

PICO HOLDINGS INC /NEW  
Form NT 11-K  
June 29, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 12b-25  
NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check one):     Form 10-K     Form 20-F     Form 11-K     Form 10-Q     Form 10-D  
                   Form N-SAR     Form N-CSR

For Period

Ended:            December 31, 2010

- Transition Report on Form 10-K
- Transition Report on Form 20-F
- Transition Report on Form 11-K
- Transition Report on Form 10-Q
- Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period

Ended:

Read Instructions (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.  
Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any  
information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I — REGISTRANT INFORMATION

PICO Holdings, Inc.  
Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

7979 Invanhoe Ave. STE 300  
Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

La Jolla, California 92037  
City, State and Zip Code

PART II — RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III — NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Form 11-K that is the subject of this 12b-25 extension is being filed in order to report the information required of the PICO Holdings, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. The Plan is unable to timely file its Form 11-K because the audit of the financial statements is still in process. In order to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in the Form 11-K, the Plan believes it is necessary to obtain an extension of the filing date.

The Registrant currently plans to file its Form 11-K by the 15th calendar day following the prescribed due date of the Form 11-K, as contemplated by Rule 12b-25(b)(2).

(Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

PART IV — OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

John T Perri  
(Name)

(858)  
(Area Code)

652-4110  
(Telephone  
Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes  No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes  No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

PICO Holdings, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

/s/ John T Perri

By: John T. Perri

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Date June 29, 2011

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).