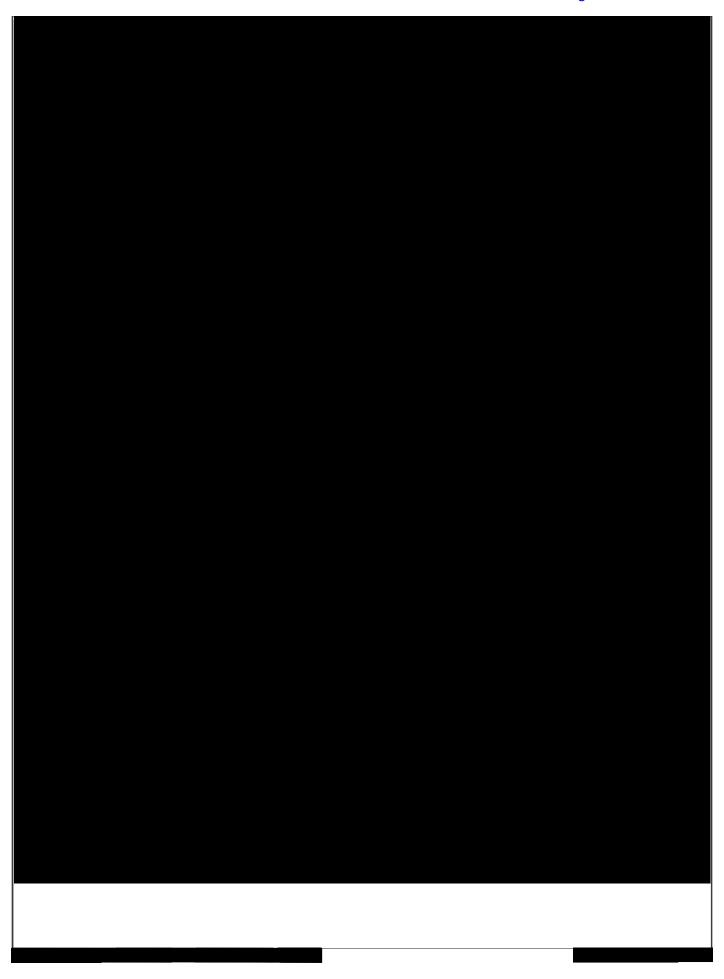
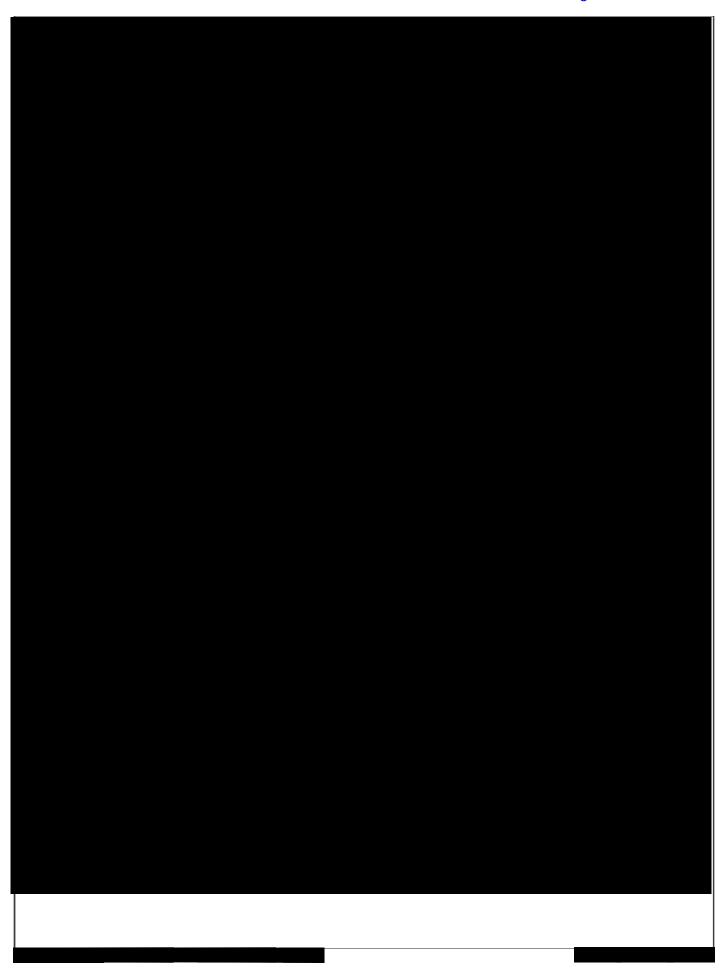
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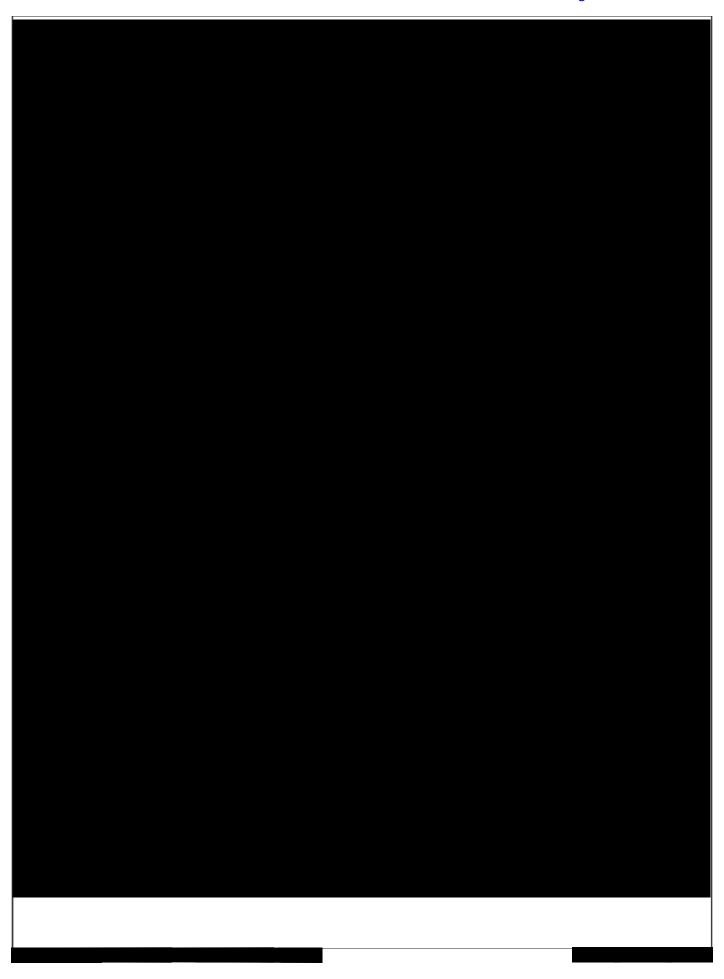




