07 (which was the closing price of W. P. Carey's shares on the NYSE on February 17, 2012, the date of the merger agreement).

The \$1.25 in cash per share of CPA[®]:15 common stock and the cash received in lieu of any fractional shares paid to stockholders at the close of the merger will be issued to the payee of record at the time of issuance. Custodial accounts and broker-controlled accounts must pay to the custodial and broker-controlled account, respectively.

What is the expected ongoing rate of return of a CPA[®]:15 stockholder on his or her original investment?

Each CPA[®]:15 stockholder currently receives \$0.729 of annual distributions per share, which represents an annual rate of return of 7.35% on invested capital of \$9.92 per share (an original investment of \$10.00 per share of CPA[®]:15 common stock, less a special distribution of \$0.08 per share on January 15, 2008). Based on W. P. Carey Inc.'s anticipated annualized distribution rate of \$2.60 per share following completion of the merger, each holder of CPA[®]:15 common stock is expected to receive \$0.605 in distributions on the 0.2326 shares of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock received in exchange for each CPA[®]:15 share they own. This represents an annual rate of return of 6.98% on invested capital of \$8.67 per share (an original investment of \$10.00 per share of CPA[®]:15 common stock less the \$0.08 per share special distribution on January 15, 2008 and the \$1.25 of cash received as part of the Merger Consideration).

| | Current Invested Capital of \$9.92 | After the Merger Invested Capital of \$8.67 |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Rate of Return on Invested Capital | 7.35% | 6.98% |

How will my clients' new W. P. Carey Inc. shares be delivered?

Upon completion of the merger, W. P. Carey Inc. will cause Computershare Fund Services (Computershare), W. P. Carey's transfer agent, to record the issuance of the shares of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock to the holders of CPA[®]:15 common stock on its stock records in book-entry form. No physical share certificates will be delivered. The stockholder will receive confirmation of the number of W. P. Carey Inc. shares acquired at the close of the merger.

How does my client transfer their new W. P. Carey Inc. book entry shares into a brokerage account?

To request a transfer of the W. P. Carey Inc. book entry shares into a brokerage account, the stockholder should contact their broker/dealer who may ask the stockholder to provide a Computershare account statement evidencing the stockholder's book-entry position and the Computershare account information.

For transfers of individual positions, the broker/dealer will initiate a Profile transfer using DTC's Direct Registration System (DRS). This system allows the broker/dealer to electronically move the stockholder's position from a direct registration book-entry position on the books of the transfer agent to a position recorded at the broker/dealer within the stockholder's brokerage account. The registration on the records of the transfer agent will need to match the registration on the brokerage account.

If the stockholder's shares are in a broker-controlled account or registered with a custodian of record, the broker/dealer or custodian, as applicable, may request a transfer of the W. P. Carey Inc. book entry shares to brokerage on behalf of all stockholders for whom they act as broker/dealer or custodian.

How will my clients determine their tax basis?

A report including your clients who are eligible to vote in the merger will be mailed to your attention under separate cover. Historical estimated tax information through year-end 2011 for CPA[®]:15 stockholders who purchased shares during CPA[®]:15's public offering and hold the shares in their original registration will be included in the report. For additional information regarding the tax consequences of the merger, please see the following Tax Basis and Capital Gain Analysis.

The following analysis is for general information only and does not purport to discuss all aspects of federal income taxation that may be important to a particular investor in light of its investment or tax circumstances or to investors subject to special tax rules. Stockholders are urged to consult their tax advisor regarding the federal, state, and local and foreign income and other tax consequences to them in light of their particular investment or tax circumstances of acquiring, holding, exchanging, or otherwise disposing of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock.

