## Deferred Compensation Plan BOARD REPORT 10-39

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To: Board of Deferred Compensation Administration

From: Staff

Subject: American Funds Growth Fund of America and

American Funds Investment Company of America

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration approve a change in share class for both the American Funds Growth Fund of America and American Funds Investment Company of America.

## Discussion:

The Board's Investment Consultant, Mercer, recently contacted American Funds to inquire about whether Plan assets held in Class A shares of both the American Funds Growth Fund of America and American Funds Investment Company of America could be moved to each Fund's R6 share class, the lowest cost share class American Funds offers. The difference in the share classes is solely the expense ratio and the revenue sharing. American Funds indicates that there is no difference in the fund's objective or investment manager and that there are no investment minimums to qualify for R6 shares.

The A Share class of Growth Fund of America (Ticker: AGTHX) has an expense ratio of 0.69% and pays 0.30% in revenue sharing vs. an expense ratio of 0.34% and no revenue sharing for R6 Shares (Ticker: RGAGX). This equates to a net expense reduction of 0.05% (sometimes referred to as "5 basis points") for our Plan participants. Additionally, the A share class of the American Funds Investment Company of America (Ticker: AIVSX) has an expense ratio of 0.66% and pays 0.30% in revenue sharing vs. an expense ratio of 0.33% and no revenue sharing for R6 Shares (Ticker: RICGX). This equates to a net expense reduction of 0.03% (sometimes referred to as "3 basis points") for our Plan participants.

Moving to the R6 share class also provides for more direct application of fees to Plan participants, avoiding the process of reimbursement and crediting.

Since this change offers the benefit of a lower expense-ratio to Plan participants and more direct application of fees, staff recommends that the Board approve the changes to the R6 share class of both the American Funds Growth Fund of America and American Funds Investment Company of America. Staff has contacted Great-West and scheduled an announcement of the change for the January 2011 newsletter and implementation on or around March 1, 2011.

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