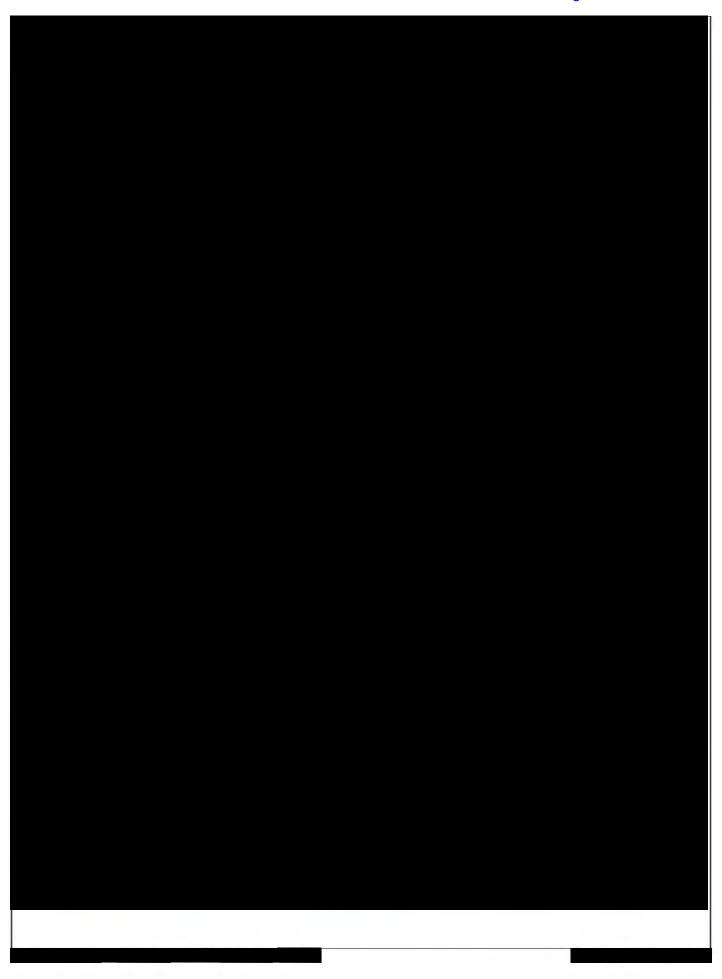




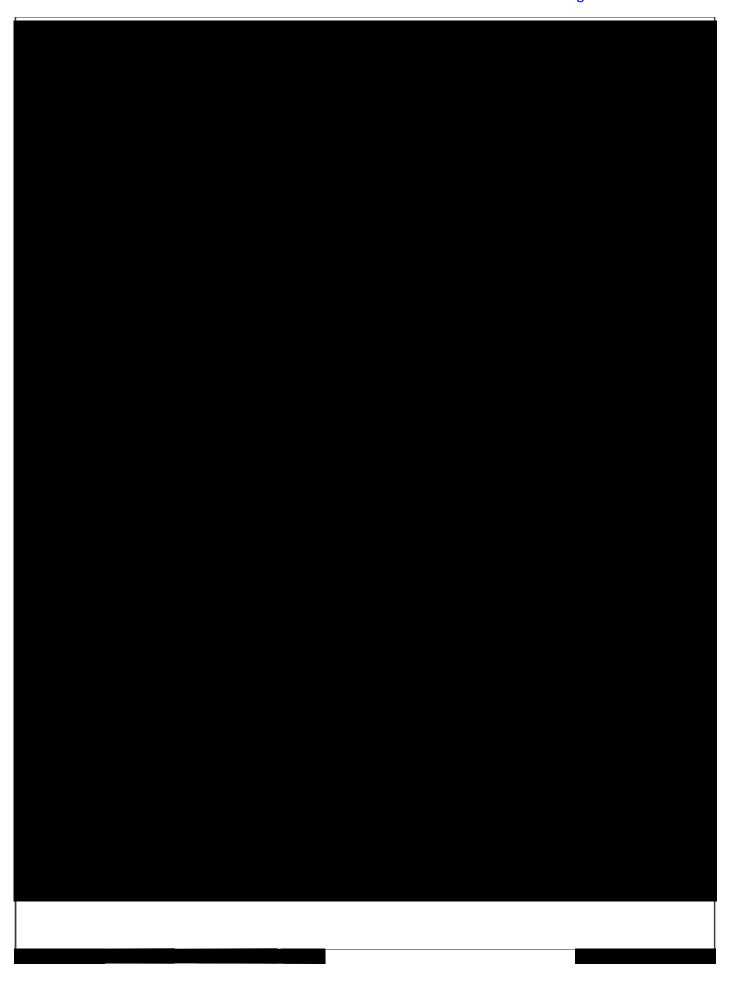


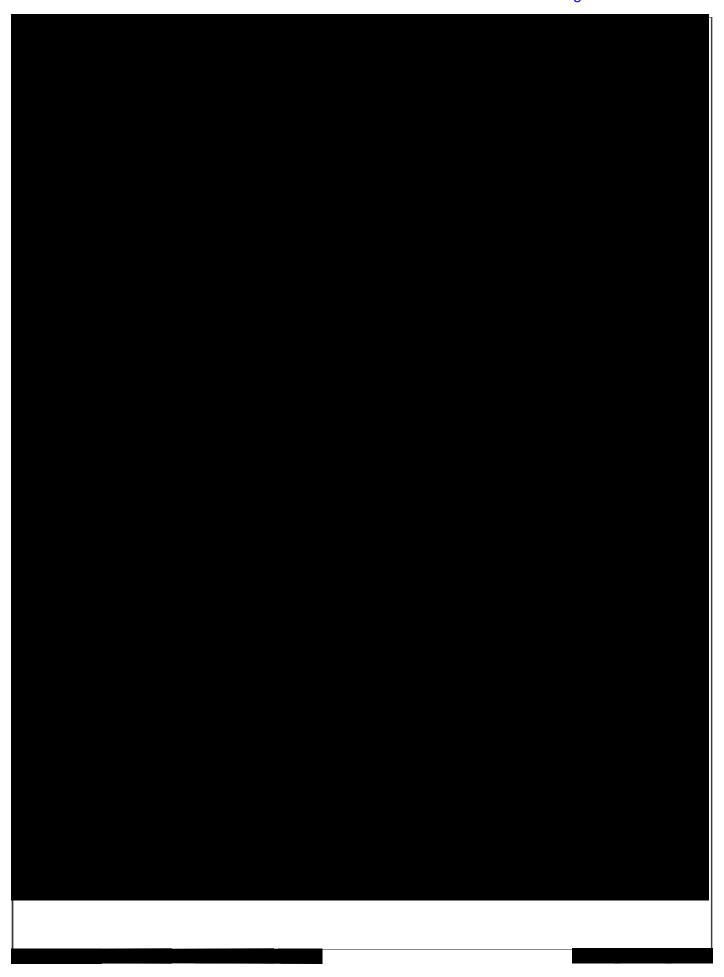


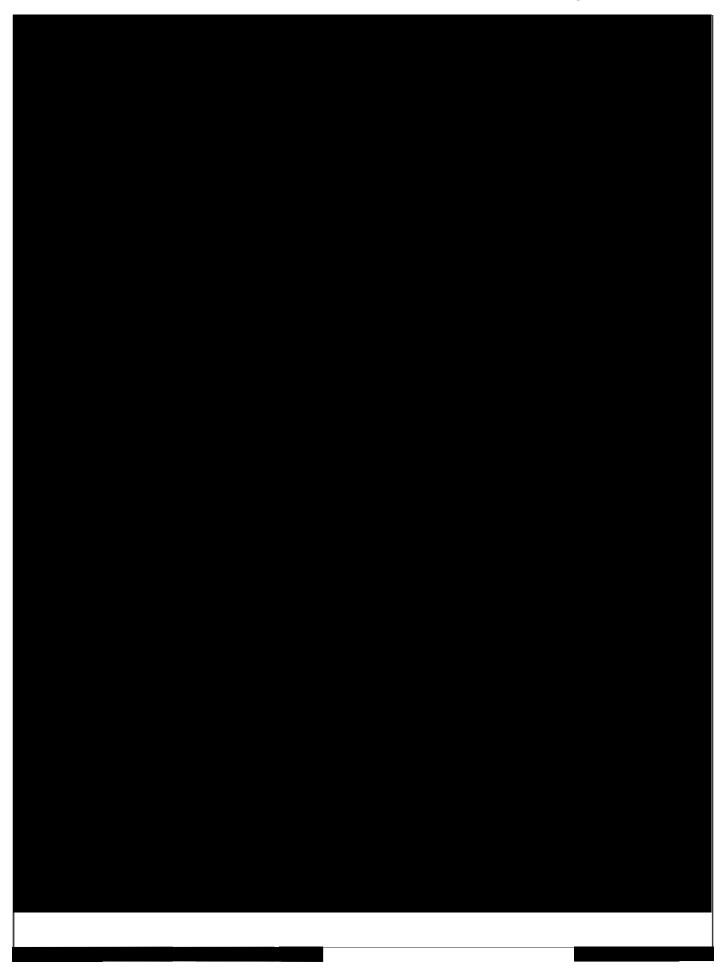


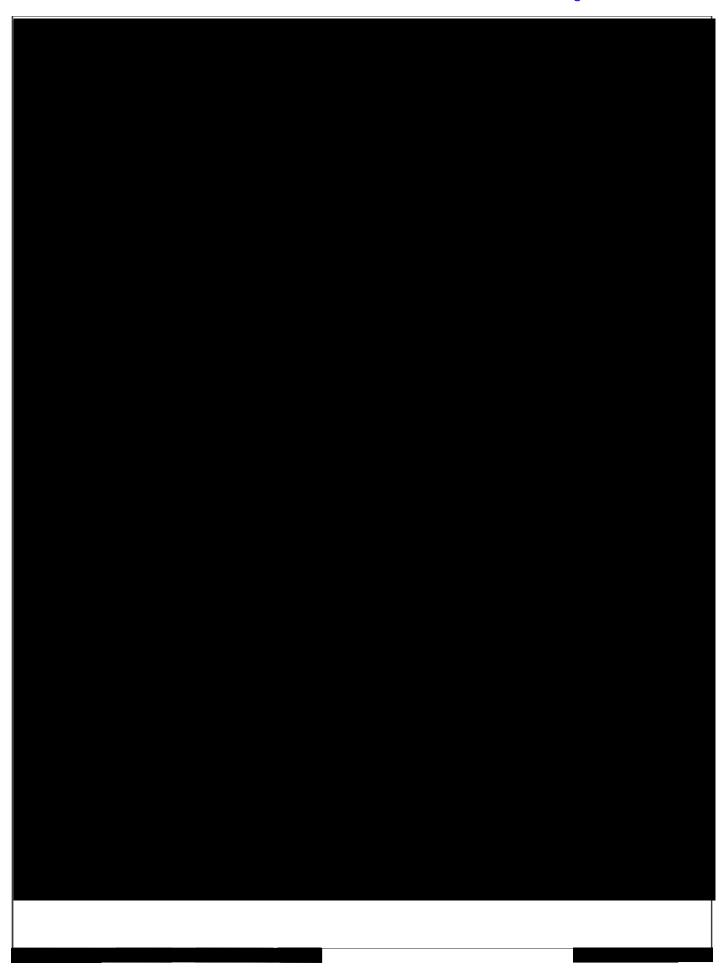


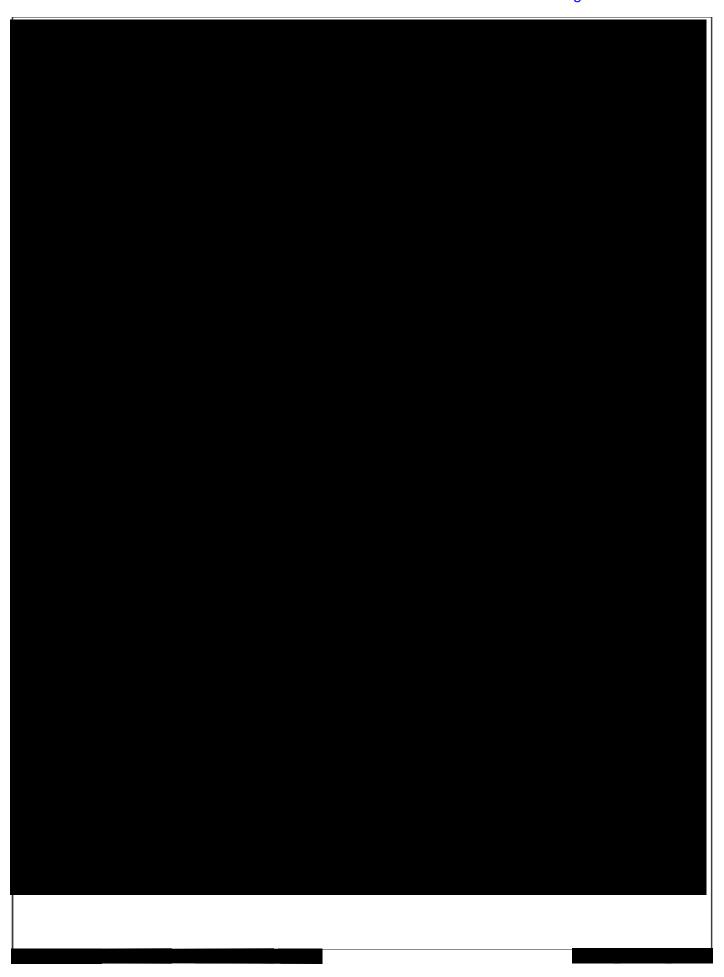


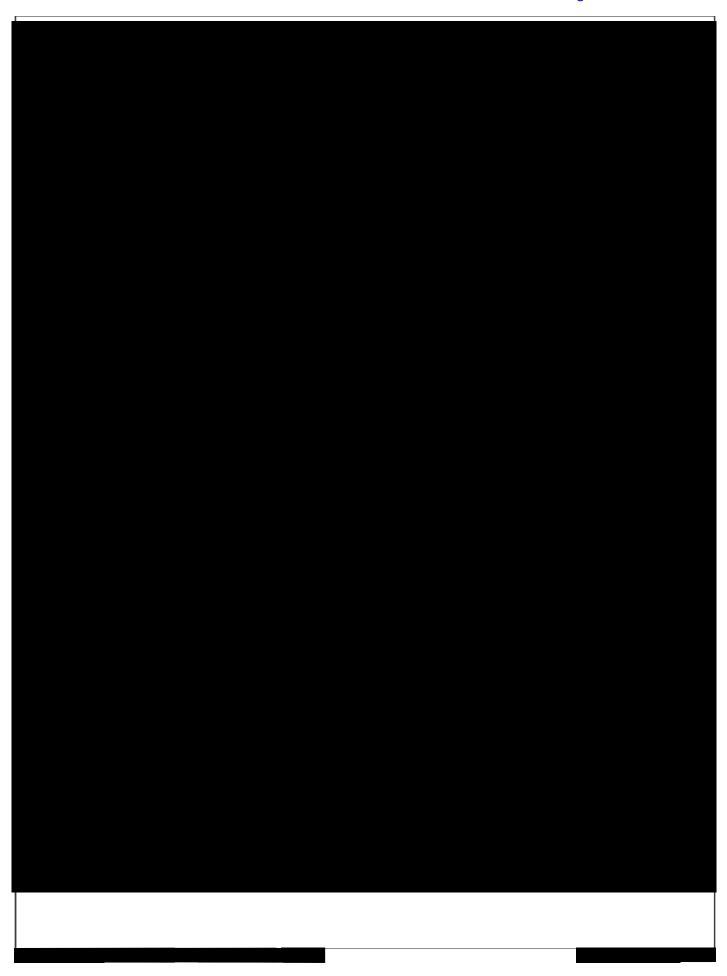




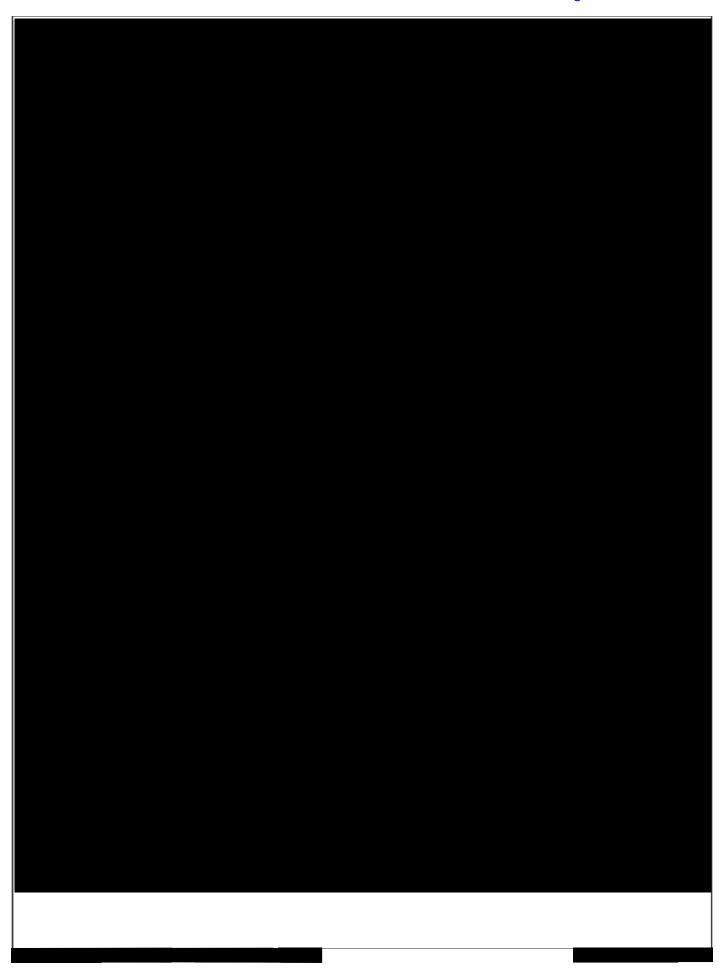




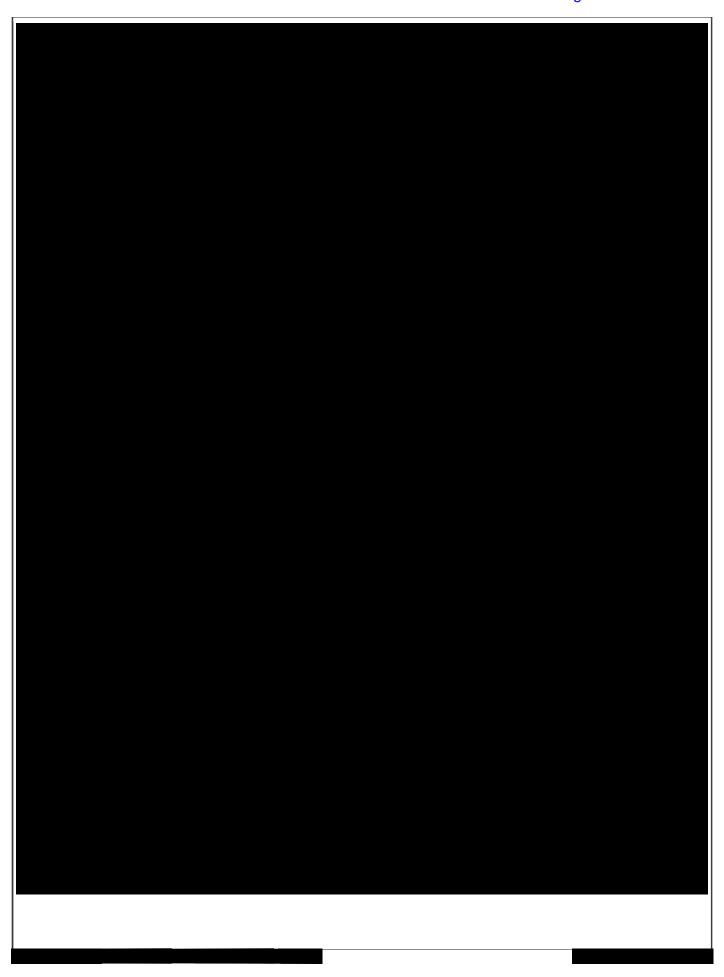


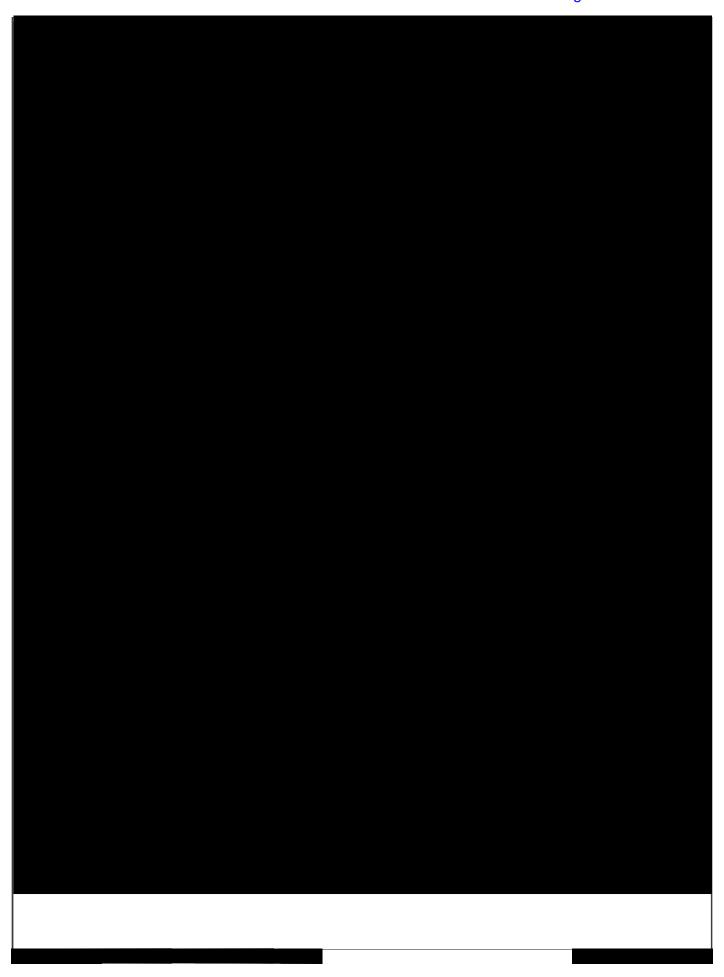


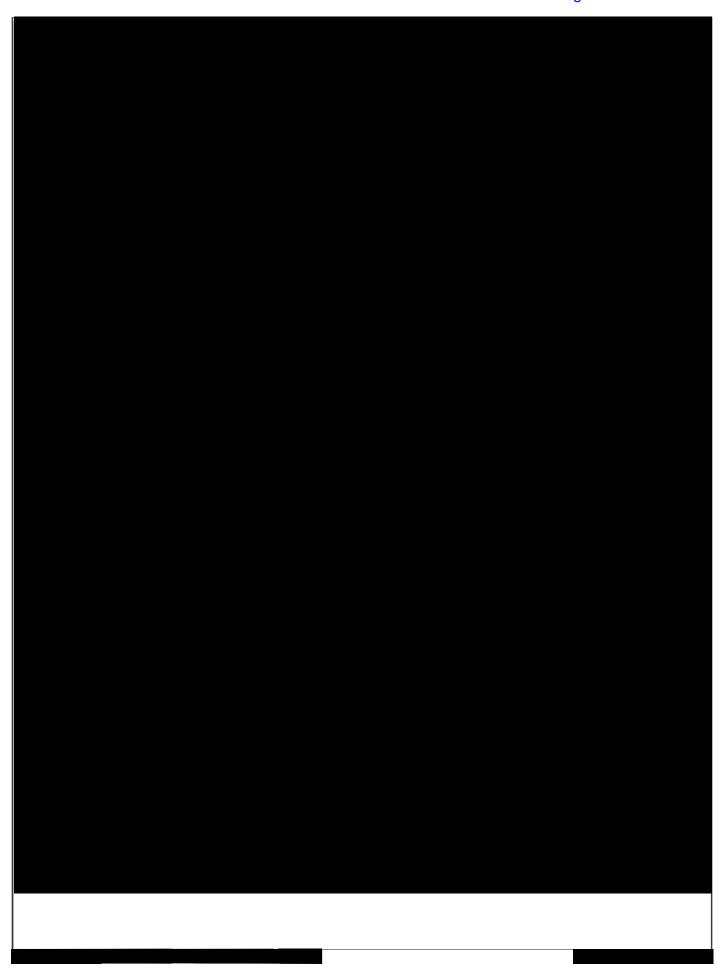


