

**Report of Organizational Actions  
Affecting Basis of Securities**

▶ See separate instructions.

**Part I Reporting Issuer**

<b>1</b> Issuer's name RUSSELL INVESTMENTS INCOME ESSENTIALS CLASS		<b>2</b> Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) FOREIGNUS	
<b>3</b> Name of contact for additional information CORBIN TSEN	<b>4</b> Telephone No. of contact (416) 640 - 6196	<b>5</b> Email address of contact ctsen@russell.com	
<b>6</b> Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact 100 KING STREET WEST, SUITE 5900		<b>7</b> City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, M5X 1E4	
<b>8</b> Date of action SEE BELOW		<b>9</b> Classification and description PAID A "RETURN OF CAPITAL" DISTRIBUTION	
<b>10</b> CUSIP number N/A	<b>11</b> Serial number(s) N/A	<b>12</b> Ticker symbol N/A	<b>13</b> Account number(s) N/A

**Part II Organizational Action** Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

**14** Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ RETURN OF CAPITAL AS PART OF DISTRIBUTIONS THAT OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE 2016 TAXABLE YEAR

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**15** Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

THE ADJUSTMENT TO A UNITHOLDER'S COST BASIS IS AS FOLLOWS:

SERIES F-5: \$0.04732 PER UNIT	SERIES E: \$0.00000 PER UNIT
SERIES B: \$0.00000 PER UNIT	SERIES E-5: \$0.08220 PER UNIT
SERIES F-6: \$1.40465 PER UNIT	SERIES E-6: \$0.16622 PER UNIT
SERIES F-7: \$2.17904 PER UNIT	SERIES E-7: \$0.35142 PER UNIT
SERIES B-5: \$0.17007 PER UNIT	US DOLLAR HEDGED SERIES B-5: \$0.65948 PER UNIT
SERIES F: \$0.00000 PER UNIT	SERIES O: \$0.00000 PER UNIT
SERIES B-6: \$1.87154 PER UNIT	US DOLLAR HEDGED SERIES F-5: \$0.56644 PER UNIT
SERIES B-7: \$2.54423 PER UNIT	SERIES O-7: \$1.59418 PER UNIT

**16** Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ N/A

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**Part II Organizational Action** (continued)


**17** List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ IRC SECTION 301(c)(2), 312 AND 316

**18** Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ N/A

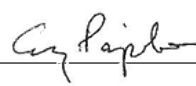
**19** Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ N/A

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

Signature ▶  Date ▶ 4/17/2017

Print your name ▶ DAVID STEELE Title ▶ PRESIDENT

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