Tax Basis and Capital Gain Analysis:

The receipt of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock will be tax deferred to CPA[®]:15 stockholders until such time as those shares of W. P. Carey Inc. are sold. However, CPA[®]:15 stockholders will recognize any gain on their CPA[®]:15 common stock up to the amount of cash they receive in the merger with respect to each share, which is \$1.25 per share of CPA[®]:15 common stock. Any gain recognized by a CPA[®]:15 stockholder in the merger will generally be treated as capital gain, provided the CPA[®]:15 stockholder held the CPA[®]:15 common stock as a capital asset and provided certain exceptions do not apply. Any capital gain recognized by a CPA[®]:15 stockholder in the merger will be treated as long-term capital gain if the stockholder has owned the shares for more than one year. In addition, CPA[®]:15 stockholders who receive cash in lieu of a fractional share of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock will generally be treated as having received the cash in redemption of the fractional share. The tax consequences of participating in the merger and of holding W. P. Carey Inc. common stock will depend on each stockholder's particular tax circumstances.

A CPA[®]:15 stockholder will generally have gain with respect to his or her shares of CPA[®]:15 common stock if the value of the merger consideration received by the stockholder with respect to such shares exceeds the stockholder's tax basis in such shares. The tax basis of a CPA[®]:15 stockholder's common stock is generally the price paid to purchase the shares, adjusted to reflect certain events with respect to the common stock. A CPA[®]:15 stockholder's tax basis would change, for example, as a result of receiving a distribution that is not taxable as a dividend for federal income tax purposes, sometimes referred to as a return of capital distribution. The tax basis of CPA[®]:15 common stock acquired through certain transactions, such as a tax-deferred merger, depends on the specific details of the acquisition transaction.

What is the value of the total merger consideration per share of CPA[®]:15 common stock received in the merger?

CPA[®]:15 stockholders will receive \$1.25 in cash and 0.2326 of W. P. Carey Inc.'s common stock for each share of CPA[®]:15 at the close of the merger. The value of the total consideration to be received by CPA[®]:15 stockholders will be based on the price of each W. P. Carey share at the close of the merger.

$$\text{\$1.25 in cash} + [\text{W. P. Carey price per share at close of merger} \times 0.2326] = \text{Value of Total Merger Consideration}$$

For example, based on the closing price of W. P. Carey on July 23, 2012, the last practicable date before the printing of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus, the value of the total consideration is \$11.97, or \$1.25 + [\$46.08 × 0.2326].

The ultimate merger consideration may be higher or lower as of the closing date of the merger due to changes in W. P. Carey's stock price. We urge you to obtain current market quotations for W. P. Carey's listed shares.

How can I estimate the per share capital gain taxable to my client at the time of the merger?

To calculate the capital gain taxable at the time of the merger, the stockholder must first determine the tax basis per share of CPA[®]:15 common stock. **If the stockholder has multiple purchases or reinvested quarterly distributions, each issuance of shares will have its own tax basis.**

The original tax basis for each issuance of shares of CPA[®]:15 common stock is generally equal to the purchase price of such shares. If shares were acquired through inheritance prior to 2010, the fair market value of the shares at the time the shares were inherited should be used as the original basis. If shares were acquired due to inheritance in 2010 or later, special rules apply for the purpose of determining the basis of the shares. Once the original tax basis of shares of CPA[®]:15 common stock is determined, the original tax basis should be adjusted by subtracting any return of capital distributions with respect to such shares. CPA[®]:15's historic return of capital distributions are further discussed below.

A CPA[®]:15 stockholder's gain in the merger with respect to each share of CPA[®]:15 common stock is equal to the difference between the value of the consideration received by the stockholder in exchange for such share of CPA[®]:15 common stock at the close of the merger and the stockholder's tax basis in such share of CPA[®]:15 common stock. However, for each share of CPA[®]:15 common stock the stockholder exchanges in the merger, the stockholder will only recognize and be subject to tax on up to \$1.25 of gain. Any gain in excess of \$1.25 with respect to such share will be deferred until such time that the stockholder sells their W. P. Carey Inc. shares.