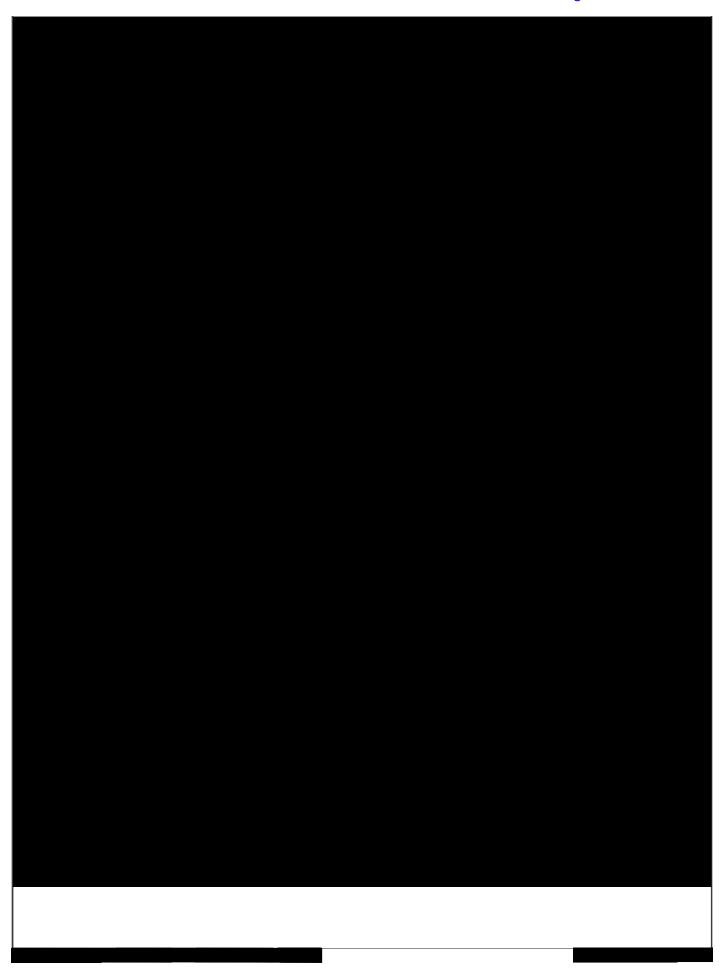


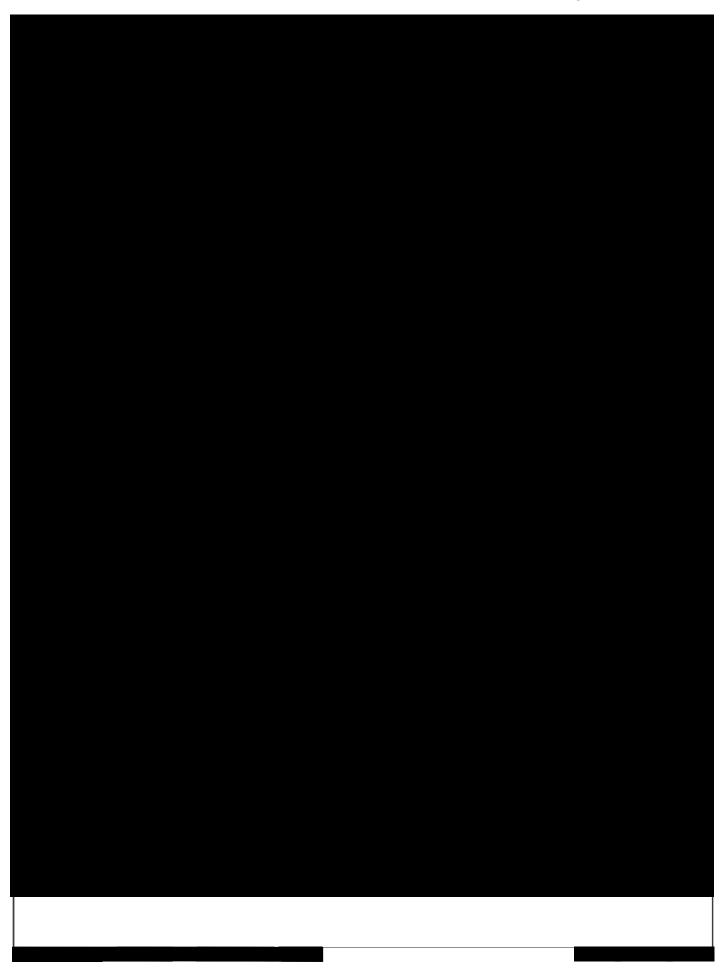




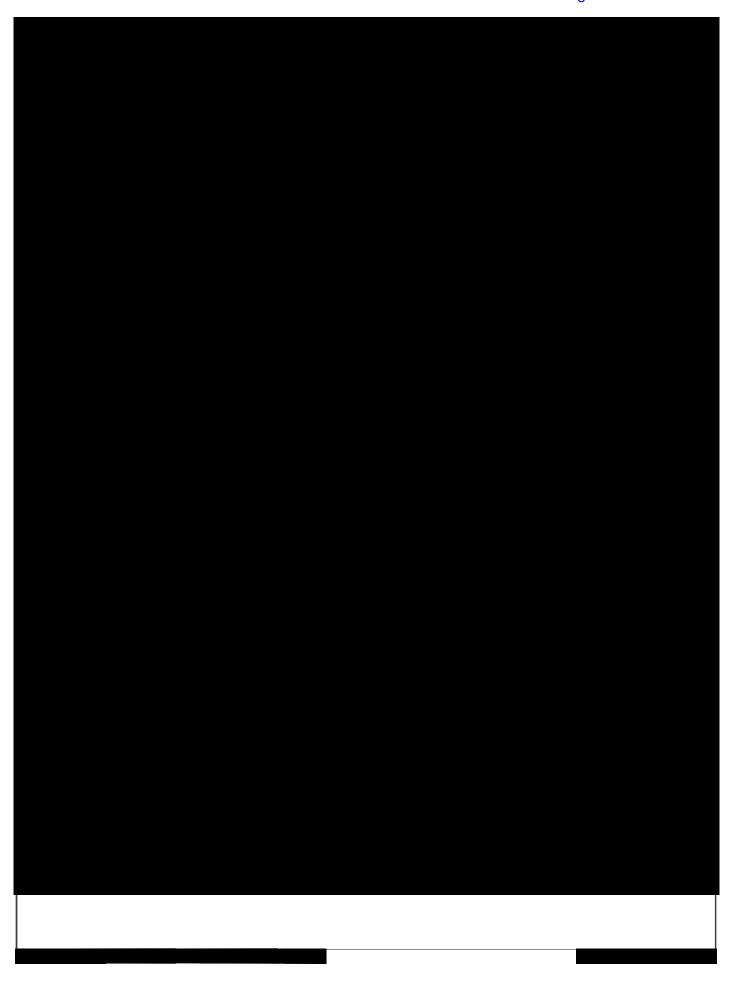


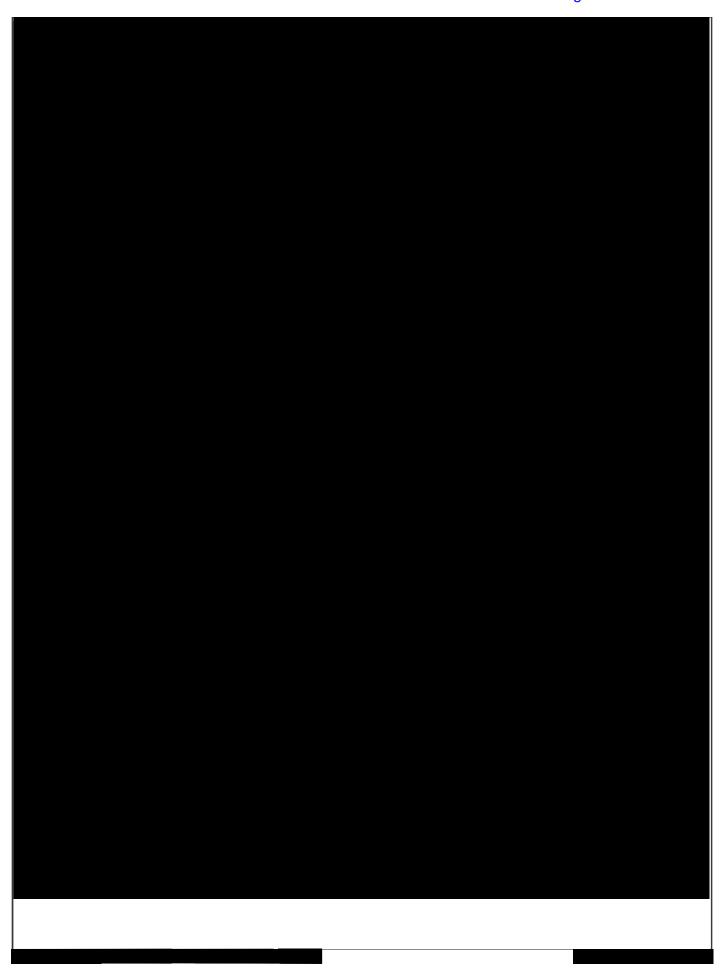


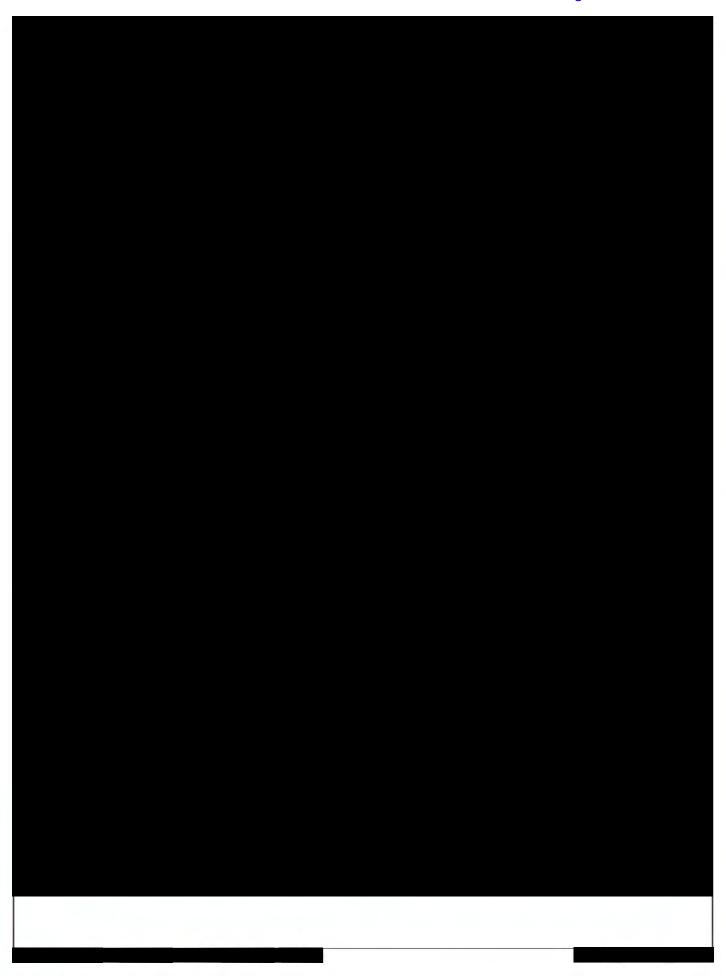




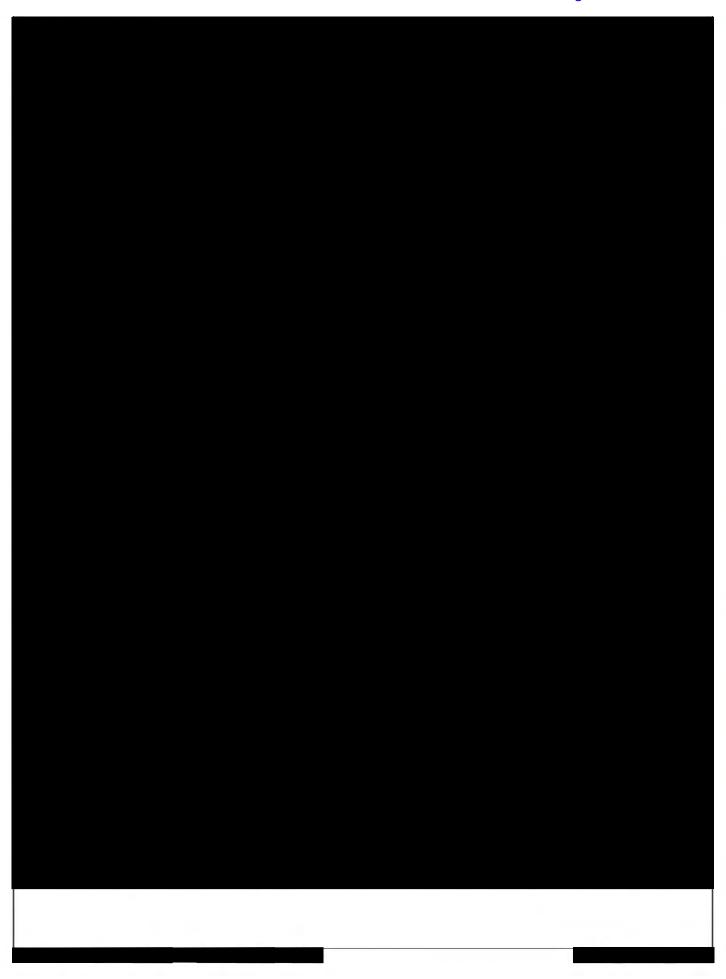


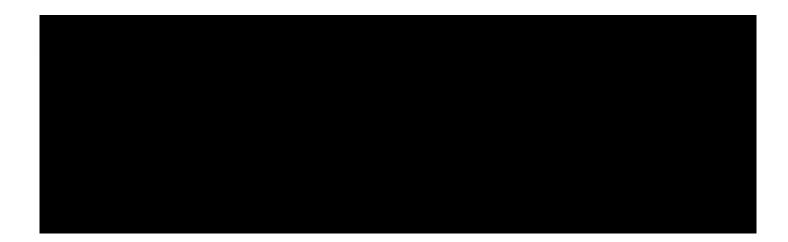


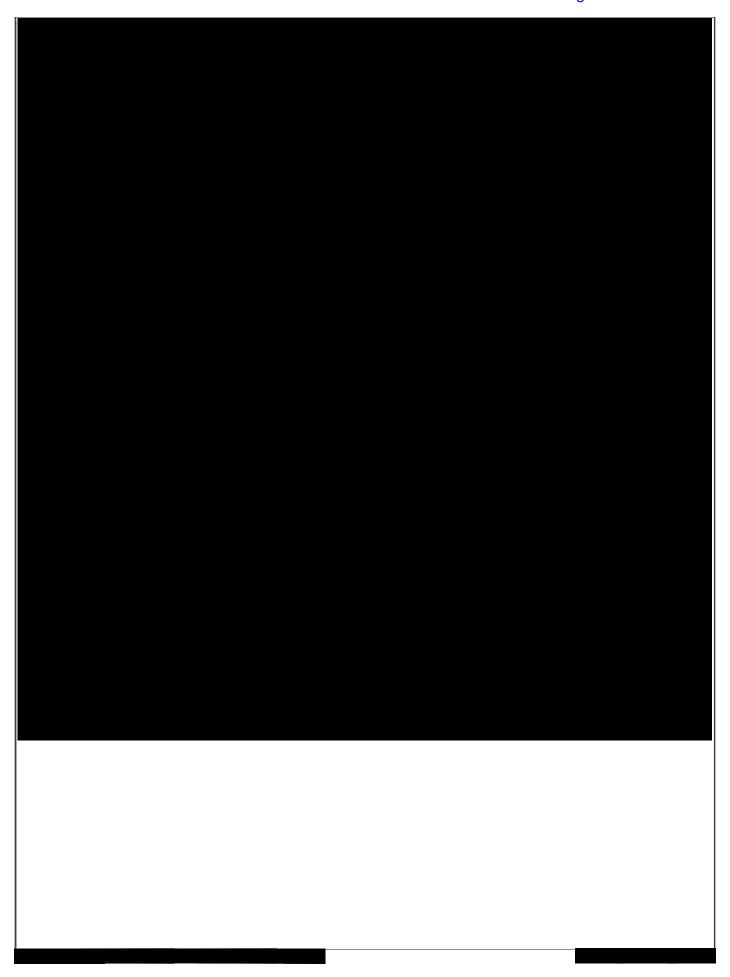


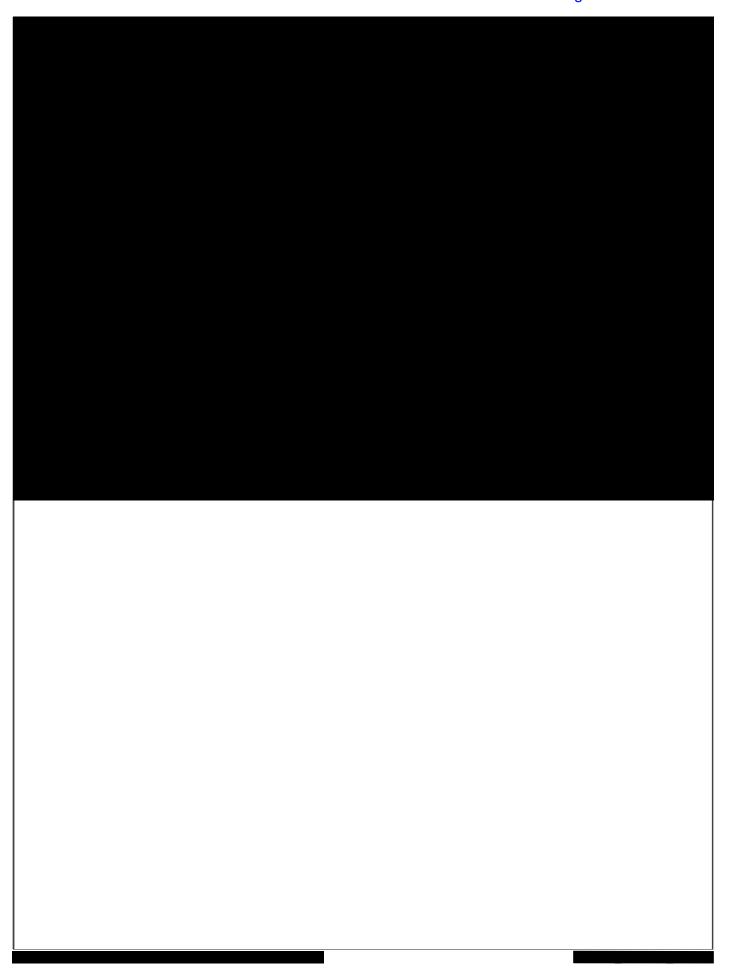






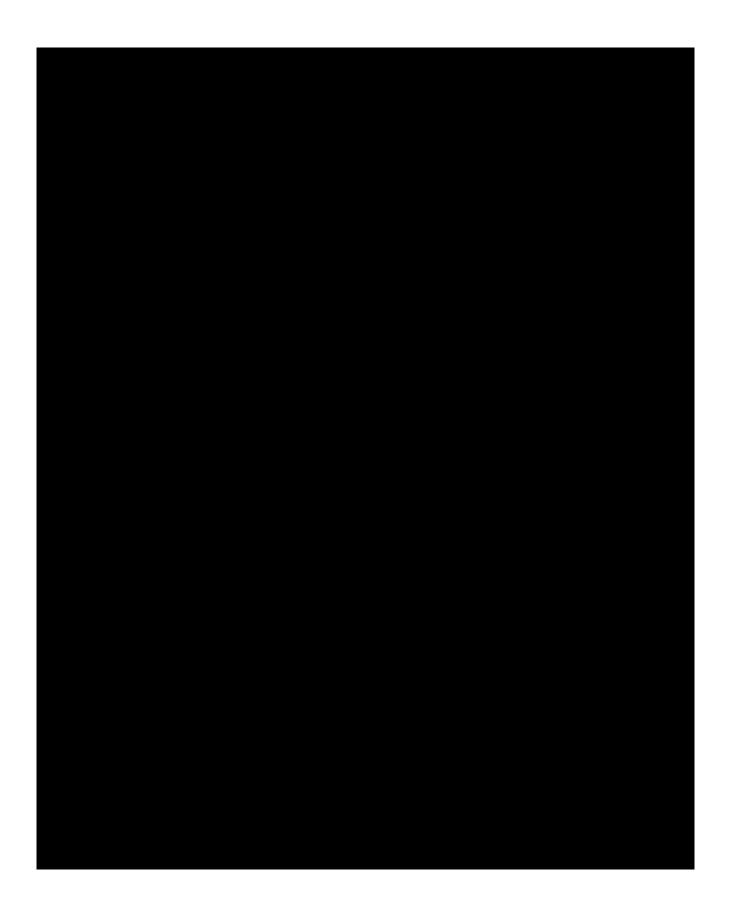


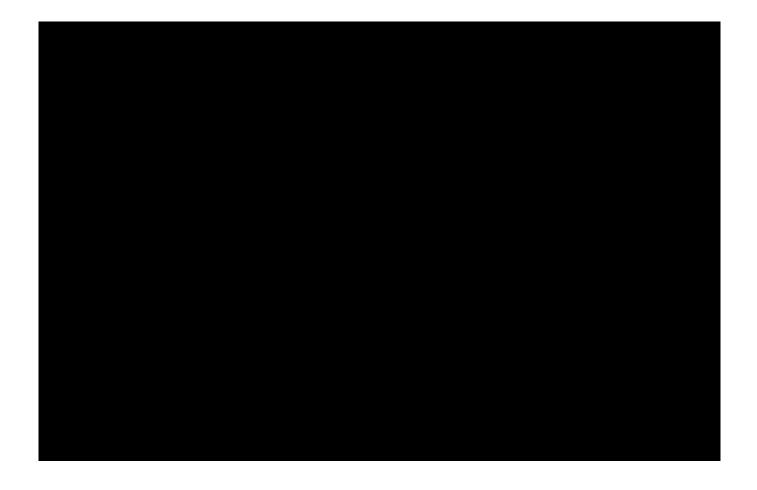


