

Form 2-E must be filed semi-annually during an offering and as a final report at the completion of the offering. Less frequent filing would not allow the Commission to monitor the progress of the limited offering in order to ensure that the issuer was not attempting to avoid the normal registration provisions of the securities laws.

There has been approximately one filing on form 2-E under rule 609 of regulation E during each of the last 2 years. On average, approximately one respondent spend four hours collecting information, preparing, and filing a form 2-E for a total amount reporting and recordkeeping burden of four hours.

Rule 6c-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act") provides exemption from certain provisions of Sections 22(e) and 27 of the 1940 Act for registered separate accounts offering variable annuity contracts to certain employees of Texas institutions of higher education participating in the Texas Optional Retirement Program.

There are approximately 183 registrants governed by Rule 6c-7, with an estimated compliance time of 30 minutes per registrant for a total of 92 annual burden hours.

Rule 11a-2 permits certain registered insurance company separate accounts, subject to certain conditions, to make offers to exchange their securities for other investment company securities without obtaining prior Commission approval.

There are approximately 550 registrants governed by Rule 11a-2, with an estimated compliance time of 15 minutes per registrant for a total of 138 annual burden hours.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Exchange Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: July 9, 1997.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Extension: Rule 19b-4 and Form 19b-4; SEC File No. 270-38; OMB Control No. 3235-0045.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The information is collected pursuant to Rule 19b-4 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), entitled "Filings with Respect to Proposed Rule Changes by Self-Regulatory Organizations."

Rule 19b-4, as amended by the Securities Act Amendments of 1975, requires each self-regulatory organization to file with the Commission copies of any proposed amendment to its constitution, articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules or similar instrument or any interpretation of these instruments. The Commission is required to publish notice of such filing, and either approve the proposal or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposal should be disapproved.

The collection of information is designed to provide the Commission with the information necessary to determine whether, as required by the Act, the rule proposal is consistent with the Act and the rules thereunder. The information is used to determine whether the proposal should be approved or proceedings should be instituted to determine whether disapproval is appropriate.

The respondents to the collection of information are self-regulatory organizations, which generally are securities exchanges.

An estimated 25 respondents file approximately 20 filings per year,

totaling an average burden of 17,500 burden hours.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) 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, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 7, 1997.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Dean Witter Premier Income Trust; Notice of Application

July 9, 1997.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of Application for Deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

APPLICANT: Dean Witter Premier Income Trust.

RELEVANT ACT SECTION: Order requested under section 8(f) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on June 16, 1997.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on August 4, 1997, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the SEC's Secretary.