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Best Practices for Effective Financial Performance Representations Under New Item 19 Standards



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OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY'S SESSION:

- Identify changes under the new North American Securities Administrators Association ("NASAA") commentary
- Identify some best practices and strategies for effective and compliant FPRs in light of new NASAA commentary
- Identify some risks and pitfalls and how to avoid them



What is a Financial Performance Representation, or FPR:

A statement (express or by implication) setting forth a specific level or range of actual or potential sales, income, gross profit, or net profit to a prospective franchisee.



If a franchisor elects not to make an FPR in Item 19, it may not provide a prospective franchisee with any financial performance information.

If a franchisor elects to make an FPR in Item 19, it may not make other FPRs, except:

- 1. With respect to actual operating results of a particular outlet
- 2. Supplemental FPR about a particular location or variation (i.e., a particular market (Denver) or type of location (strip malls).



Rules and Guidance

- The FTC Franchise Rule
- Franchise Rule Compliance Guide
- FAQs
- Statement of Basis and Purpose
- NASAA Franchise Rule and Compliance Guidelines and new FPR Commentary

Reasonable basis and substantiation (16 C.F.R. S 436.5(s))

Basis for historical:

Group of outlets measured

Time period measured

The number of outlets measured

The number of outlets reporting

The number and percentage of outlets that achieved the stated level of performance

Any distinguishing characteristics of the outlets measured

From Franchise Rule Compliance Guide



Substantiation—must be available and must include statement that available



- In assessing risks of non-compliant FPRs
 - FTC enforcement
 - State examiners
 - State enforcement
 - Private litigation
 - Compliance is not necessarily "a safe harbor"



Why new commentary—purpose and intent

A need for additional guidance, primarily with respect to what is a "reasonable basis"

Address technically-compliant but arguably misleading FPRs



Impact on franchisors and did new commentary achieve the desired goals?

How many franchisors did an item 19 FPR last year?

How many of those franchisors are not providing an FPR this year?

How many are changing the content of what providing?



New Commentary:

- Still permitted to provide gross-only, if choose
- Must define specifically and describe the terms in the FDD [Section 19.4]
- What about different definitions in other sections of the FDD (e.g., gross sales in calculating royalty)?
 - Martinez v. Stratus Franchising, LLC, 2016 WL 3402546 (Ind. Ct. App. June 21, 2016)



Company-owned and franchised outlets

- If franchisor has operational franchisees, it cannot disclose gross sales of company-owned outlets without also disclosing data from franchised outlets
- If franchisor has no operational franchisees, it may disclose gross sales, as long as reasonable basis
- Franchisor may disclose net profit or gross profit of only company-owned outlets, even if it has operational franchisees



Company-owned and franchised outlets

If it does:

Must include gross sales data from operational franchise outlets, actual costs incurred by company-owned outlets, and supplemental disclosures or adjustments to reflect differences between company-owned and franchised (e.g., royalties/fees and any differences in costs of goods)



Costs only

Providing costs alone is not FPR*, but franchisor making gross sales FPR alone may not separately provide cost data outside FDD if prospect could use to calculate net profits

*some states (Illinois, Maryland, New York) prohibit providing cost. See also Minnesota regarding any estimate like pro forma or break even statements for a prospective franchisee included in FDD



Merging data of company-owned and franchised outlets

Generally cannot unless disclose both independently or if there are so few franchised outlets (less than 10 franchisees) the identity of the franchisee is discernible, and the gross sales are not materially different



A. Table 1: Annual Unit Volume of Select Franchised

Data for Franchised for 52-Week Period Ending December 25, 2016			
AAUV ⁽²⁾	\$3,879,134		
Franchised which attained or surpassed AAUV	47.5%		
Franchised below AAUV	52.5%		
Median Annual Unit Volume	\$3,763,042		
Highest Franchised Annual Unit Volume	\$7,794,695		
Lowest Franchised Annual Unit Volume	\$1,955,976		

- (1) As of December 25, 2016, there were 48 franchised operating in the US, of which 40 were open and had been operating for at least the prior 52 weeks during fiscal year 2016. The 40 franchised included in the data are located in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. The franchised that were open and operating for less than 52 weeks are located in California, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas and Washington.
- (2) AAUV, median annual unit volume and high/low annual unit volumes include the total of all food sales and all beverage sales, including liquor, wine and beer sales and sales of promotional merchandise. Sales as shown in this Table 1 do not equate to "Gross Sales" as defined in the Franchise Agreement because the "Gross Sales" definitions provides for certain exclusions, including (as examples) customer refunds and complimentary products and services provided to customers in connection with resolving customer satisfaction issues, taxes and employee meal discounts.