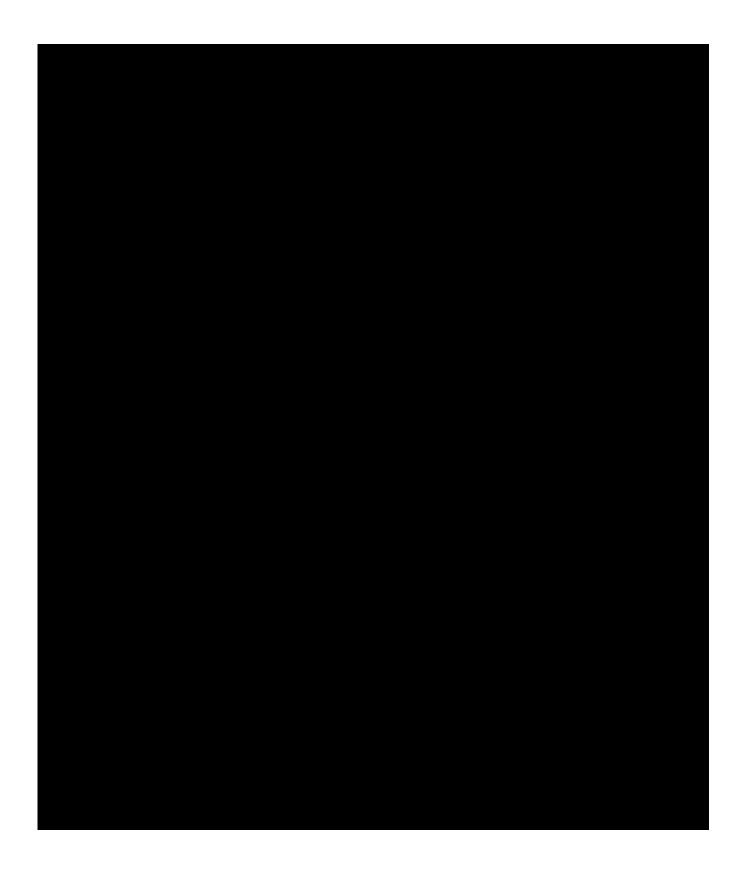




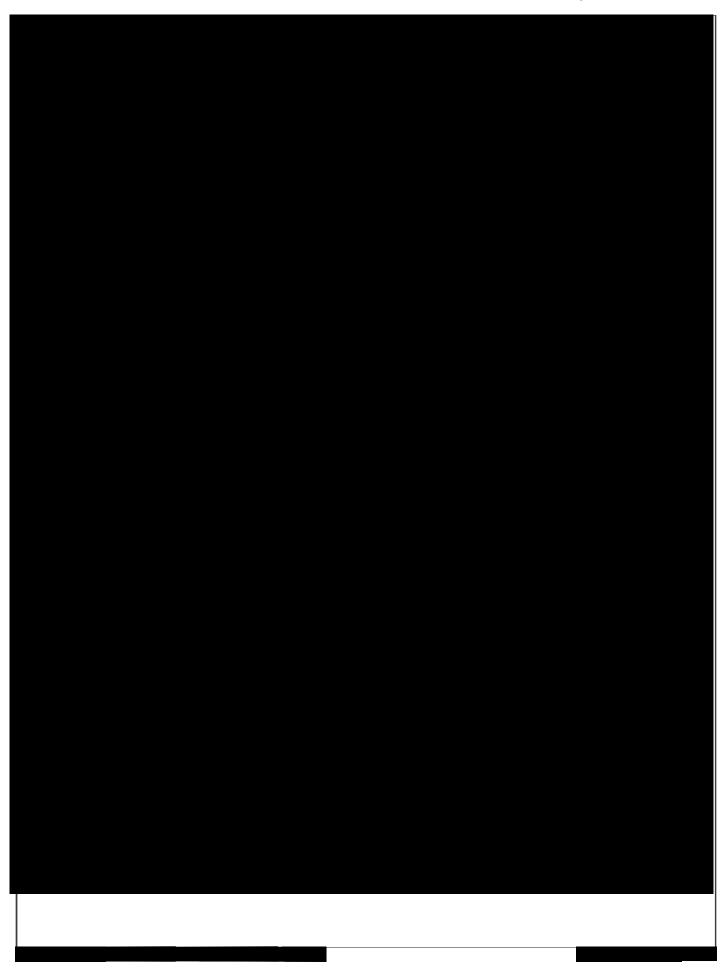




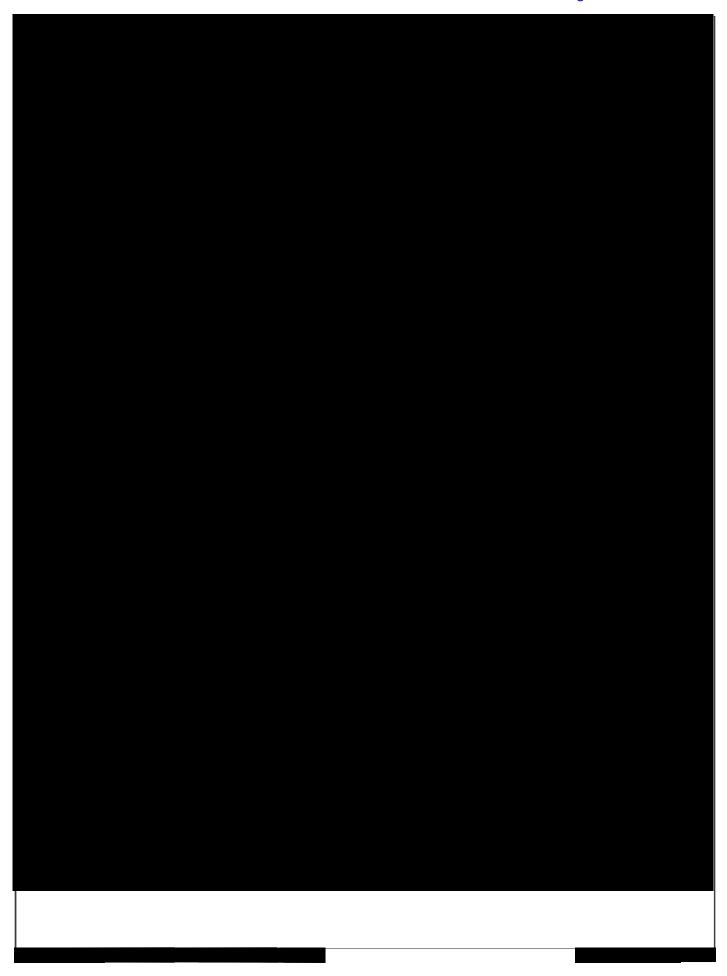




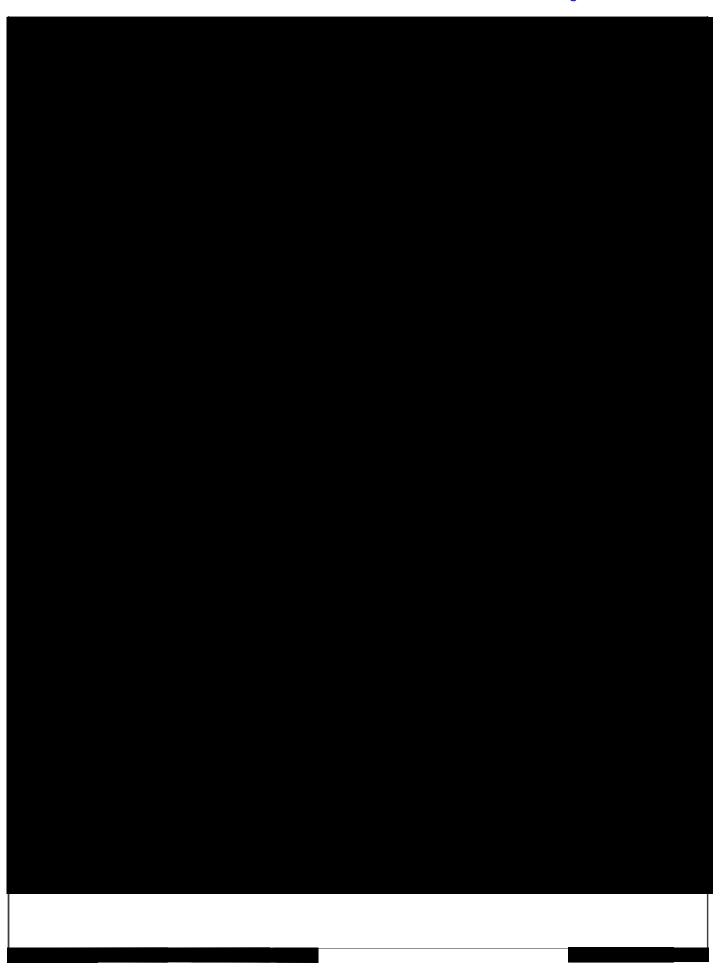




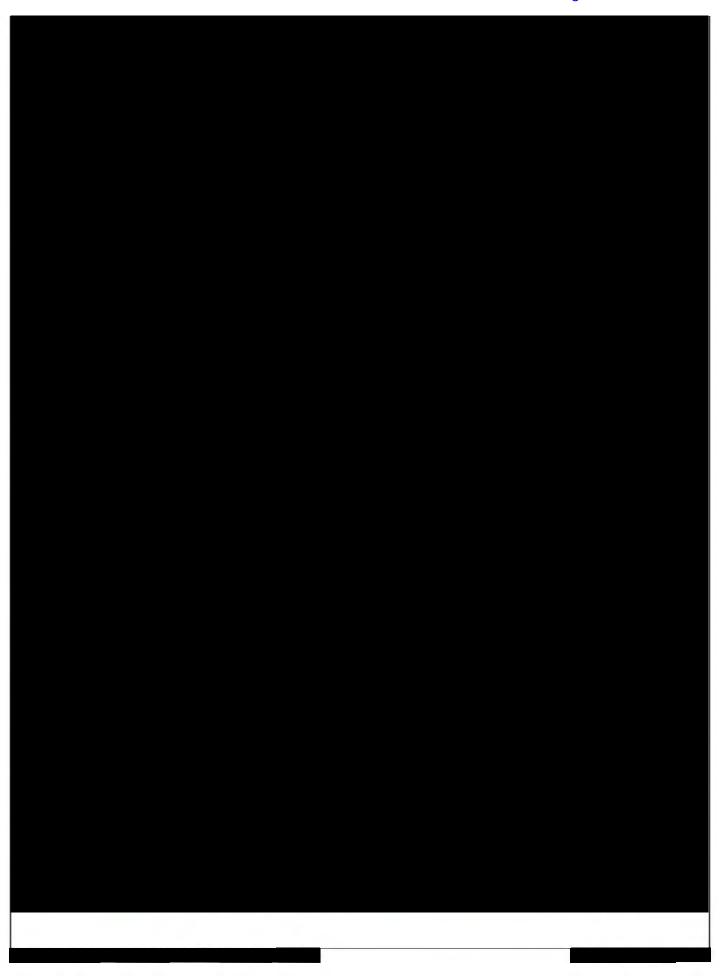




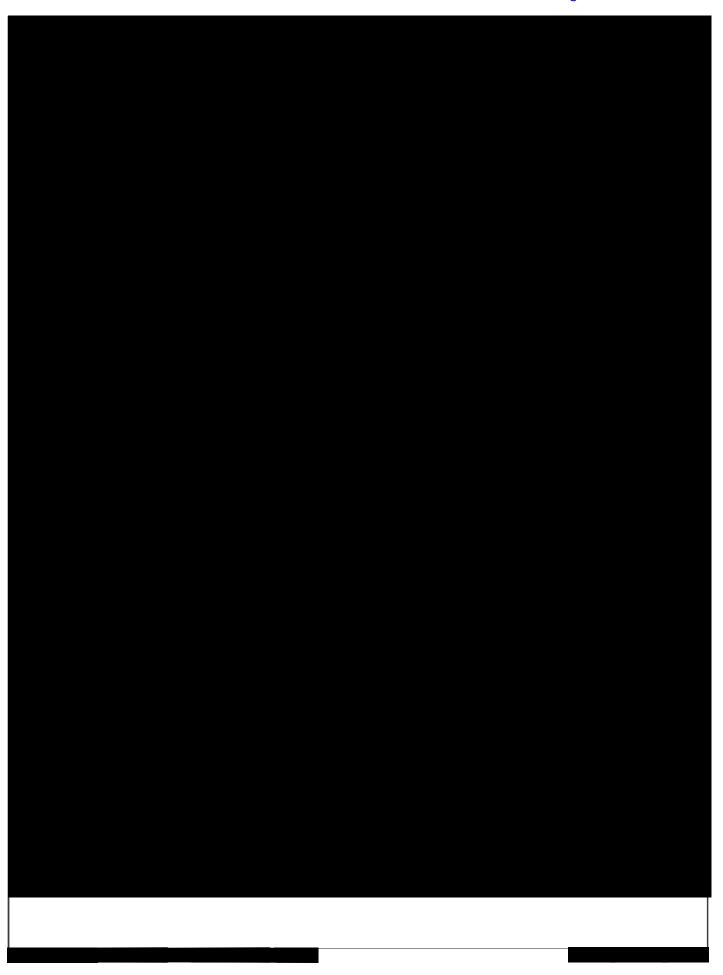


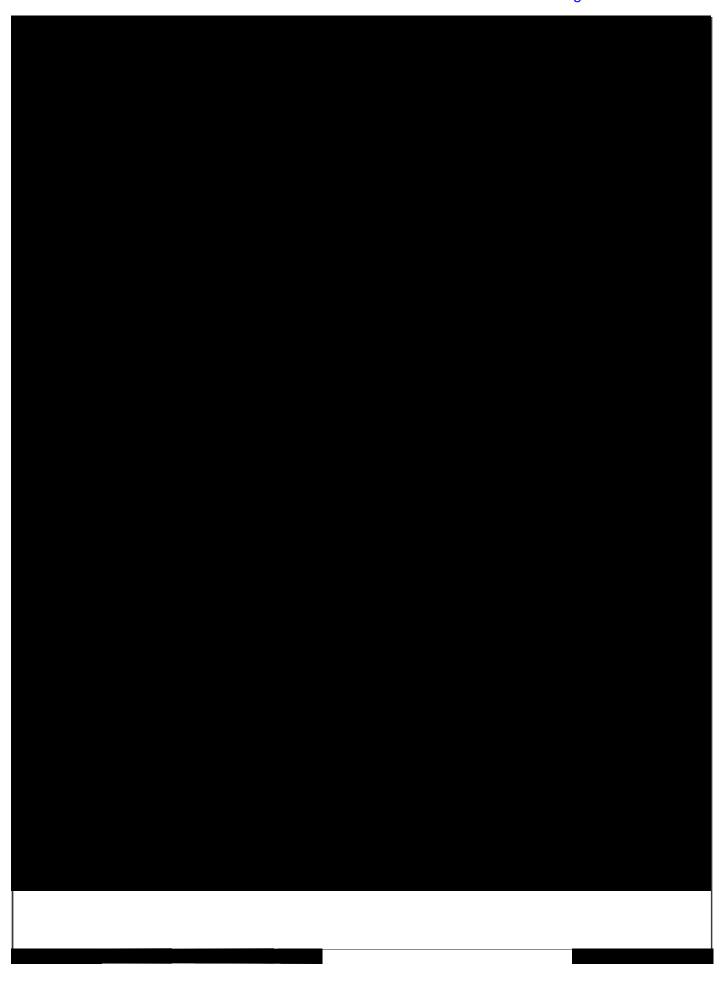


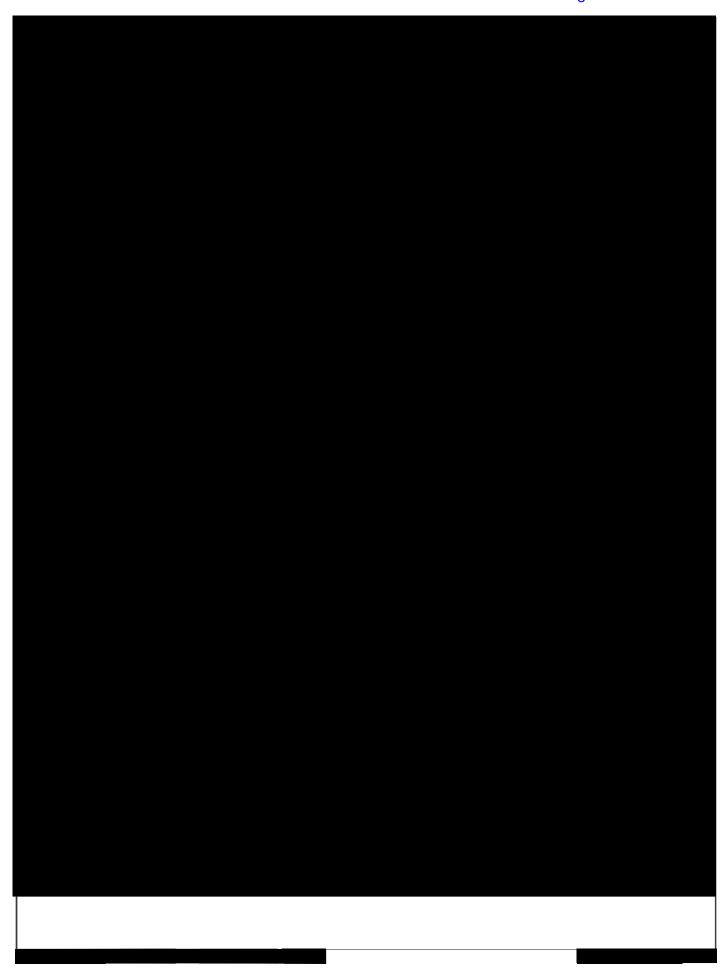


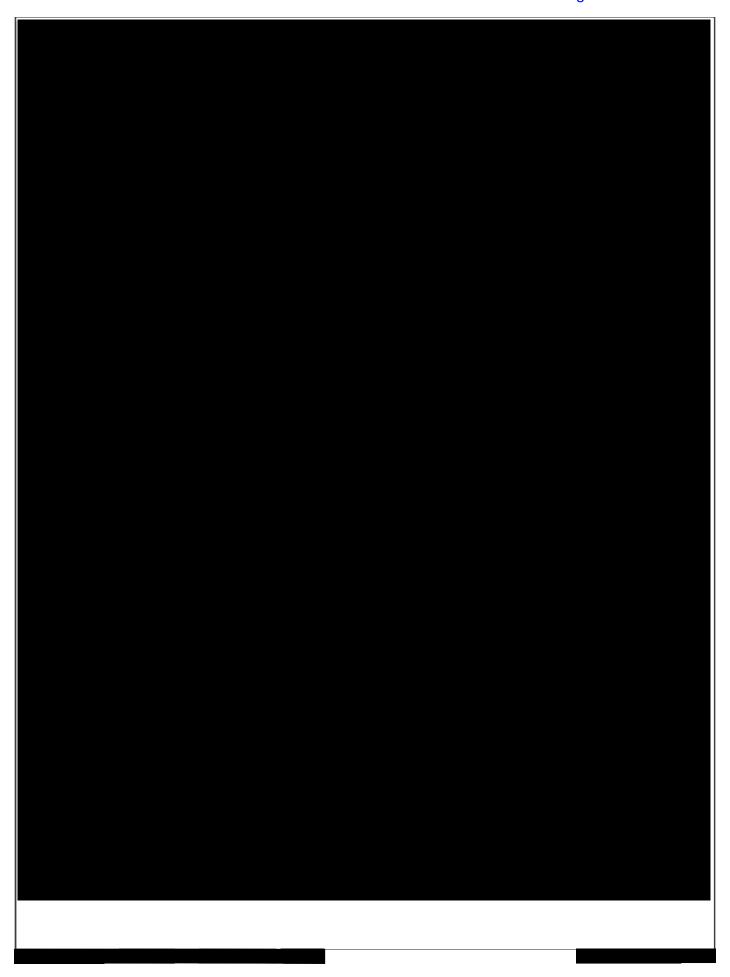


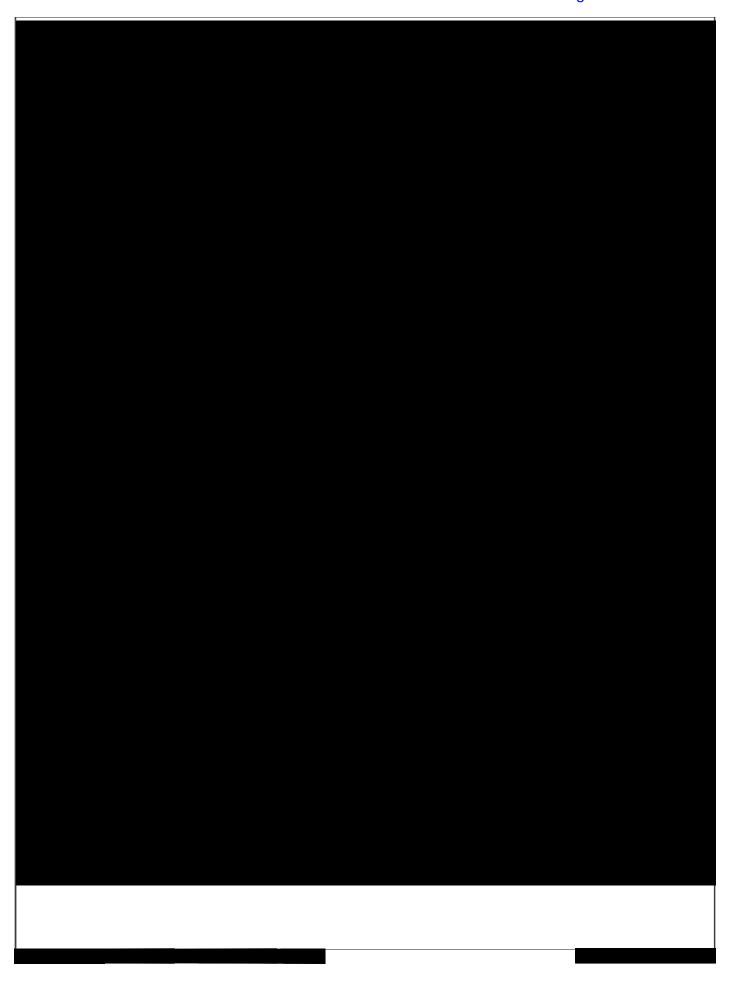






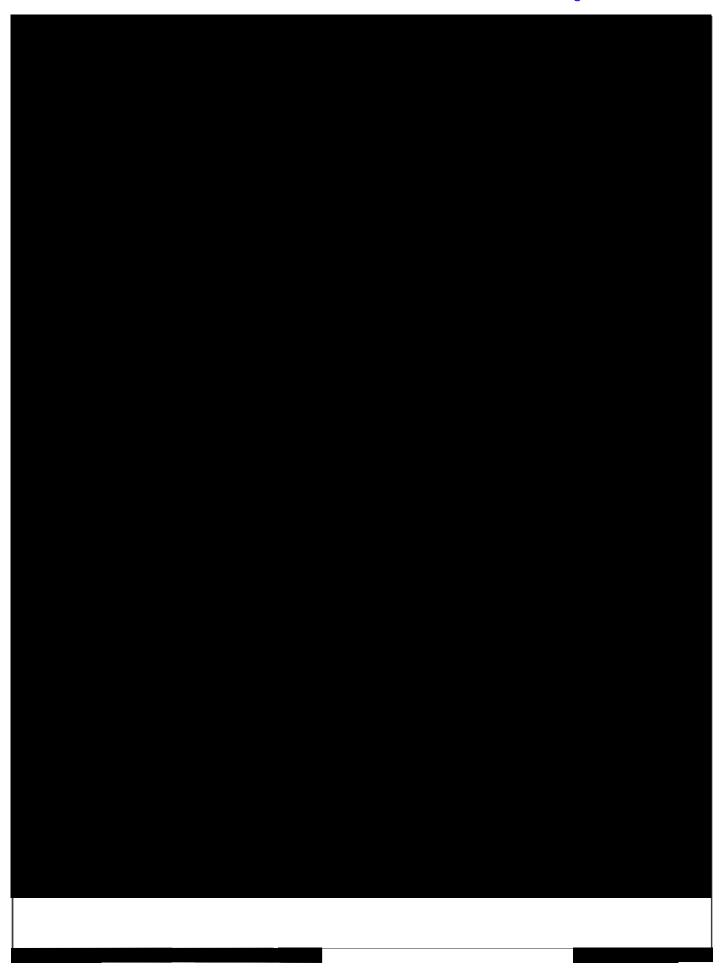