Merger Consideration - CPA[®]:15 Tax Basis = Capital Gain

Based on a closing price of W. P. Carey on July 23, 2012 of \$46.08, the value of the total merger consideration would be \$1.25 + [\$46.08 x 0.2326], or \$11.97. Please see the table below for some examples of how to calculate the per share capital gain based on \$11.97 as the value of the merger consideration.

| CPA [®] :15 Tax Basis | Total Merger Consideration | Capital Gain | Capital Gain Recognized at Time of Merger |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| \$8.60 | \$11.97 | \$11.97 - \$8.60 = \$3.37 | \$1.25 Only the amount up to the cash received in the merger (\$1.25 per share) is recognized at the time of the merger. The remaining \$2.12 of gain will be deferred until such time the W. P. Carey Inc. shares are sold. |
| \$10.72 | \$11.97 | \$11.97 - \$10.72 = \$1.25 | \$1.25 The amount of gain is equal to the cash per share received in the merger (\$1.25 per share). All gain is recognized and subject to federal income tax. |
| \$11.00 | \$11.97 | \$11.97 - \$11.00 = \$0.97 | \$0.97 The amount of gain is less than the cash per share received in the merger (\$1.25 per share). All gain is recognized and subject to federal income tax. |

What is the historical distribution and tax information for a full-term CPA[®]:15 stockholder?

Below please find the historical distribution information for a CPA[®]:15 stockholder that purchased his or her shares at the inception of CPA[®]:15's initial public offering and holds the shares through the closing of the proposed merger (a full-term CPA[®]:15 stockholder). **This information is for illustration purposes only. Each stockholder should contact his or her tax advisor for advice about the stockholder's particular tax consequences.**

| Tax Year | Distribution Per Share | Return of Capital (Nondividend) Distribution % | Per Share Return of Capital (Nondividend) Distribution | Per Share Estimated Tax Basis |
|----------|------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 2002 | \$ 0.403710 | 0.00% | \$ 0.000000 | \$ 10.00 |
| 2003 | \$ 0.621440 | 24.38% | \$ 0.151491 | \$ 9.85 |
| 2004 | \$ 0.628660 | 30.13% | \$ 0.189405 | \$ 9.66 |
| 2005 | \$ 0.636700 | 62.20% | \$ 0.396025 | \$ 9.26 |

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|------|-------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| 2006 | \$ 0.626250 | 0.25% | \$ 0.001565 | \$ 9.26 |
| 2007 | \$ 0.760068 | 0.00% | \$ 0.000000 | \$ 9.26 |
| 2008 | \$ 0.748843 | 17.33% | \$ 0.129808 | \$ 9.13 |
| 2009 | \$ 0.709000 | 53.46% | \$ 0.379023 | \$ 8.75 |
| 2010 | \$ 0.723400 | 16.51% | \$ 0.119443 | \$ 8.63 |
| 2011 | \$ 0.727900 | 4.57% | \$ 0.033265 | \$ 8.60 |

- The estimated tax basis information shown above is applicable only to a share of CPA[®]:15 common stock that was purchased by a current CPA[®]:15 investor for \$10 before the first non-taxable return of capital distribution in 2003 and is based solely on the distributions and non-taxable return of capital distributions paid by CPA[®]:15. The estimated tax basis shown above does not apply to any other shares of common stock of CPA[®]:15, including shares acquired pursuant to the merger of CPA[®]:10 into CIP[®] in 2002 and CIP[®] into CPA[®]:15 in 2004 (see following tables), shares acquired pursuant to CPA[®]:15's distribution reinvestment plan and shares acquired pursuant to bequest or inheritance.
- The estimated tax basis does not include any distributions paid or to be paid in 2012 and does not reflect a stockholder's final tax basis. Stockholders will be mailed a final Form 1099-DIV no later than January 30, 2013 that may contain additional return of capital distributions that affect the stockholder's basis.

What is the estimated taxable gain per share of CPA[®]:15 for an original CIP[®] stockholder?

