

1:45 p.m.

Briefings related to chemical warfare agent exposure issues

4:30 p.m.

Meeting recessed

*Friday, September 5, 1997*

8:30 a.m.

Call to order

8:35 a.m.

Briefings related to chemical warfare agent exposure issues

10:30 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m.

Discussion of special report

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Discussion of special report

3:45 p.m.

Committee and staff discussion: Next steps

4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

#### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should contact the Committee at the address or telephone number listed below at least five business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include on the agenda presentations from individuals who have not yet had an opportunity to address the Committee. Priority will be given to Gulf War veterans whose accounts of firsthand experience with chemical and biological warfare agent detections previously have not been conveyed to the Committee. The panel chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. People who wish to file written statements with the Committee may do so at any time.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Rocha, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, 1411 K Street, N.W., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone: (202) 761-0066, Fax: (202) 761-0310.

Dated: August 4, 1997.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

#### Extension:

Rule 17Ad-11, SEC File No. 270-261, OMB Control No. 3235-0274

Rule 17Ad-13, SEC File No. 270-263, OMB Control No. 3235-0275

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") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17Ad-11 requires transfer agents to report to issuers and the appropriate regulatory agency in the event that aged record differences exceed certain dollar value thresholds. An aged record difference occurs when an issuer's records do not agree with those of securityowners as indicated, for instance, on certificates presented to the transfer agent for purchase, redemption or transfer. In addition, the rule requires transfer agents to report to the appropriate regulatory agency in the event of a failure to post certificate detail to the master securityholder file within 5 business days of the time required by Rule 17Ad-10. Also, transfer agents must maintain a copy of each report prepared under Rule 17Ad-11 for a period of three years following the date of the report. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule.

Because the information required by Rule 17Ad-11 is already available to transfer agents, any collection burden for small transfer agents is minimal. The staff estimates 150 registered transfer agents take approximately one hour annually to comply with Rule 17Ad-11. Therefore, the total burden is 150 hours annually for transfer agents, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$30. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for transfer agents is \$4,500.

Rule 17Ad-13 requires approximately 200 registered transfer agents to obtain an annual report on the adequacy of internal accounting controls. In

addition, transfer agents must maintain copies of any reports prepared pursuant to Rule 17Ad-13 plus any documents prepared to notify the Commission and appropriate regulatory agencies in the event that the transfer agent is required to take any corrective action. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. Small transfer agents are exempt from Rule 17Ad-13.

The staff estimates 200 registered transfer agents take approximately 175 hours annually to comply with Rule 17Ad-13. Therefore, the total annual burden is 35,000 hours for transfer agents, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$60. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for transfer agents is \$1,300,000.

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be 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 Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: August 1, 1997.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Form 18, SEC File No. 270-105, OMB