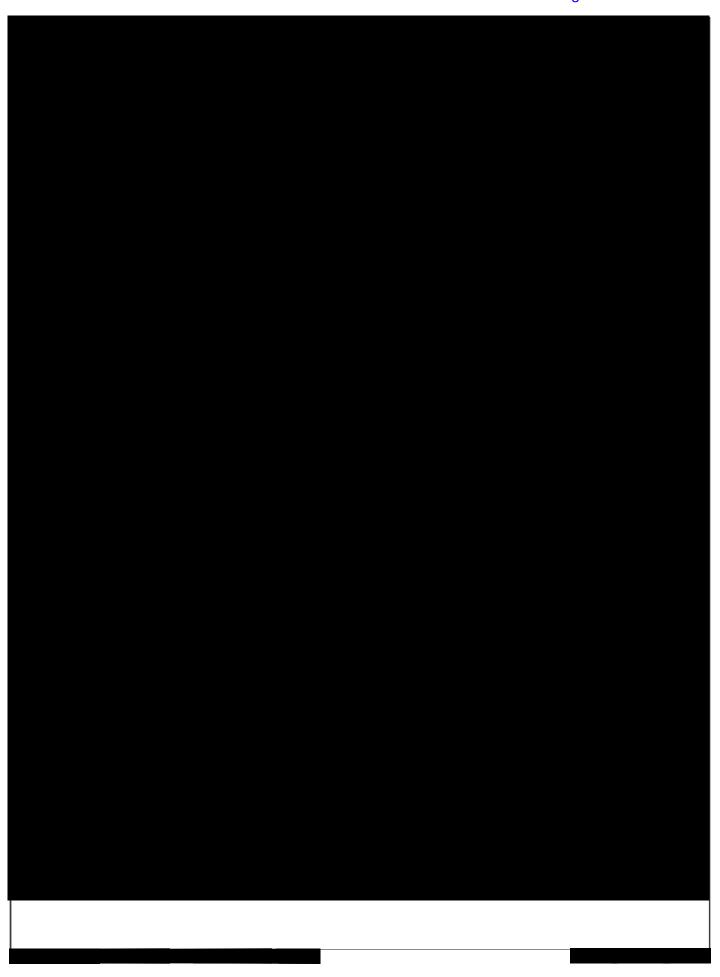




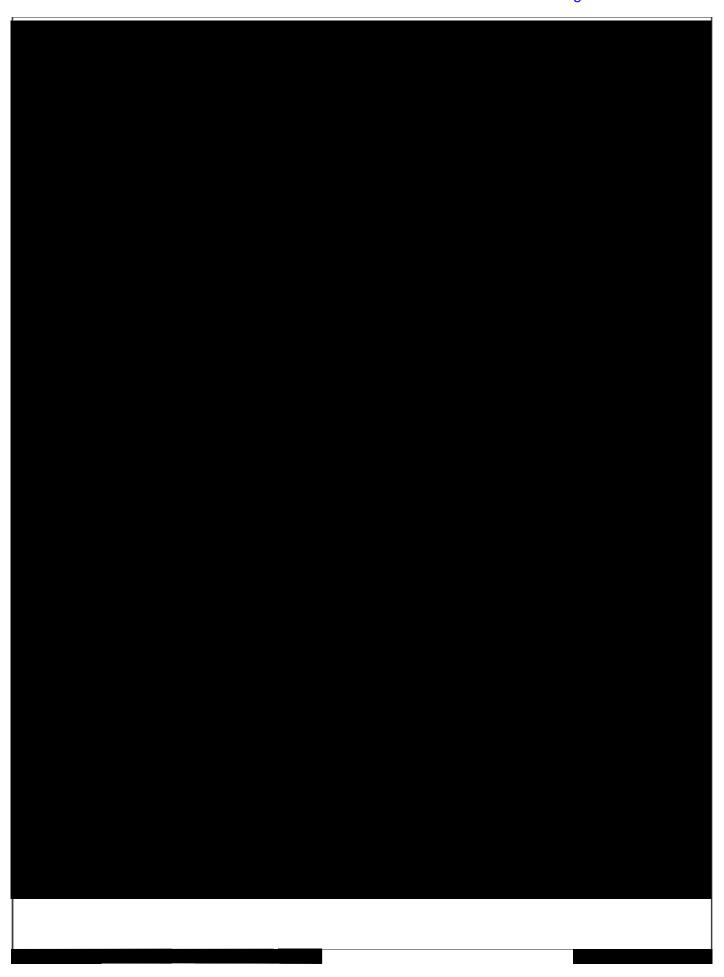


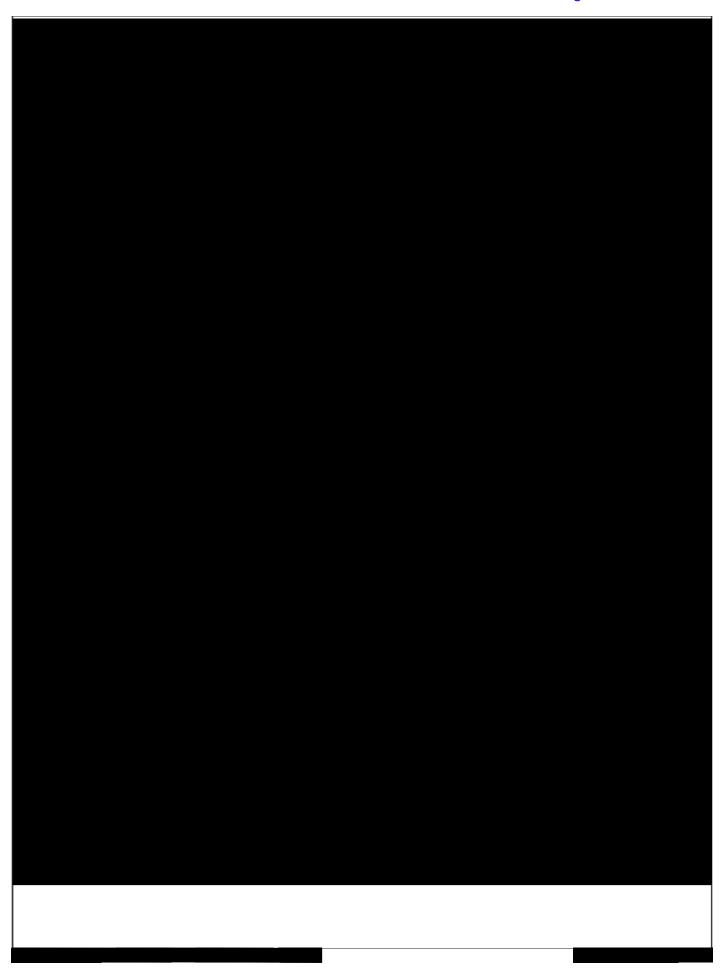


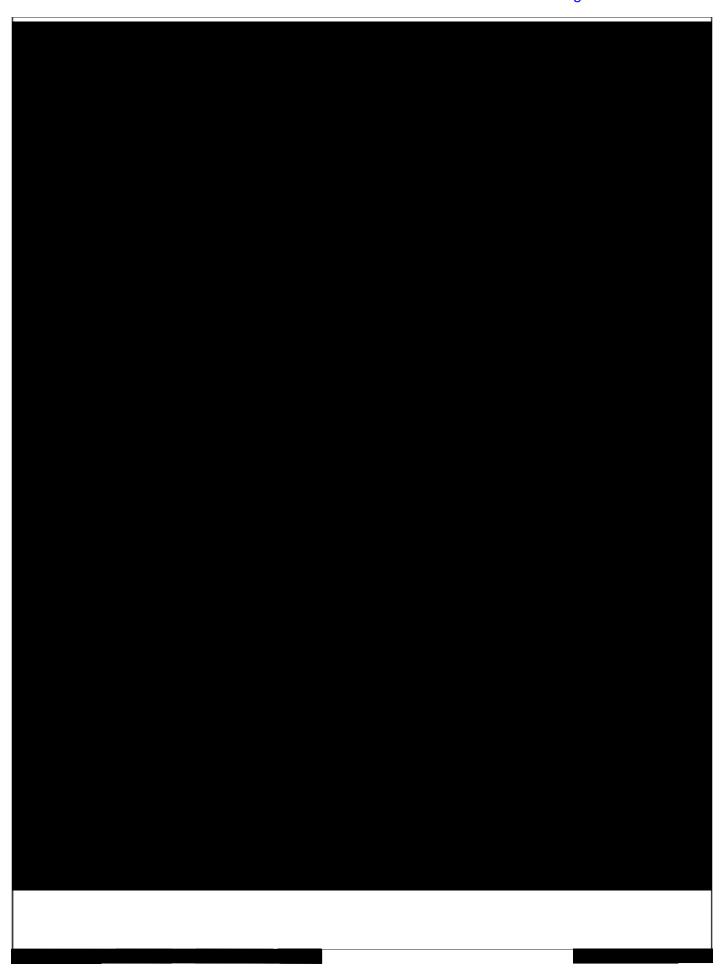




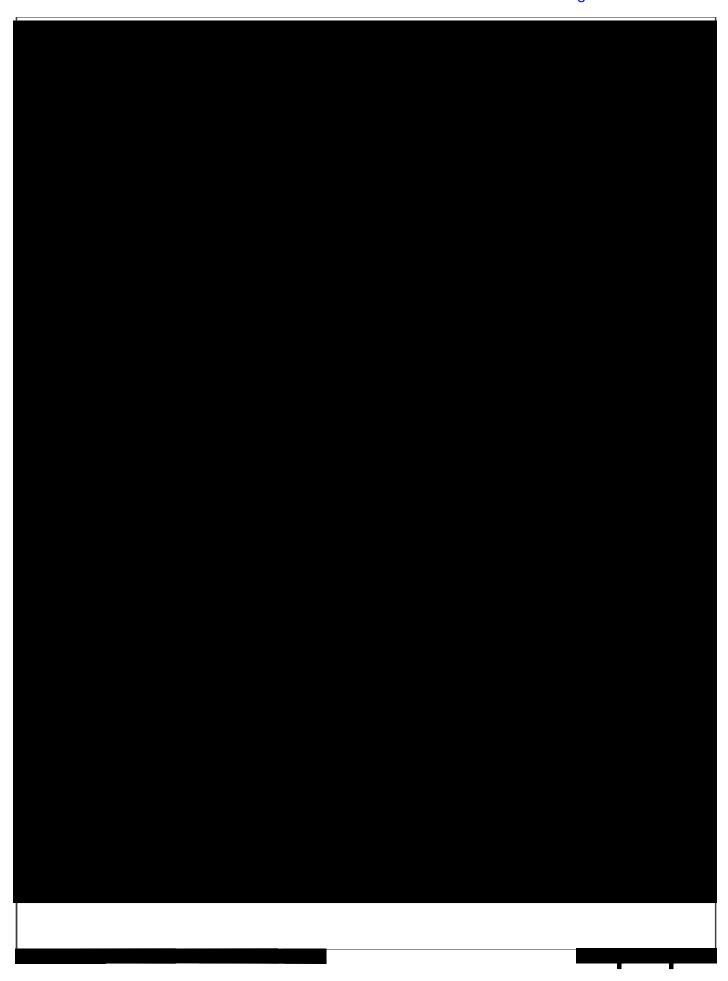


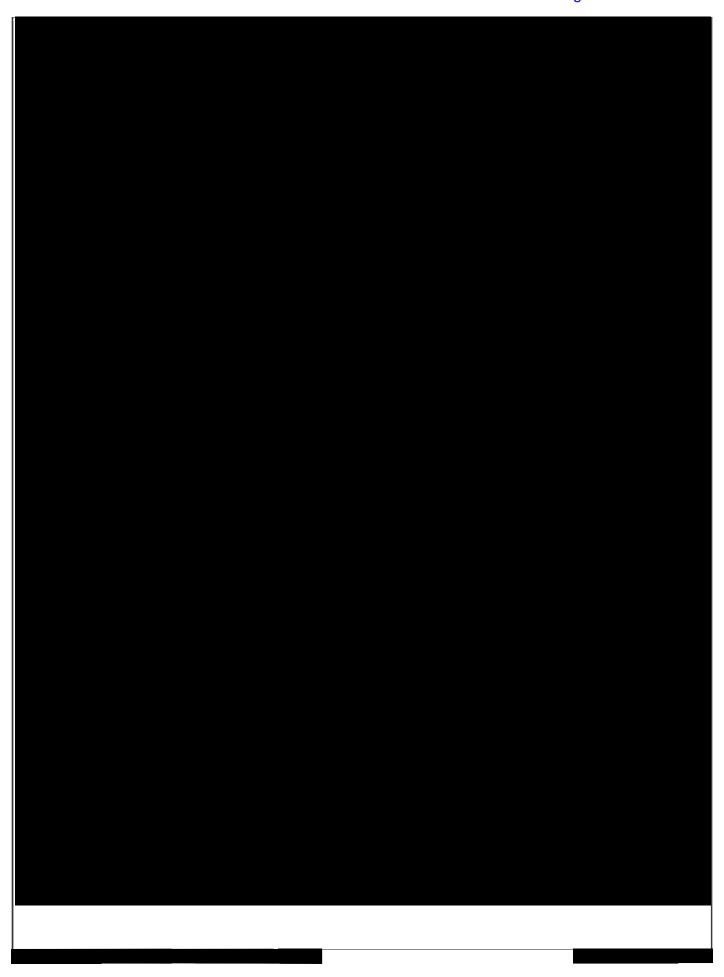


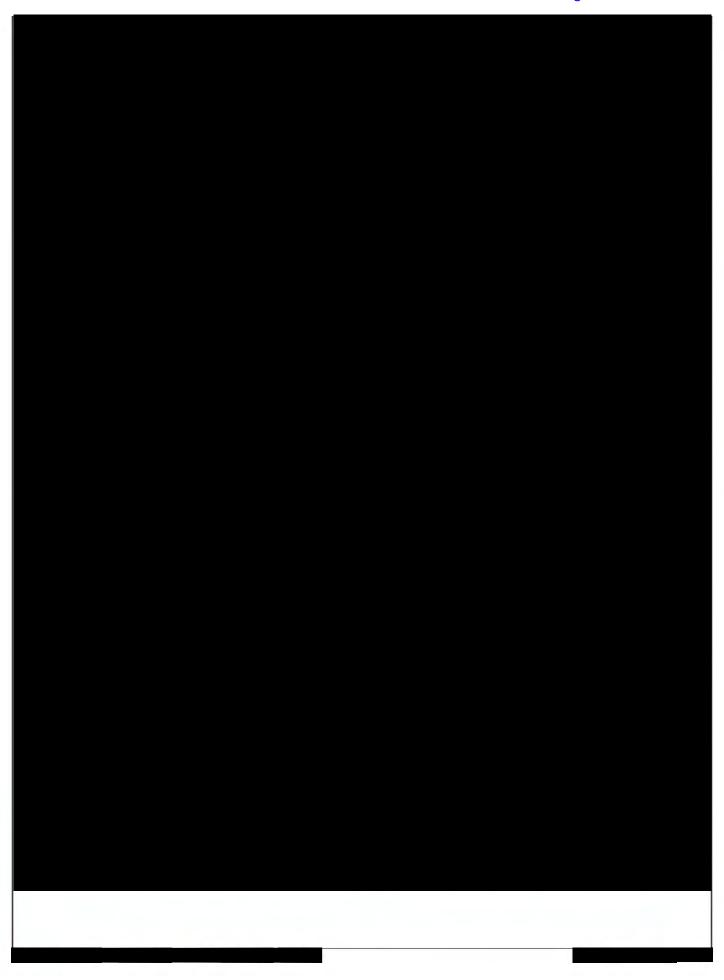


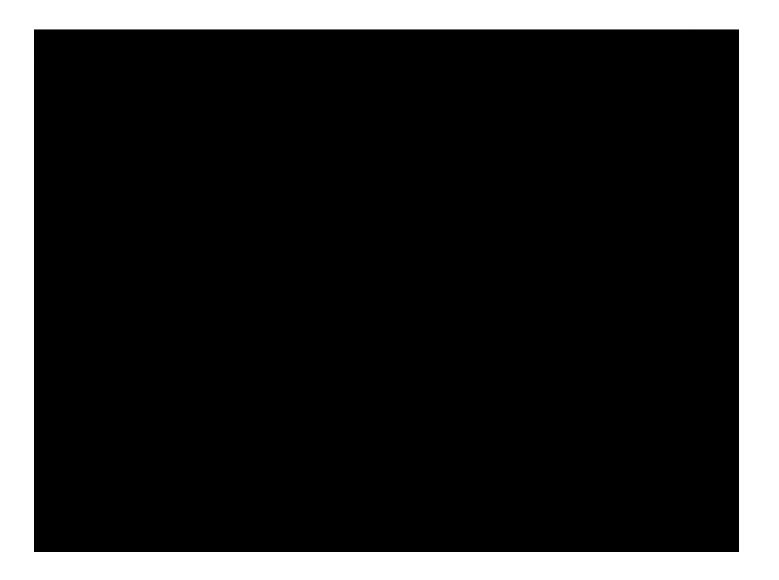


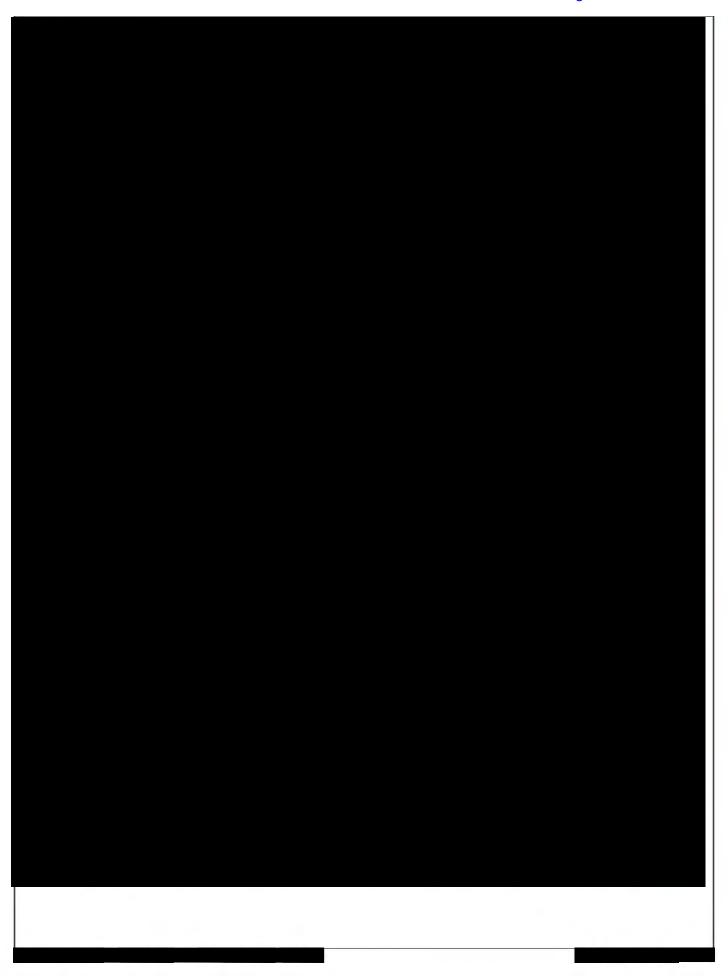


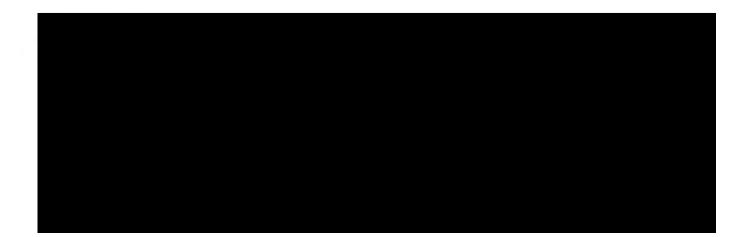


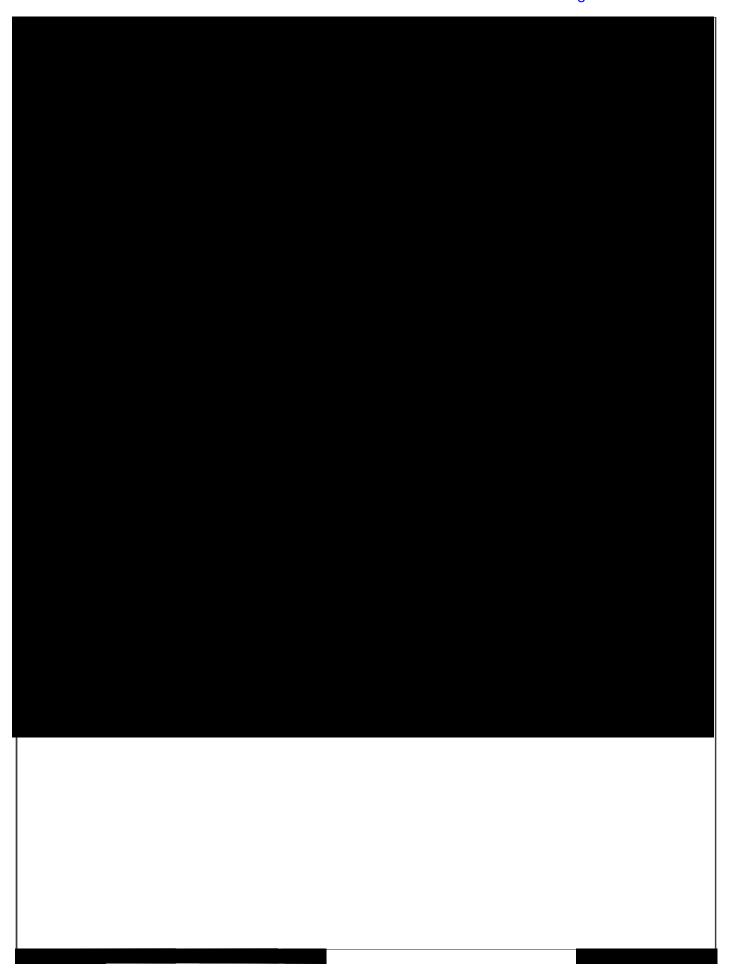