B. Table 2: Annual Unit Volume of Select Company-Owned Restaurants

Data for Company-Owned for 52-Week Period Ending December 25, 2016			
AAUV ⁽²⁾	\$3,421,617		
Company-owned which attained or surpassed AAUV	37%		
Company-owned below AAUV	63%		
Median Annual Unit Volume	\$2,959,059		
Highest Company-owned Annual Unit Volume	\$7,779,298 ⁽³⁾		
Lowest Company-owned Annual Unit Volume	\$1,944,689		



Table 3: Selected Expenses and Operating Profit for Select Company-Owned Restaurants(4)

Data for Company-Owned for 52-Week Period Ending December 25, 2016		
Cost of Goods Sold ⁽⁵⁾	\$897,486	
Food Cost:	30.4%	
Bar Cost:	21.8%	
Total Cost of Goods Sold:	26.1%	
Gross Profit ⁽⁶⁾	\$2,524,131 73.9%	
Rent/Cam/Tax ⁽⁷⁾	\$269,519 7.9%	
Labor Cost ⁽⁸⁾	\$1,043,074	
Hourly Staff:	16.7%	
Manager:	8.7%	
Payroll Taxes/Benefits:	5.0%	
Total Labor Costs:	30.5%	
Revenue Mix		
Food/Merchandise:	51.7%	
Bar:	48.3%	



AAUV, costs and other results will vary between company-owned and
franchised for a variety of reasons including the impact of other expenses that may not be reflected in Table 3 but will nevertheless apply to both company-owned and franchised. These include terms of agreements with third party providers of credit card/gift card processing, utilities and insurance arrangements which may vary depending upon various factors, including credit history, risk history and ability to maximize economies of scale in acquiring services and coverage for multiple
In addition, results may vary between company-owned and franchised depending upon prevailing economic or market area conditions, demographics, geographic location, interest rates, your capitalization level, the amount and terms of any financing that you may secure, the property values and lease rates, your business and management skills, staff strengths and weaknesses, the cost and effectiveness of your marketing activities, and weather/seasonal factors.
Other than the preceding financial performance representation, we do not make any financial performance representations. We also do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing an existing however, we may provide you with the actual records of that Restaurant. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections for your future income, you should report it to our management by contacting at the federal Trade Commission and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.



Dissette v. Pie Five Pizza Co, Inc.

Plaintiffs alleged

- Misleading profitability: Use of misleading Company-owned outlet data by (1)
 disclosing select subsets of Company-owned outlets, and (2) not including any data
 on Operating franchise outlets to falsely represent profitability.
- Failing to define and describe sources of data: Failure to identify sources of data, including neglecting to differentiate material financial and operational differences between Operational franchise outlets and Company-owned outlets, pointing to the royalty fees paid by franchisees as a key difference the franchisor should have disclosed.



What to include: Averages and Medians

Must include both

Required to include both high and low performers in each set when doing average and media for gross sales



Set forth below is information showing historic Gross Margins of certain during Our fiscal years 2016, 2015, and 2014.

A new franchisee's individual financial results may differ from the results stated below.

