

implementation of any programs to achieve the goals of the Institute. Specifically, the Board performs the following functions (a) Makes recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and the staff of the Institute; (b) provides independent advice on operation of the Institute; and (c) receives reports from the Interagency Group and Director of the Institute. In addition, the Institute consults with the Board on the award of fellowships. The Board will meet in Washington, DC on September 10, 1999 from 9 am to 11 am. The meeting of the Board is open to the public. This meeting of the Institute's Advisory Board will focus on current and future Institute programs and activities. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW, Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006 from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Dated: August 18, 1999.

Sharyn M. Abbott,

Acting Director, National Institute for Literacy.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Aviation Maintenance Repair Facilities: A Public Forum

A public forum on aviation maintenance repair facilities sponsored by the National Transportation Safety Board will be held August 30, 1999, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, Illinois. For more information, contact the Office of Research and Engineering Division, telephone (202) 314-6510, fax (202) 314-6597 or Paul Schlamm, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, DC 20594, telephone (202) 314-6100.

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Rhonda N. Underwood,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data

collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection:

Employee's Certification; OMB 3220-0140.

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), provides for the payment of an annuity to the spouse or divorced spouse of a retired railroad employee. For the spouse or divorced spouse to qualify for an annuity, the RRB must determine if any of the employee's previous marriages create an impediment either to the current marriage between the employee and his or her spouse or to the marriage which previously existed between the employee and his or her former spouse.

The requirements relating to obtaining evidence for determining valid marital relationships are prescribed in 20 CFR 219.30 through 219.35.

Section 2(e) of the RRA requires that an employee must relinquish all rights to any railroad employer service before a spouse annuity can be paid.

The RRB uses Form G-346 to obtain the information needed for determining if any of the employee's previous marriages create an impediment to the current marriage. Form G-346 is completed by the retired employee who is the husband or wife of the applicant for a spouse annuity. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes minor and cosmetic editorial changes to Form G-346. The RRB estimates that 5,400 G-346's are completed annually at an estimated completion time of five minutes per response. Total respondent burden is estimated at 450 hours.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information

collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 23950; 812-11640]

Norwest Advantage Funds, et al.; Notice of Application

August 17, 1999.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order to permit certain series of Wells Fargo Funds Trust ("WFFT") and Wells Fargo Core Trust ("WFCT") to acquire all of the assets and liabilities of certain series of Norwest Advantage Funds ("NAF") and Core Trust (Delaware) ("Core Trust"), respectively (the "Reorganizations"). Because of certain affiliations, applicants may not rely on rule 17a-8 under the Act.

Applicants: NAF, WFFT, Core Trust, WFCT (each, a "Trust"), Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A. ("Norwest Bank"), Norwest Investment Management, Inc. ("NIM"), and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo Bank").

Filing Date: The application was filed on June 3, 1999. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on September 13, 1999, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, 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