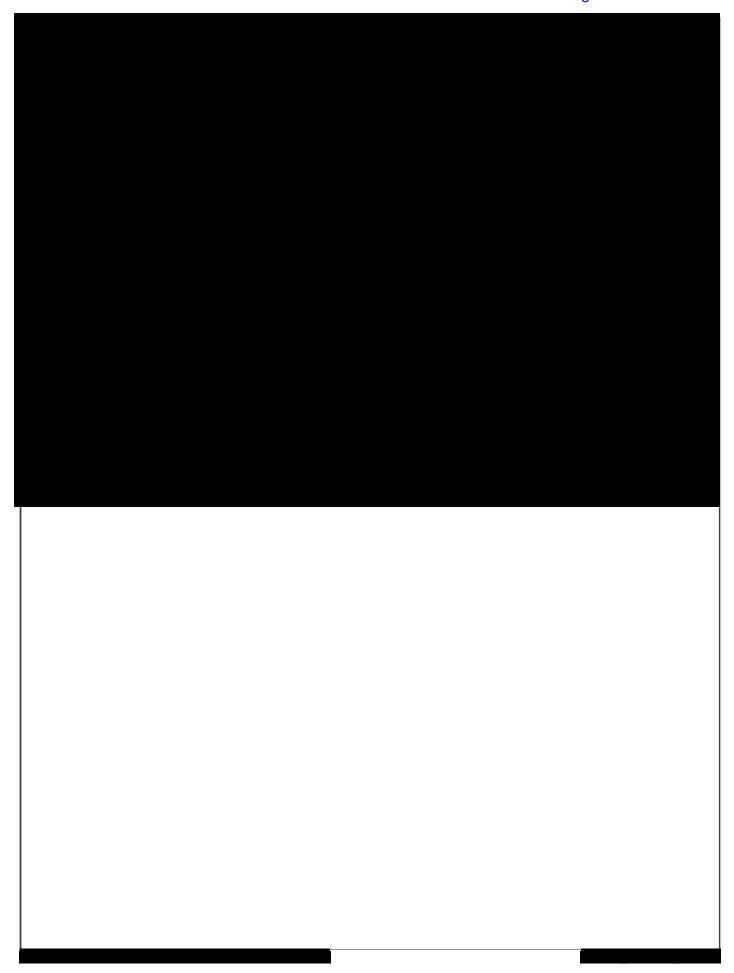


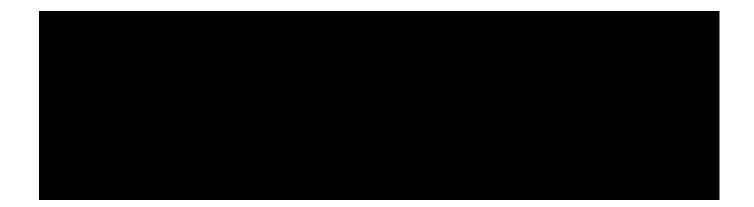




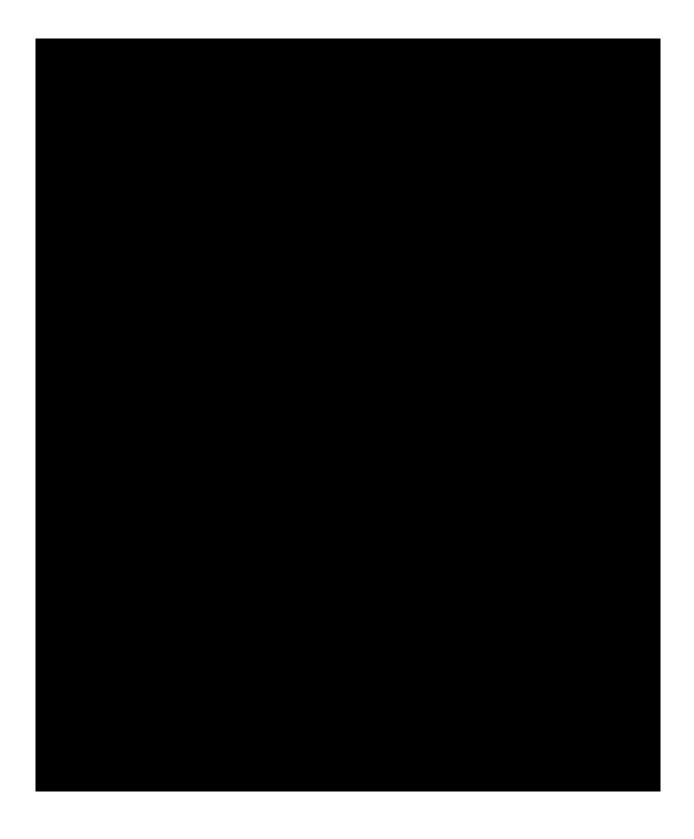






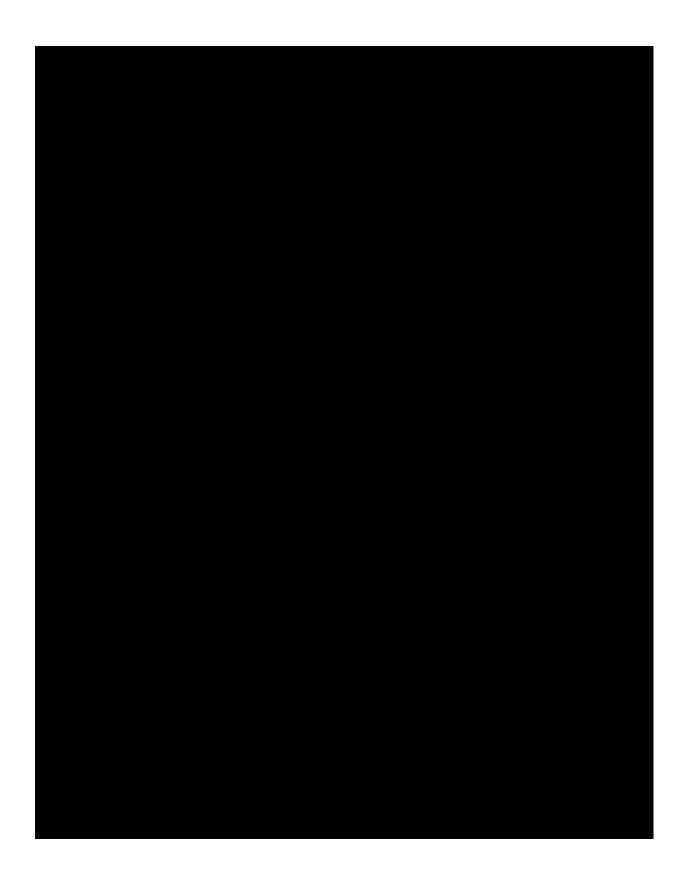




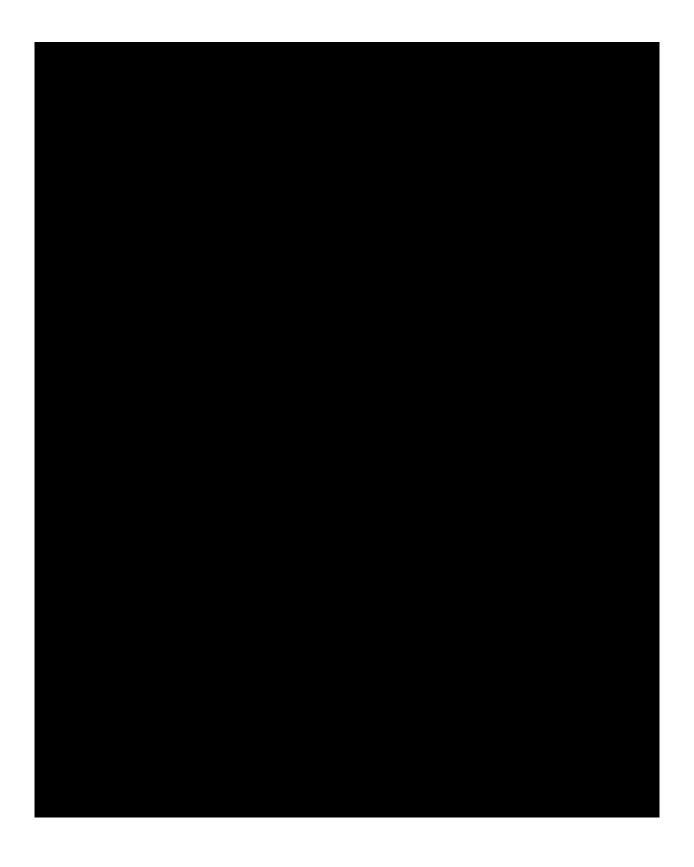




















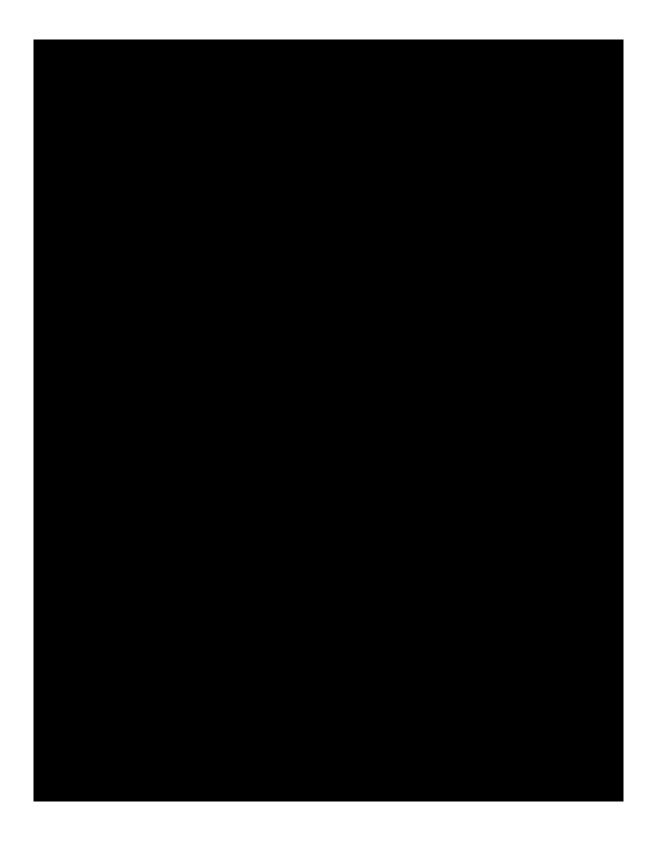


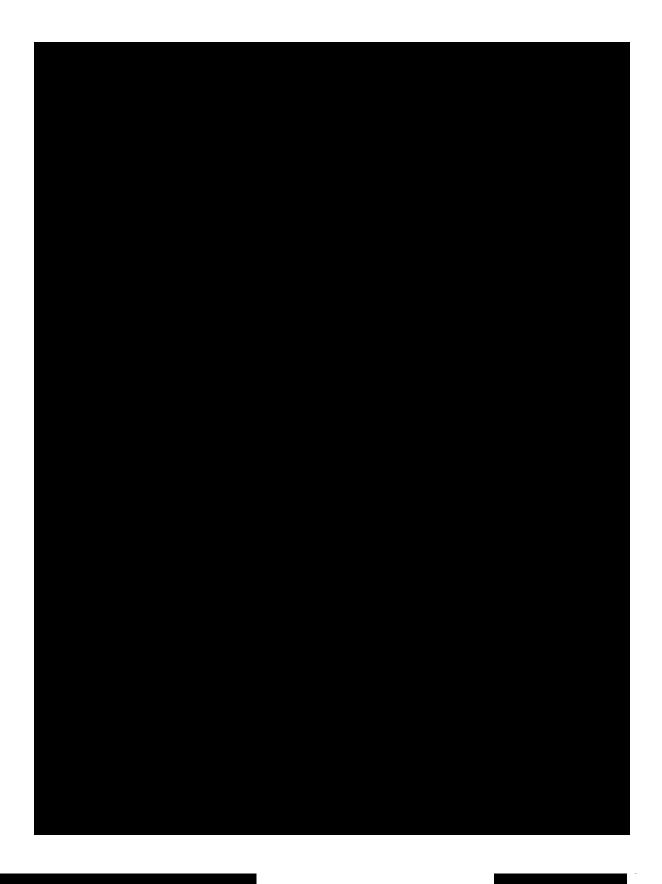


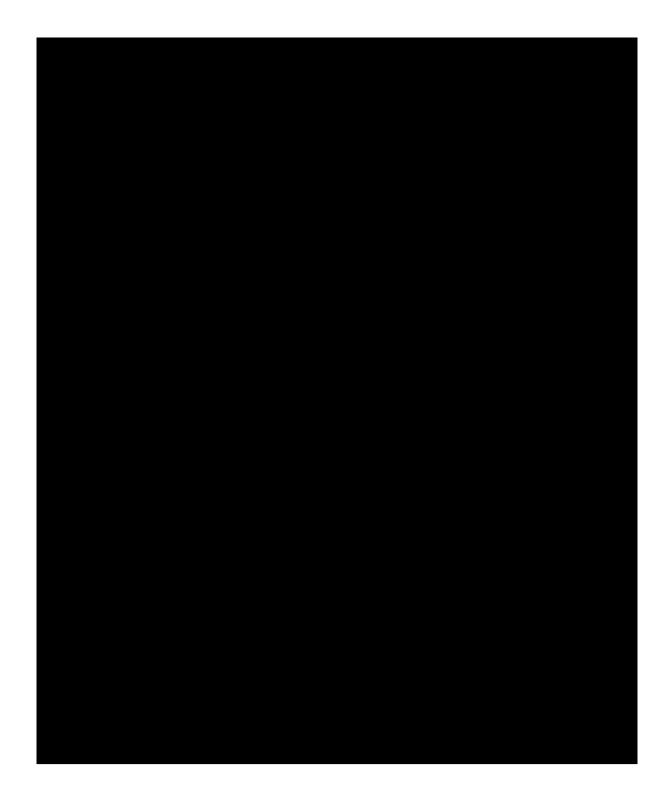


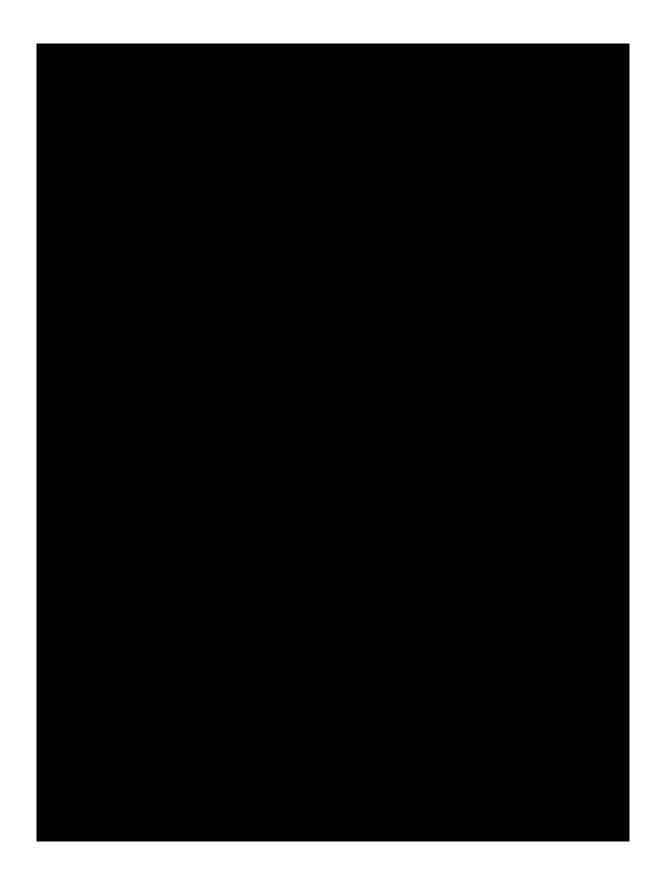




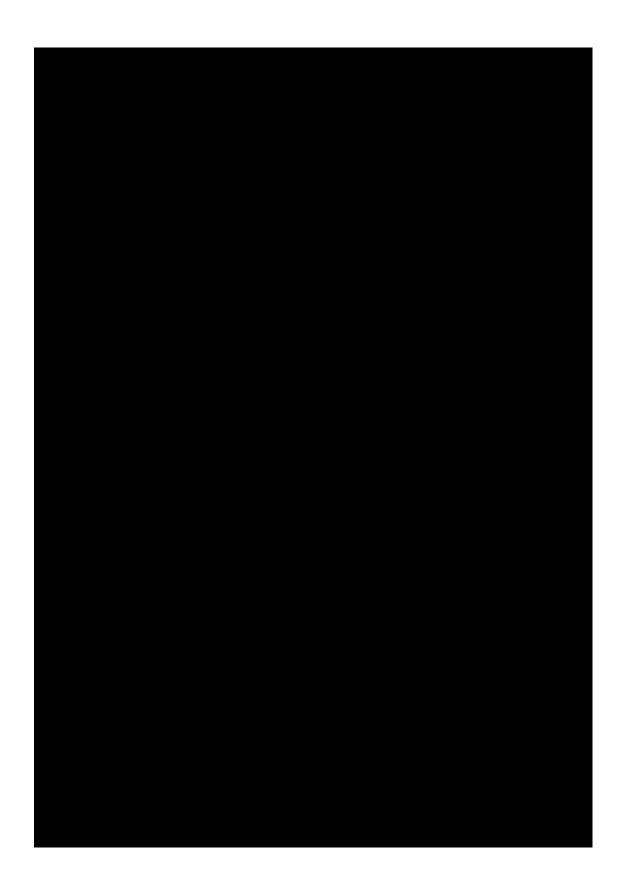