Table 1 - Monthly Averages for Units Opened during FY 2014, 2015 or 2016

							Units Equ	ialing or
Months				Franchisee's			Excee	
of		Gross	Gross	Portion of		Number	Average (
Operation	Sales	Margin	Receipts	GM & GR	Hours	of Units	Number	Percent
1	\$9,800.53	\$1,974.16	\$0.00	\$1,220.14	597.15	128	27	21.09%
2	\$28,103.07	\$5,623.51	\$144.44	\$3,551.36	1,664.67	126	34	26.98%
3	\$43,735.39	\$8,512.20	\$375.90	\$5,506.11	2,621.95	122	44	36.07%
4	\$59,752.13	\$11,413.56	\$777.50	\$7,610.15	3,525.20	119	43	36.13%
5	\$79,351.56	\$15,017.71	\$1,565.32	\$10,523.16	4,672.42	117	42	35.90%
6	\$88,427.04	\$16,827.65	\$1,437.93	\$11,476.31	5,250.54	115	48	41.74%
7	\$97,095.76	\$18,305.30	\$1,668.50	\$12,492.99	5,707.57	114	43	37.72%
8	\$107,829.44	\$20,648.62	\$1,395.88	\$13,739.17	6,347.25	112	46	41.07%
9	\$109,033.98	\$20,823.65	\$1,804.40	\$14,191.73	6,368.56	109	44	40.37%
10	\$125,781.87	\$23,958.11	\$1,998.31	\$16,106.42	7,315.08	105	40	38.10%
11	\$129,111.92	\$24,869.00	\$1,876.14	\$16,650.72	7,517.29	102	40	39.22%
12	\$138,537.36	\$26,753.93	\$1,362.41	\$17,500.52	8,201.15	100	42	42.00%
Total								
Months								
1 - 12	\$1,016,560.06			\$130,568.78	59,788.82			
13	\$148,241.74	\$28,402.79	\$1,991.06	\$19,068.50	8,625.44	99	39	39.39%
14	\$154,578.97	\$30,173.59	\$2,272.79	\$20,375.21	8,948.94	96	41	42.71%
15	\$158,719.43	\$30,468.29	\$2,529.87	\$20,784.79	9,084.96	94	42	44.68%
16	\$172,047.84	\$32,683.68	\$2,527.05	\$22,074.95	9,768.05	93	41	44.09%
17	\$173,746.25	\$32,683.70	\$1,902.66	\$21,502.59	9,820.66	90	34	37.78%
18	\$171,644.37	\$32,195.23	\$2,015.04	\$21,194.72	9,741.76	86	36	41.86%
19	\$190,700.44	\$35,159.93	\$2,734.09	\$23,604.07	10,570.14	83	32	38.55%
20	\$186,284.04	\$35,333.58	\$2,157.69	\$23,083.36	10,593.70	75	28	37.33%
21	\$190,139.27	\$35,242.33	\$2,848.72	\$23,743.94	10,753.29	73	29	39.73%
22	\$193,755.80	\$36,586.23	\$1,338.75	\$23,165.29	11,052.53	67	27	40.30%
23	\$179,713.35	\$33,676.09	\$1,997.86	\$22,029.29	10,180.83	64	24	37.50%
24	\$173,912.22	\$33,865.19	\$1,780.49	\$21,947.12	9,929.98	60	20	33.33%
Total								
Months	60 000 400 74	6000 470 04	600 000 00	6000 570 00	440.070.00			
13 - 24 Total	\$2,093,483.71	\$396,470.64	\$26,096.08	\$262,573.83	119,070.29			
Months								
1 - 24	\$3,110,043.77	\$591.198.04	\$40,502.82	\$393,142.61	178,859.11			
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FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPRESENTATION WORKSHEET - 2016 (unaudited) Mature Franchise (open over 18 months)

Dollars Gross Revenue 1,336,161 556,030 42% Payroll 168,312 13% Occupancy 385,444 29% Misc Items Total Expenses 1,109,786 **EBITDA** 17% 226,375

%
30%
14%
22%
34%

3	
Dollars	%
1,014,340	
407,271	40%
128,296	13%
293,282	29%
828,849	
185,491	18%

1	4	
	Dollars	%
	2,054,248	
	651,923	32%
	244,775	12%
	588,815	29%
	1,485,513	
	568,735	28%

5	
Dollars	%
1,037,040	
385,696	37%
205,222	20%
287,105	28%
878,023	
159,017	15%

	6	
	Dollars	%
Gross Revenue	1,631,956	
Payroll	423,403	26%
Occupancy	209,472	13%
Misc Items	340,690	21%
Total Expenses	973,565	
EBITDA	658,391	40%

7	
Dollars	- %
2,211,494	
661,969	30%
196,420	9%
519,206	23%
1,377,595	
833,899	38%

8	
Dollars	%
1,070,734	
416,663	39%
155,500	15%
279,727	26%
851,890	
218,844	20%

9	
Dollars	%
1,623,729	
638,421	39%
226,593	14%
383,165	24%
1,248,179	
375,550	23%

	10	
	Dollars	%
	1,249,349	
	455,683	36%
	141,231	11%
	330,239	26%
ı	927,153	
	322,196	26%

AVERAGE AND MEDIAN GROSS REVENUES BY SERVICE BAY FOR FISCAL YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2016 FOR OPENED FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS THAT HAVE A 3 STAR OR HIGHER RATING