Below please find the historical distribution information for a CIP[®] stockholder that purchased shares of CIP[®] at the inception of CIP[®]'s initial public offering, elected to receive shares of CPA[®]:15 common stock in the merger of CIP[®] into CPA[®]:15, and holds these shares of CPA[®]:15 through the closing of the current proposed merger (a full-term CIP[®] investor). **This information is for illustration purposes only. Each stockholder should contact his or her tax advisor for advice about the stockholder's particular tax consequences**

| Tax Year | Distribution Per Share | Return of Capital (Nondividend) Distribution % | Per Share Return of Capital (Nondividend) Distribution | Per Share Estimated Tax Basis |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|
| 1992 | \$ 0.532500 | 35.50% | \$ 0.189040 | \$ 10.00 |
| 1993 | \$ 0.741000 | 20.59% | \$ 0.152570 | \$ 9.85 |
| 1994 | \$ 0.801750 | 31.34% | \$ 0.251270 | \$ 9.60 |
| 1995 | \$ 0.809000 | 25.67% | \$ 0.207705 | \$ 9.39 |
| 1996 | \$ 0.817000 | 14.28% | \$ 0.116670 | \$ 9.27 |
| 1997 | \$ 0.822000 | 18.50% | \$ 0.152070 | \$ 9.12 |
| 1998 | \$ 0.825220 | 8.52% | \$ 0.070310 | \$ 9.05 |
| 1999 | \$ 0.828400 | 8.09% | \$ 0.067015 | \$ 8.98 |
| 2000 | \$ 0.831600 | 26.22% | \$ 0.218035 | \$ 8.76 |
| 2001 | \$ 0.841200 | 24.87% | \$ 0.209205 | \$ 8.56 |
| 2002 | \$ 0.403710 | 0.00% | \$ 0.000000 | \$ 8.56 |
| 2003 | \$ 0.621440 | 32.07% | \$ 0.199296 | \$ 8.36 |
| 2004 | \$ 0.628660 | 30.13% | \$ 0.189405 | \$ 8.17 |
| 2004 Merger Conversion | | | | \$ 7.49 |
| 2005 | \$ 0.636700 | 62.20% | \$ 0.396025 | \$ 7.10 |
| 2006 | \$ 0.626250 | 0.25% | \$ 0.001565 | \$ 7.09 |
| 2007 | \$ 0.760068 | 0.00% | \$ 0.000000 | \$ 7.09 |
| 2008 | \$ 0.748843 | 17.33% | \$ 0.129808 | \$ 6.96 |
| 2009 | \$ 0.709000 | 53.46% | \$ 0.379023 | \$ 6.59 |
| 2010 | \$ 0.723400 | 16.51% | \$ 0.119443 | \$ 6.47 |
| 2011 | \$ 0.727900 | 4.57% | \$ 0.033265 | \$ 6.43 |

- The estimated tax basis information shown above is applicable only to a share of CIP[®] common stock that was purchased by a full-term CIP[®] investor at \$10 before the first non-taxable return of capital distribution in 1992 who acquired shares pursuant to the merger of CIP[®] into CPA[®]:15 in 2004 and is based solely on the distributions and non-taxable return of capital distributions paid by CIP[®] and CPA[®]:15. The estimated tax basis shown above does not apply to any other shares of common stock of CPA[®]:15, including shares acquired pursuant to the merger of CPA[®]:10 into CIP[®] in 2002 (see previous table) and shares acquired at the inception of CPA[®]:15's initial public offering (see following table), shares acquired pursuant to CIP[®] or CPA[®]:15's distribution reinvestment plan and shares acquired pursuant to bequests or inheritance.

2. The estimated tax basis does not include any distributions paid or to be paid in 2012 and does not reflect a stockholder's final tax basis. Stockholders will be mailed a final Form 1099-DIV no later than January 30, 2013 that may contain additional return of capital distributions that affect the stockholder's basis.

