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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO A PREVIOUS REPORT ON THE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN 60 WALL STREET AND 55 WALL STREET, AN INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK

The Conservancy asks you to reject this application. As we said at the June hearing, the relationship between 55 and 60 Wall Street is a textbook example of harmoniousness. The existing columns at #60, with their robust, sculptural forms, and tripartite composition directly reflect the colonnade at #55. Despite modifications, this proposal for a series of slim, minimal columns would have little connection to 55 Wall.

Instead, we hope that the LPC will give prompt attention to designation of 60 Wall Street as an individual and interior landmark. It is one of the finest examples of the post-modern style in the City. Designation would extend the story of the Financial District tower, from the Corbin Building, to 20 Exchange Place and 70 Pine Street, to Chase Manhattan Plaza and 140 Broadway, to name a few of the neighborhood's remarkable buildings.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Conservancy's views.