Number of Bays	Number of Centers	Average Gross Revenues	# of Centers that Met or Exceeded the Average	Median Gross Revenues	Highest Gross Revenues	Lowest Gross Revenues
5 Bays	149	\$654,599	62 (42%)	\$604,895	\$1,695,130	\$251,037
6 Bays	222	\$698,345	93 (42%)	\$631,357	\$2,526,874	\$252,741
7 Bays	59	\$658,772	19 (32%)	\$565,808	\$1,487,635	\$235,004
8 Bays	51	\$783,783	20 (39%)	\$681,054	\$2,193,277	\$317,001
>8 Bays	7	\$901,148	4 (57%)	\$1,111,997	\$1,455,200	\$218,525
Total	488	\$692,042	193 (40%)	\$623,501	\$2,526,874	\$218,525

The 2016 Gross Revenues Statement included above omits all with less than 5 bays because we recommend that all new have 5 bays or more. Currently, you are required to open a that has a minimum of 4 service bays. We still have locations in the system that only have 3 service bays; however these are franchised locations that were developed before changed the required minimum number of service bays for a



AVERAGE AND MEDIAN EXPENSE INFORMATION FOR REPORTING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

	EBITDA Quartile ⁽¹⁾								
	4th	3 rd	2nd	Тор					
No. of	21	21	21	22					
Sales (Average)	\$495,122	\$781,034	\$779,234	\$1,090,645					
Sales (Median)	\$432,451	\$674,928	\$764,202	\$1,034,377					
Sales (High)	\$1,150,786	\$1,163,364	\$1,085,808	\$1,691,028					
Sales (Low)	\$186,773	\$502,566	\$425,480	\$701,009					
COGS %	28%	28%	26%	25%					
Direct Technician Labor %	22%	21%	16%	15%					
Other Variables (2)	1%	1%	1%	2%					
Fixed Expenses % (3)	26%	19%	18%	16%					
Royalty Fees	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%					
MAF Contributions	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%					
EBITDA % (1) (Average)	10%	18%	26%	31%					
EBITDA % (1) (Median)	10%	17%	25%	31%					
EBITDA % (1) (High)	28%	26%	42%	40%					
EBITDA % (1) (Low)	-14%	11%	17%	21%					

		All	5	6	7	8+
	No. of	85	21	40	6	5
1	Sales (Average)	\$790,087	\$873,312	\$747,213	\$915,076	\$818,218
	Sales (Median)	\$758,078	\$802,595	\$699,742	\$995,570	\$680,965
	Sales (High)	\$1,691,028	\$1,691,028	\$1,409,592	\$1,163,364	\$1,150,786
	Sales (Low)	\$186,773	\$267,157	\$186,773	\$508,227	\$502,566
	COGS %	27%	26%	26%	28%	25%



Direct Technician Labor %	19%	17%	19%	23%	23%
Other Variables % (2)	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Fixed Expenses % (3)	20%	18%	21%	16%	21%
Royalty Fees	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
MAF					
Contributions	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%
EBITDA % ⁽¹⁾ (Average)	21%	24%	20%	18%	16%
EBITDA % (1) (Median)	22%	24%	23%	18%	21%
EBITDA % (1) (High)	42%	40%	36%	27%	23%
EBITDA % (1) (Low)	-14%	10%	-14%	12%	-4%



What to include: Subsets

Subsets

Group of outlets that share one or more common characteristics (e.g., type of location, geographic, length of operation)

Must disclose

The characteristics

How the outlets in the subset might differ from a prospect's outlet

Nature of the universe of outlets

The number of outlets in that universe that were measured

Total number of outlets in that universe



What to include: Subsets

Examples:

By performance

Best and worst outlets to prevent cherry picking

By geography (must describe how and why that geographic subset was selected)

10 Unit rule: if less than 10 units, presumed too few to base an FPR on a subset



EXAMPLES: Subsets

CHART II

The following results of operations of (stated as an average or a range) should not be considered as the actual or potential results of operations of any particular Franchise.