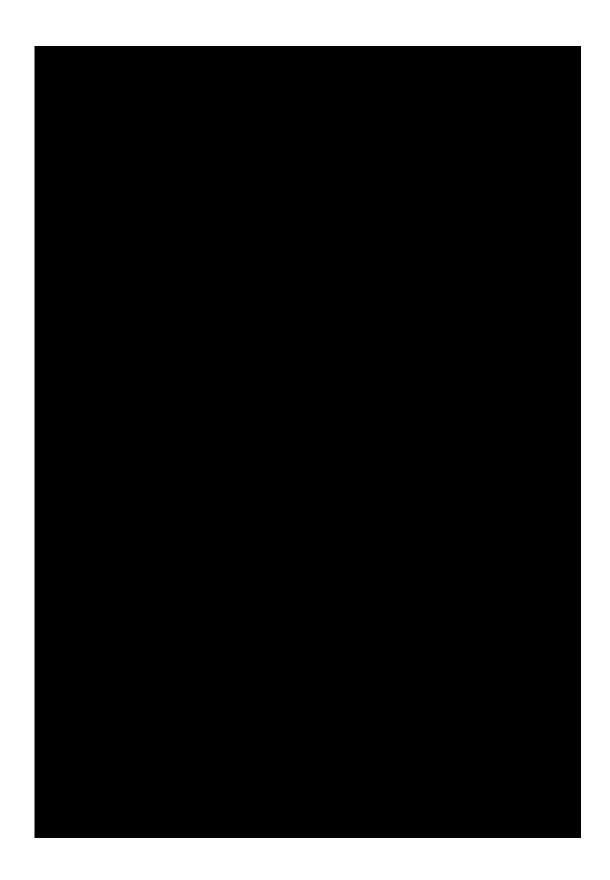






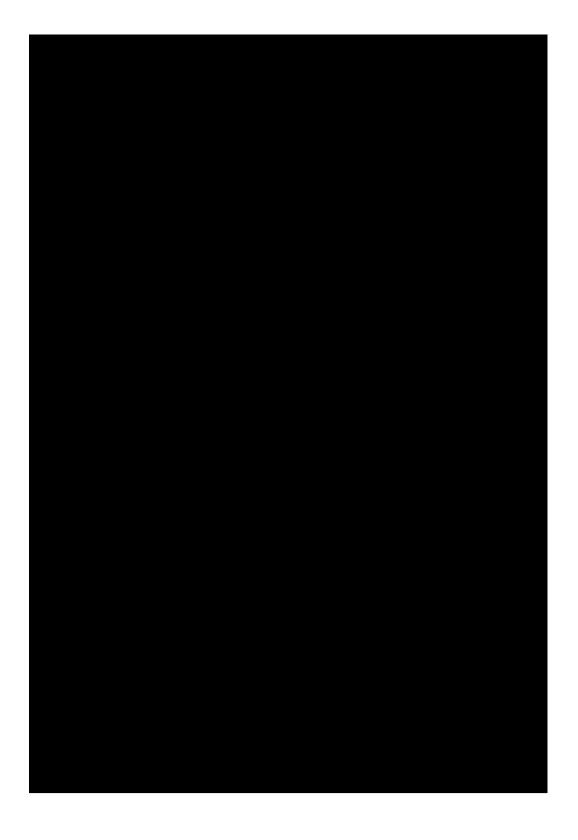


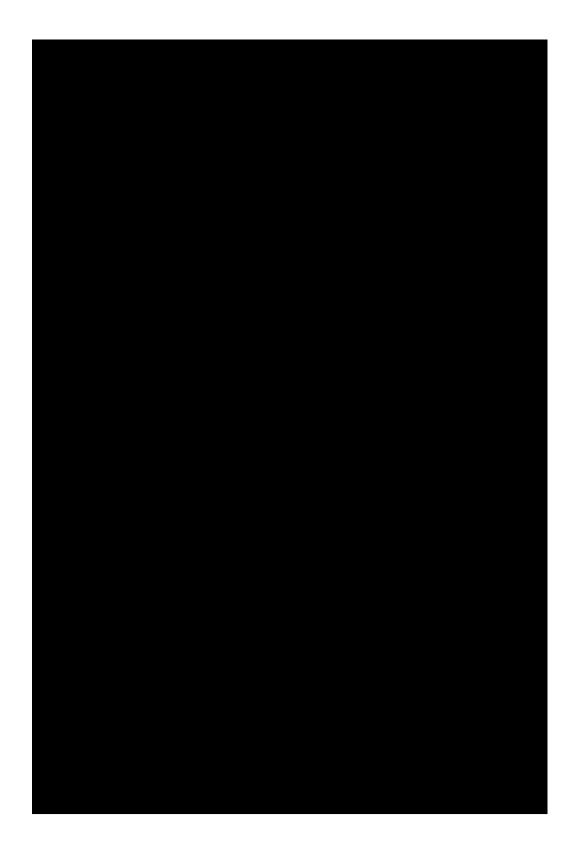




























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Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2022 09:10:38 -0400

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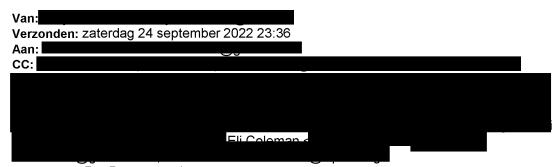
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Hi Marci.

and I are meeting shortly and will discuss.

