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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-17f-2

Certificate of Accounting of Securities and Similar Investments in the Custody of Management Investment Companies

Pursuant to Rule 17f-2 [17 CRF 270.17f-2]

1.	Investment Company 814-002	Act File Number: 237	Date examination completed: August 15, 2002		
2.	State Identificati	on Number:			
AL	AK	AZ	AR	CA	СО
СТ	DE	DC	FL	GA	НІ
ID	IL	IN	IA	KS	KY
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INSTRUCTIONS

This Form must be completed by the investment companies that have custody of securities or similar investments.

4. Address of principal executive office:(number, street, city, state, zip code) 1616 Anderson Road, Suite 208, McLean, Virginia 22102

Investment Company

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- 1. All items must be completed by the investment company.
- Give this Form to the independent public accountant who, in compliance with Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law, examines securities and similar investments in the custody of the investment company.

Accountant

3. Submit this Form to the Securities and Exchange Commission and appropriate state securities administrators when filing the certificate of accounting required by Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law. File the original and one copy with the Securities and Exchange Commission's principal office in Washington, D.C., one copy with the regional office for the region in which the investment company's principal business operations are conducted, and one copy with the appropriate state administrator(s), if applicable.

THIS FORM MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors Gladstone Capital Corporation

We have examined management's assertion, included in the accompanying Management Statement Regarding Compliance With Certain Provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, that Gladstone Capital Corporation (the "Company") complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of rule 17f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") as of August 15, 2002. Management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the Company's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Company's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Included among our procedures were the following tests performed as of August 15, 2002, and with respect to agreement of security purchases and sales, for the period from July 17, 2002 (the date of our last examination), through August 15, 2002:

Count and inspection of all securities located in the vault of First Union (the "Custodian") at 740 15th Street, Washington, D.C. without prior notice to management.

Reconciliation of all such securities to the books and records of the Company and the Custodian.

Agreement of a sample of security purchases and a sample of security sales or maturities during the period from July 17, 2002 through August 15, 2002 from the books and records of the Company to broker confirmations.

We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Company's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertion that Gladstone Capital Corporation complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of August 15, 2002, with respect to securities reflected in the investment account of the Company is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors of Gladstone Capital Corporation and the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

August 15, 2002

August 15, 2002

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Ernst & Young, LLP 8484 Westpark Drive McLean, VA 22102

To Whom it May Concern:

We, as members of management of Gladstone Capital Corporation (the Company), are responsible for complying with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of rule 17f-2, "Custody of Investments by Registered Management Investment Companies," of the Investment Company Act of 1940. We are also responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls over compliance with those requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Company's compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of rule 17f-2 as of August 15, 2002, and from July 17, 2002 through August 15, 2002.

Based on this evaluation, we assert that the Company was in compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of August 15, 2002, and from July 17, 2002, through August 15, 2002, with respect to securities reflected in the investment account of the Company.

Gladstone Capital Corporation
By:
/s/ DAVID GLADSTONE
David Gladstone Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
/s/ TERRY BRUBAKER
Terry Brubaker President and Director
/s/ HARRY BRILL
Harry Brill Chief Financial Officer

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compensation pursuant to the Issuer's equity based compensatory programs. Conditioned upon minimum allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes, each LTIP Unit may be converted, at the election of the holder, into a common unit of limited partnership interest in DCTOP ("Common OP Unit"). Each Common OP Unit acquired upon conversion of an LTIP Unit may be presented for redemption at the election of the holder, for cash equal to the fair market value of a share of the Issuer's Common Stock, except that the Issuer may, at its election, acquire each Common OP Unit so presented for one share of Common Stock.(2)The 250,890 LTIP Units vest over four years: 25% on January 1, 2013 and 25% on each January 1st thereafter.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24. Philip L. Hawkins Power of Attorney

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