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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of August 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ashok C. Thadani,

Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, Medically Underserved Areas for 1999

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of Medically Underserved Areas for 1999.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management has completed its annual calculation of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program for the calendar year 1999. This is necessary to comply with a provision of FEHB law that mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in states with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Accordingly, for calendar year 1999, OPM's calculations show that the following States are Medically Underserved Areas under the FEHB Program: Alabama, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Wyoming. West Virginia has been removed from the 1998 list, and Idaho and North Dakota have been added.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth A. Lease, 202-606-0004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEHB law [5 U.S.C. 8902(m)(2)] mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Such States are designated as Medically Underserved Areas for purposes of the FEHB Program, and the law requires payment to all qualified providers in the States.

FEHB regulations (5 CFR 890.701) require OPM to make an annual calculation of the States that qualify as

Medically Underserved Areas for the next calendar year by comparing the latest Department of Health and Human Services State-by-State population counts on primary medical care manpower shortage areas with U.S. Census figures on State resident population.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 23418; 812-10912]

State Street Bank and Trust Company, et al.; Notice of Application

August 27, 1998.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 12(d)(1) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act, under section 6(c) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(e) of the Act, and under section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION:

Applicants request an order to permit certain registered investment companies and private funds ("Lending Funds") to use cash collateral from securities lending transactions ("Cash Collateral") to purchase shares ("Shares") of one or more series of State Street Navigator Securities Lending Trust (the "Trust") and to pay fees based on a share of the revenue generated from securities lending transactions to State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street"). The order also would permit State Street and certain of its affiliates ("State Street Entities") to engage in principal transactions with, and receive brokerage commissions from, certain Lending Funds that are affiliated with State Street or State Street Entities solely as a result of investing Cash Collateral in the Trust.

APPLICANTS: State Street, the Trust, and SSgA Funds.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on December 22, 1997. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is described in this notice.