What is the estimated taxable gain per share of CPA[®]:15 for an original CPA[®]:10 stockholder?

Below please find the historical distribution information for a CPA[®]:10 stockholder that purchased shares of CPA[®]:10 at the inception of CPA[®]:10's initial public offering, elected to receive shares of CIP[®] common stock in the merger of CPA[®]:10 into CIP[®], elected to receive shares of CPA[®]:15 common stock in the merger of CIP[®] into CPA[®]:15, and holds these shares of CPA[®]:15 through the closing of the current proposed merger (a full-term CPA[®]:10 investor). **This information is for illustration purposes only. Each stockholder should contact his or her tax advisor for advice about the stockholder's particular tax consequences.**

| Tax Year | Distribution Per Share | Return of Capital (Nondividend) Distribution % | Per Share Return of Capital (Nondividend) Distribution | Per Share Estimated Tax Basis |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1990 | \$ 0.000000 | 0.00% | \$ 0.000000 | \$ 10.00 |
| 1991 | \$ 0.794110 | 23.53% | \$ 0.186854 | \$ 9.81 |
| 1992 | \$ 0.812000 | 48.00% | \$ 0.389760 | \$ 9.42 |
| 1993 | \$ 0.819750 | 54.34% | \$ 0.445450 | \$ 8.98 |
| 1994 | \$ 0.824500 | 42.09% | \$ 0.347030 | \$ 8.63 |
| 1995 | \$ 0.828550 | 36.65% | \$ 0.303660 | \$ 8.33 |
| 1996 | \$ 0.830000 | 38.82% | \$ 0.322206 | \$ 8.01 |
| 1997 | \$ 0.734600 | 15.13% | \$ 0.111140 | \$ 7.89 |
| 1998 | \$ 0.705600 | 1.23% | \$ 0.008680 | \$ 7.89 |
| 1999 | \$ 0.708800 | 25.04% | \$ 0.177480 | \$ 7.71 |
| 2000 | \$ 0.712000 | 42.09% | \$ 0.299660 | \$ 7.41 |
| 2001 | \$ 0.715200 | 2.87% | \$ 0.020530 | \$ 7.39 |
| 2002 | \$ 0.662550 | 84.58% | \$ 0.560380 | \$ 6.83 |
| 2002 Merger Conversion | | | | \$ 8.08 |
| 2003 | \$ 0.621440 | 35.27% | \$ 0.219151 | \$ 7.87 |
| 2004 | \$ 0.628660 | 55.74% | \$ 0.350411 | \$ 7.51 |
| 2004 Merger Conversion | | | | \$ 6.89 |
| 2005 | \$ 0.636700 | 62.20% | \$ 0.396023 | \$ 6.50 |
| 2006 | \$ 0.626250 | 0.25% | \$ 0.001566 | \$ 6.50 |
| 2007 | \$ 0.760068 | 0.00% | \$ 0.000000 | \$ 6.50 |
| 2008 | \$ 0.748843 | 17.33% | \$ 0.129804 | \$ 6.37 |
| 2009 | \$ 0.709000 | 53.46% | \$ 0.379028 | \$ 5.99 |
| 2010 | \$ 0.723400 | 16.51% | \$ 0.119429 | \$ 5.87 |
| 2011 | \$ 0.727900 | 4.57% | \$ 0.033265 | \$ 5.84 |

1. The estimated tax basis information shown above is applicable only to a share of CPA[®]:10 common stock that was purchased by a full-term CPA[®]:10 investor at \$10 before the first non-taxable return of capital distribution in 1991 and is based solely on the distributions and non-taxable return of capital distributions paid by CPA[®]:10, CIP[®] and CPA[®]:15. The estimated tax basis shown above does not apply to any other shares of common stock of CPA[®]:15, including shares acquired at the inception of CIP[®] or CPA[®]:15's initial public offering (see previous tables), shares acquired pursuant to CIP[®] or CPA[®]:15's distribution reinvestment plan and shares acquired pursuant to bequests or inheritance.
2. The estimated tax basis does not include any distributions paid or to be paid in 2012 and does not reflect a stockholder's final tax basis. Stockholders will be mailed a final Form 1099-DIV no later than January 30, 2013 that may contain additional return of capital distributions that affect the stockholder's tax basis.

