

provisions of section 8 of the Act if the account files with the Commission Form N-6EI-1, a notification of claim of exemption.

The rule also exempts a separate account from a number of other sections of the Act, provided that the separate account makes certain disclosure in its registration statements and reports to contract holders about actions taken under those exemptions.

In regard to the foregoing, Rule 6e-2 provides an exemption from section 17(f) of the Act. Section 17(f) requires that every registered management company meet various custody requirements for its securities and similar investments. Paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2 provides an exemption from the requirements of section 17(f) of the Act and imposes a reporting burden and certain other conditions. Paragraph (b)(9) applies only to management accounts that offer life insurance contracts subject to Rule 6e-2.

Since 1988, there have been no filings under paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2 by management accounts. Further, all post-effective amendments accounts under Rule 6e-2 have been structured as unit investment trusts and are thus not subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of the rule. Therefore, since 1988, there has been no burden to the industry regarding the information collection requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2.

Rule 22d-1 [17 CFR 270.22d-1] provides registered investment companies that issue redeemable securities ("funds") an exemption from section 22(d) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit scheduled variations in or elimination of the sales load on fund securities for particular classes of investors or transactions, provided certain conditions are met. The rule imposes an annual burden per fund of approximately 15 minutes, so that the total annual burden for the approximately 1,865 funds that might rely on the rule is estimated to be 466 hours.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549 and Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 6, 1997 [62 FR 5663].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 29, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dave Jordan, M-61, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-4265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Office of the Secretary (OST)

Title: Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR).

OMB Control Number: 2105-0517.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and business or other for-profit organizations.

Abstract: The requested extension of the approved control number covers forms DOT F 4220.4, DOT F 4220.7, DOT F 4220.43, DOT F 4220.44, DOT F 4220.45, DOT F 4220.46, and Form DD 882. In addition, the control number includes an amended request to obtain data associated with acquisitions for training services.

Need: The Transportation Acquisition Regulation (TAR) 48 CFR 1213.70, 1237.70, 1252.237-71, and 1252.237-72 requires contracting officers to obtain and evaluate, qualification data and other pertinent information when it is necessary to determine whether offerors

have the capability to perform training services under a proposed contract.

Annual Estimated Burden: 22,062.*

* The annual estimated burden has been reduced from 57,167 hours as a result of the Federal Aviation Administration system being exempt from the collection requirements of the TAR.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Coordinating Council on Sunday, June 1, 1997. The following designations are made for each item: (A) is an "action" item; (I) is an "information item;" and (D) is a "discussion" item. The agenda includes the following: (1) Call to Order and Introductions (I); (2) Statements of Anti-Trust Compliance and Conflict of Interest (A); (3) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (A); (4) Special FHWA Report (I&D); (5) Federal Reports (I&D); (6) President's Report—(a.) 1997 Priority Objectives, (b.) Identity Campaign, (c.) ITS America Association; (7) DSRC Initiative Update (I&D); (8) Standards Needs Timeline (I&D); (9) European Update (I&D); (10) Annual Meeting and World Congress Update (I&D); (11) Sunset-Sunrise Task Force Report (A); (12) Roundtable Discussion of Committee and Task Force Activities (I&D); (13) Coordinating Council Retreat Plans (Wed.-Thurs., August 6-7, 1997