SALES RANGE (Note 1)	Category "A" Less than \$400,000		Category "B" \$400,000 - \$600,000		Category "C" \$600,000 - \$800,000		Category "D" \$800,000 – \$1,000,000		Category "E" Greater than \$1,000,000	
Number of Centers	13		27		33		23		22	
Vehicle Count Range (Note 2)	7 - 17		16 - 30		20 - 33		23 - 40		31 - 68	
Ticket Range (Note 3)	\$53.49 - \$91.82		\$48.81 - \$91.27		\$51.69 - \$103.82		\$61.64 - \$98.45		\$58.66 - \$95.63	
Average Vehicle Count (Note 4)	13		20		26		31		42	
Average Ticket (Note 5)	\$70.13		\$69.93		\$76.02		\$82.49		\$77.67	
Operating Statement (Note 6)										
Net Sales	\$348,724	100%	\$553,850	100%	\$710,598	100%	\$916,539	100%	\$1,209,503	100%
Cost of Goods Sold (Note 7)	\$93,766	26.9%	\$145,856	26.3%	\$182,788	25.7%	\$231,193	25.2%	\$302,785	25.0%
Salaries, Wages and Benefits (Note 8)	\$118,760	34.1%	\$188,938	34.1%	\$229,958	32.4%	\$266,396	29.1%	\$337,672	27.9%
Gross Profit	\$136,198	39.1%	\$219,056	39.6%	\$297,852	41.9%	\$418,949	45.7%	\$569,046	47.0%
Retail	\$40,676	11.7%	\$53,719	9.7%	\$68,085	9.6%	\$77,308	8.4%	\$100,993	8.3%



EXAMPLES: Subsets

SALES RANGE (Note 1)	Category "A" Less than \$400,000		Category "B" \$400,000 - \$600,000		Category "C" \$600,000 - \$800,000		Category "D" \$800,000 – \$1,000,000		"E" Greater than \$1,000,000	
Operating Expenses (Note 9)										
Office and G&A Expenses (Note 10)	\$41,398	11.9%	\$78,004	14.1%	\$82,459	11.6%	\$98,018	10.7%	\$110,297	9.1%
Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and Occupancy										
Costs (Note 11)	\$54,125	15.5%	\$87,333	15.8%	\$147,308	20.7%	\$243,623	26.6%	\$357,756	29.6%



EXAMPLE: Subsets

LMP Enter., LLC v. Papa Murphy's Int'l LLC

- Misleading methodology: Alleges that the franchisor grouped performance of outlets into tiers made up of data having materially different characteristics, and that the tier system concealed poor performance based on the location of an outlet and/or the newness of the outlet.
- Fraudulent use of geographical data: Alleges that the franchisor knew that the
 success of a store depended on where it was located in the U.S., and thus fraudulently
 failed to disclose material differences in data based on geography. For example,
 franchisees allege that outlets in certain regions had to incur two or three times the
 amount in marketing costs compared to outlets in other regions, and outlets in certain
 regions achieved 30% less in sales compared to outlets in the rest of the system.
- Failing to describe sources of data: Alleges that the franchisor neglected to disclose
 the sources and integrity of data, particularly claiming the franchisor omitted
 information that would inform them that struggling outlets had failed to submit P & L
 statements, and were not represented in the performance data disclosed.



EXAMPLE: Subsets

RISKS TO AVOID

Dissette v. Pie Five Pizza Co, Inc.

- Misleading geographical subsets. Failure to explain differences in geographic markets by concealing data related to the difficulty of achieving sales in new markets.
- Misleading high and low data. Use of tiers to group performance into categories intended to disguise weak performance.

Avon Hardware Co. vs. Ace Hardware

- Only data from 37% of all franchised units
- Court said ok, because disclosed (and Item 19's disclaimer)



What to include

New outlet data and new brand with few outlets

What do when company is new and has only a few outlets operating for a short period of time?

 Hanley v. Doctors Express Franchising, LLC, 2013 WL 690521 (D. Md. Feb. 25, 2013)



How to obtain and what is sufficient data—substantiation

Financial statements from franchisees

How obtain?