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This is what we sent the LA Times... and what you sent this email chain is below that:

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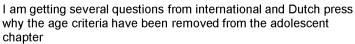
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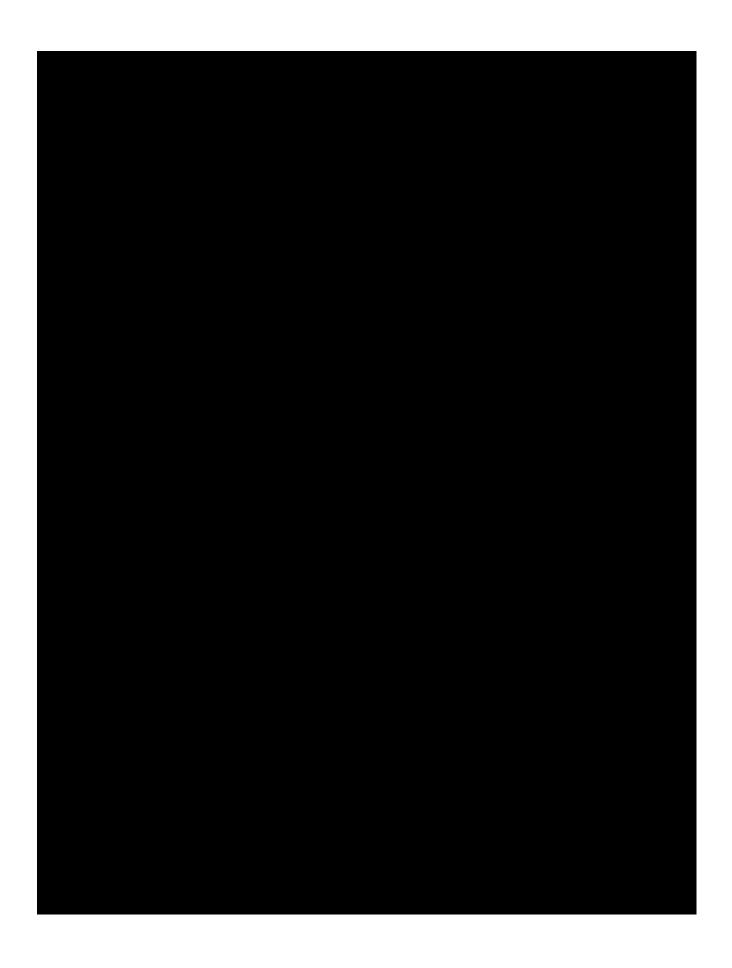








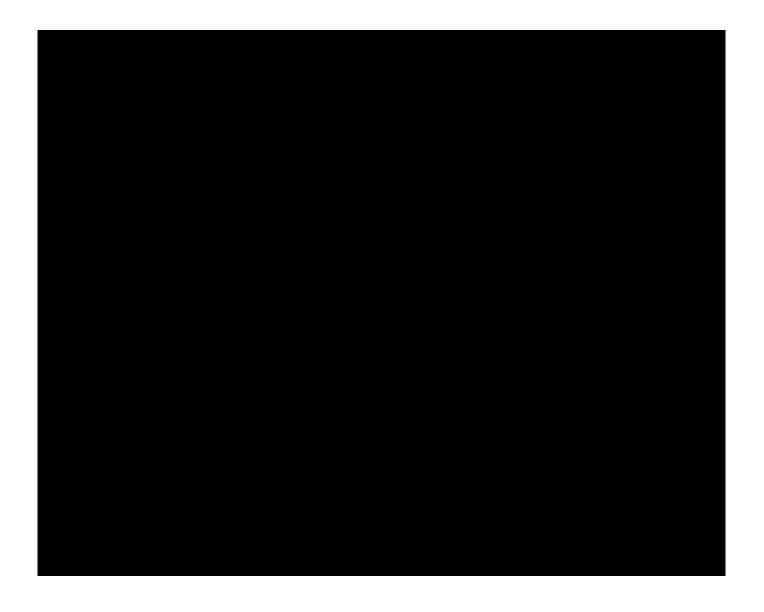


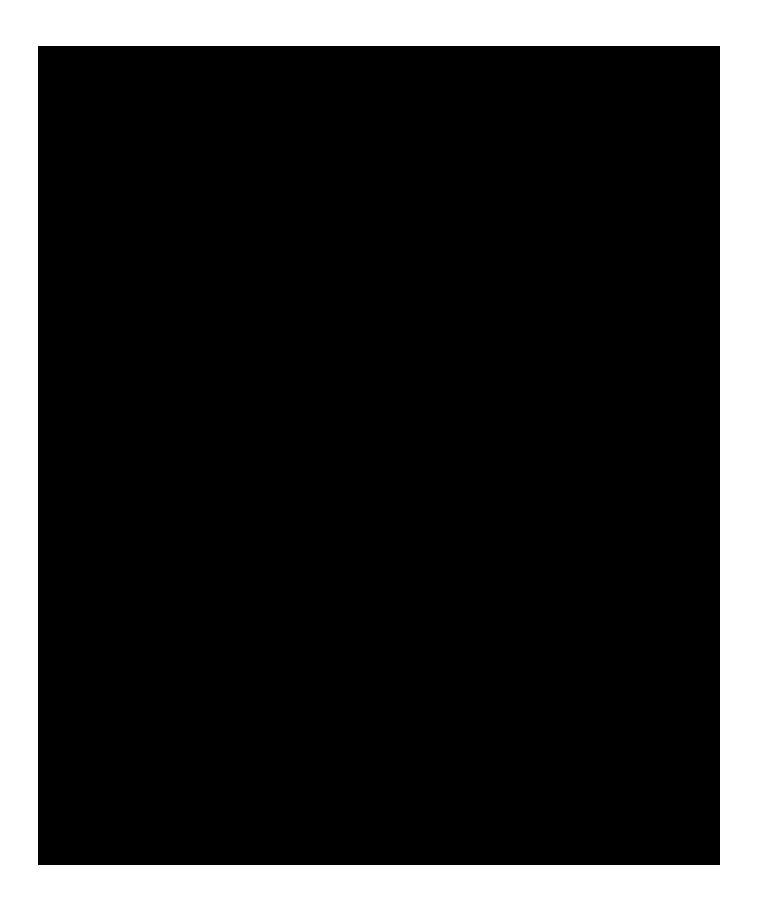








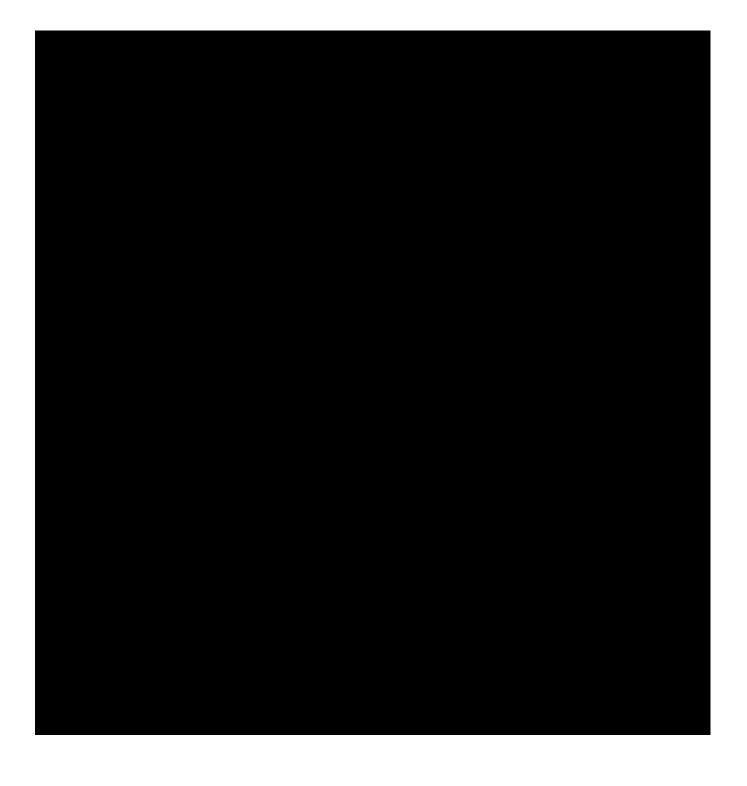














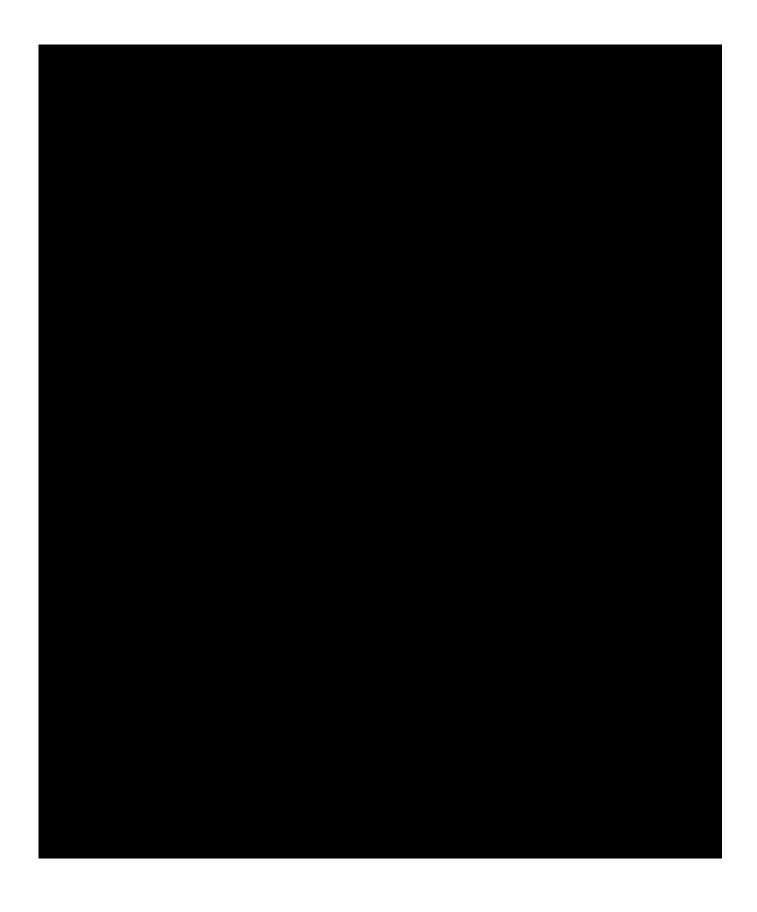






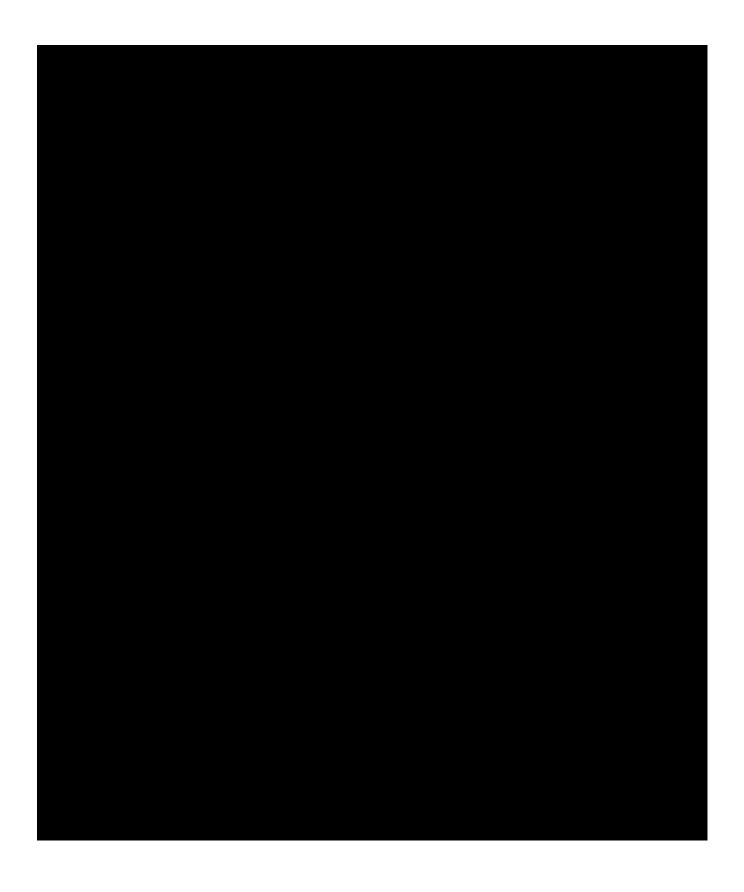










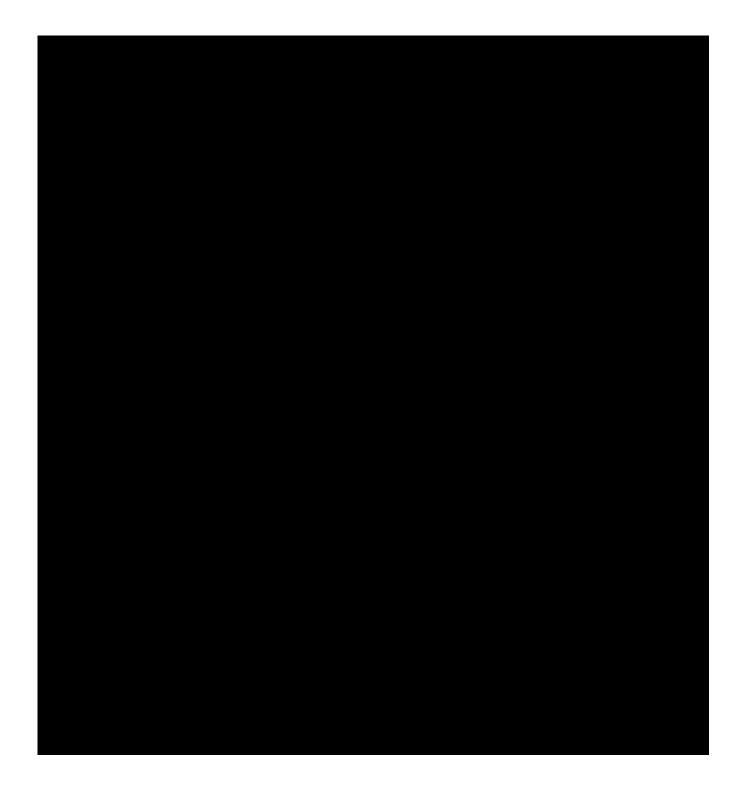


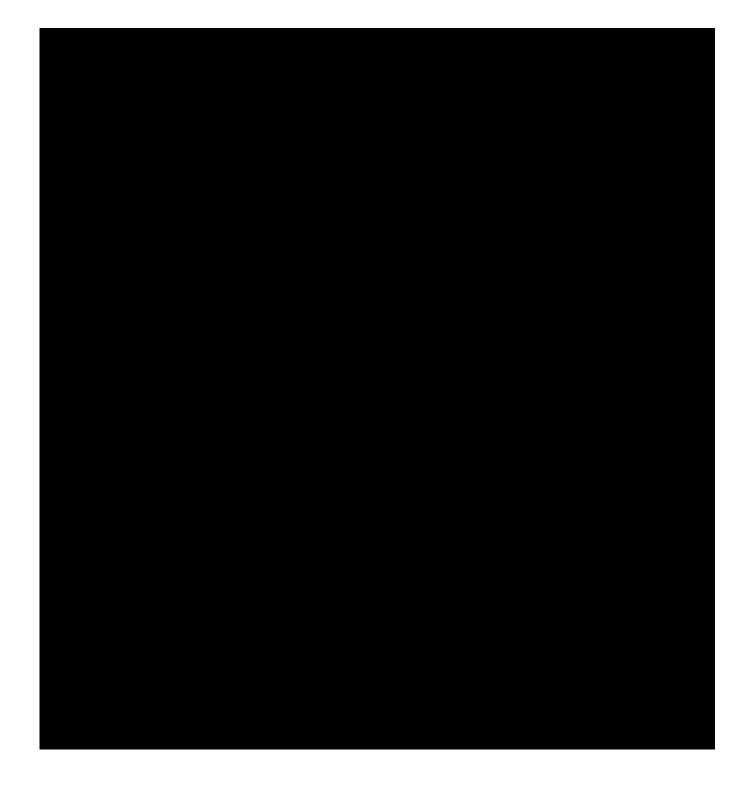






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## **Re: New York Post article**

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Yes	on, Oct 3, 2022 at 8:50 AM Eli Coleman <
Bes	st,
Eli	
	Mon, Oct 3, 2022 at 1:59 AM wrote: es, good idea.
W	am telling journalists that we are preparing a scientific paper on the age criteria. I vill start working on it soon, but we first need the AAP support officially before ublication in IJTH.

Van: Verzonden: zondag 2 oktober 2022 19:48 Aan: Dr. Marci Bowers < CC: Onderwerp: Re: New York Post article That would be great, many thanks! On Sun, Oct 2, 2022 at 8:42 AM Dr. Marci Bowers < > wrote: that yes absolutely great. i can forward to blaine to set a zoom meeting, if that works? Kindly..... Marci Bowers MD WPATH President Trevor Project Board of Directors Standing tall in times of darkness On Oct 1, 2022, at 7:54 PM, wrote: I agree. Let's brainstorm and very soon. I feel like the continued coverage of this without our proactive message is really problematic and can only get worse. We are not creating the messages. Sent from my iPhone On Oct 1, 2022, at 3:33 PM, wrote: Hi everyone, I think we do need to come up with a PR strategy and would suggest that we set up a meeting to get all of us on the same page about the plan and strategy. I think it's important for those of us in the child/adolescent space to

Thanks

be able to represent our chapters as well, considering we are the content experts and have a detailed understanding of the pediatric landscape. It is also

important to be consistent and unified as an organization.

On Sat, Oct 1, 2022 at 6:27 PM Dr. Marci Bowers < wrote:

— yes agreed, this would be excellent. but we need centralized authority, not fragmented individual messaging that is contradictory or does not always align with what others say. this is the role of wpath and the presidency, i feel. these experts would be excellent but let's run it through the lens that i've been getting to convey before publication. my response is slightly different than yours.... similar enough but problematic when there are differences that can be exposed. this is not the time for caution but for affirmative messaging that is measured and responsible.

Kindly.....

Marci Bowers MD WPATH President Trevor Project Board of Directors

Standing tall in times of darkness

On Oct 1, 2022, at 11:21 AM wrote:

A new article on the SOC with info about my presentation, that is slightly more accurate, has been just published by the New York Post.

The second part of the quote, and my sentence which is left out of all this media, is that we did not want to write a chapter that was so vague that it failed to provide standards or guidance. What I was saying, for example, is that we did not want to specify the exact paper and pencil measures used in an assessment of children, that it would be onerous, preclude individualized care, and not accessible in some parts of the world, and could be problematic for some providers because they would then be unable to practice in line with these standards.

What I would like to request is that we write an op ed or ask one of our journalist contacts to write about this. An op ed about the child chapter is more in our control and was something I had discussed with before the SOC 8 even came out and before Wpath. This story is not going away. I feel we need to be proactive. It could also be an op Ed about both the child and adolescent chapters, co written by me and or me and Whatever we do, it should be immediate before this gets too out of control.

https://nypost.com/2022/09/29/kid-gender-guidelines-not-driven-by-science/

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