What is my client's tax basis of W. P. Carey Inc. shares after the merger?

A CPA[®]:15 stockholder who acquires shares of W. P. Carey Inc. in the merger will have a new tax basis for their W. P. Carey Inc. shares, which will generally be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl}
 \text{Tax Basis of W. P.} & & \text{Tax basis of} & & \text{Taxable gain} & & \text{Cash received} \\
 \text{Carey Inc. share} & = & \text{CPA}^{\circledast}:15 \text{ shares} & + & \text{recognized with} & - & \text{for such} \\
 \text{received} & & \text{exchanged for such} & & \text{respect to such} & & \text{CPA}^{\circledast}:15 \text{ shares} \\
 & & \text{W. P. Carey Inc.} & & \text{CPA}^{\circledast}:15 \text{ shares} & & \\
 & & \text{share} & & & &
 \end{array}$$

The taxable gain recognized in the merger (i.e., up to \$1.25 per share of CPA[®]:15 common stock) is included in determining the tax basis of the W. P. Carey Inc. shares of common stock received. Any amount in excess of \$1.25 will not be recognized as a gain until such time that the stockholder sells the shares of W. P. Carey Inc. To the extent a CPA[®]:15 stockholder has shares of CPA[®]:15 common stock with different tax bases, the tax bases of the W.P. Carey Inc. shares received will generally be determined separately for each group of CPA[®]:15 shares exchanged, so that the stockholder will generally receive shares of W. P. Carey Inc. with different tax bases.

Please see the examples below based on a closing price of W. P. Carey on July 23, 2012 of \$46.08, providing a total merger consideration of \$11.97.

| Tax Basis of CPA [®] :15 Share | Taxable Gain Recognized | Cash Received in Merger | Tax Basis of 0.2326 of One W. P. Carey Inc. Share Received in Exchange for One CPA [®] :15 Share | Tax Basis of One Full W. P. Carey Inc. Share Received |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| \$8.60 | \$11.97 - \$8.60 = \$3.37 | | \$8.60 + \$1.25 = \$9.85 | \$8.60 / 0.2326 = \$36.97 |
| \$10.72 | \$11.97 - \$10.72 = \$1.25 | \$1.25 | \$10.72 + \$1.25 = \$11.97 | \$10.72 / 0.2326 = \$46.09 |
| \$11.00 | \$11.97 - \$10.72 = \$0.97 | \$1.25 | \$11.00 + \$0.97 = \$11.97 | \$10.72 / 0.2326 = \$46.09 |

These examples assume that the CPA[®]:15 stockholder exchanges at least five shares of CPA[®]:15 common stock in the merger with the specified tax basis, so that the stockholder will receive at least one full share of W. P. Carey Inc. common stock in exchange for such shares.

Additional Information About The Proposed Merger

CPA[®]:15 stockholders are urged to read the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other materials which were filed by CPA[®]:15 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). These documents contain important information, which should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the proposed merger. As these documents are filed with the SEC, they become available for free at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). These documents will also be available for free by accessing CPA[®]:15's website (www.cpa15.com). CPA[®]:15 and certain of its executive officers and members of management may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of stockholders in connection with the proposed merger. Information regarding CPA[®]:15's executive officers and directors is available in CPA[®]:15's annual report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC by CPA[®]:15 on March 5, 2012. Investors may also obtain information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered to be participants in the solicitation of stockholders in connection with the proposed merger, including any interest they have in the proposed merger, by reading the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus filed with the SEC.

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