Carrot and stick



How obtain and what is sufficient data—substantiation

Issues with multi-unit owners and one P&L

Table 6 - 2016 C	hairman's Club
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Table	6 - 2016	Chairman's Club)			T
					Total	
			Annual Gross	Annual Gross	Franchisee's Share of	Average Annual Hours
Donk	# of Units	Annual Salas				
Rank	# of Units	Annual Sales	Margin	Receipts	GM/GR	Per Unit
Multi-	Unit Franc	hisees				
1	11	\$46,419,087.53	\$10,117,051.94	\$1,351,959.12	\$6,721,802.74	215,770.25
2	6	\$55,162,063.94	\$9,966,782.41	\$303,026.97	\$6,191,605.12	598,296.78
3	3	\$39,484,813.86	\$8,567,816.65	\$474,985.50	\$5,986,556.50	693,729.75
4	2	\$31,752,639.45	\$6,403,034.07	\$28,163.89	\$4,185,982.29	968,867.91
5	4	\$27,848,797.66	\$5,601,626.46	\$212,024.40	\$3,577,599.45	429,220.01
6	2	\$29,826,398.55	\$5,501,439.70	\$138,396.51	\$3,410,182.76	838,107.43
7	4	\$21,851,959.00	\$5,398,284.98	\$918,989.31	\$3,688,645.87	253,137.46
8	3	\$23,441,420.62	\$5,270,464.25	\$250,414.70	\$3,488,762.41	400,533.39
9	2	\$23,069,515.78	\$5,035,034.35	\$145,007.37	\$3,305,526.70	660,467.04
10	3	\$18,137,255.46	\$4,974,328.19	\$514,761.86	\$3,455,251.14	345,135.66
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1	Unit Fran	\$17,186,060.05	\$5,273,216.69	\$301,414.78	\$3,628,238.55	883,553.14
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2	1	\$29,274,523.36	\$5,168,245.03	\$64,814.06	\$3,135,175.52	1,796,817.09
3	1	\$18,666,652.55	\$3,828,075.03	\$49,122.16	\$2,361,562.06	1,184,471.50
4	1	\$19,976,193.27	\$3,180,652.59	\$89,594.30	\$1,943,253.11	1,431,596.25
5	1	\$11,758,437.66	\$2,961,355.59	\$197,765.00	\$1,969,051.99	352,146.81
6	1	\$11,020,532.66	\$2,790,975.91	\$323,960.76	\$1,858,243.43	545,179.06
7	1	\$12,961,636.73	\$2,607,739.96	\$28,585.50	\$1,664,066.75	741,387.11
8	1	\$12,334,998.16	\$2,414,447.47	\$43,045.44	\$1,517,398.77	651,526.53
9	1	\$11,840,301.09	\$2,413,637.83	\$49,208.73	\$1,515,314.83	673,696.00
10	1	\$11,224,064.84	\$2,350,369.39	\$52,939.89	\$1,665,568.46	593,192.63



What to Include: Non P&L Based FPRs

Non P&L based FPRs
Occupancy for hotels
Other demographics for territory/market



EXAMPLE: Non P&L Based FPR

	Chart I-A ber of Vehicles Serviced: 1,89 iate-Owned and Franchised Co Operated at Least One Year Fiscal Year 2016		Chart I-B Number of Vehicles Serviced: 1,522,250 Franchised Centers – Opened at Least One Year Fiscal Year 2016		
Center Averages Per Day	Percent of Centers	Number of Centers	Center Averages Per Day	Percent of Centers	Number of Centers
20 or less	36.54%	76	20 or less	32.50%	52
Over 20 to 35	51.44%	107	Over 20 to 35	53.13%	85
Over 35 to 50	8.65%	18	Over 35 to 50	10.00%	16
Over 50	3.37%	7	Over 50	4.38%	7
Totals	100.00%	208	Totals	100.00%	160

The vehicle count ranges described in Charts I-A and I-B above are compiled from affiliate-owned Centers and franchisees located in the United States. The sales ticket, vehicle count, expense, and earnings levels described in chart II below are compiled averages or ranges of historical data from Centers operated by franchisees that have provided us with all the data necessary to complete Chart II. All Centers are not included in Chart II. These results should not be considered as potential sales, ticket, vehicle count, expense, and earnings levels that may be realized by you. There is no assurance you will do as well. Actual results vary from Center to Center and we cannot estimate the results of any particular Franchise. You are urged to consult with your financial, business, and legal advisers to conduct your own analysis of the information contained in this exhibit.



Disclaimers vs. Explanation

Commentary: limited disclaimer required; no other permitted. Cannot state things like franchisee cannot rely on Item 19.

Some outlets have earned this amount. Your individual results may differ. There is no assurance that you'll earn as much.

Explanations are permitted and required to present a non-misleading FPR



Disclaimers vs. Explanation

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory v. SDMS

"We do not have access to nor knowledge of the expenses and costs incurred by each of the 169 franchised stores"

Randall v. Lady of America

Negative disclaimer was false when evidence showed FPRs provided



CONCLUSION

OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY'S SESSION:

- Identify changes under the new NASAA commentary
- Identify some best practices and strategies for effective and compliant FPRs in light of new NASAA commentary
- Identify some risks and pitfalls and how to avoid them

