

Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs. Effective November 3, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy to the Chief of Staff. Effective November 22, 1999.

Program Officer to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs. Effective December 6, 1999.

Management Analyst to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Logistics Management. Effective December 15, 1999.

Protocol Officer (Visits) to the Chief of Protocol. Effective December 16, 1999.

Department of Transportation

Special Assistant to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Public Affairs. Effective November 5, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs. Effective November 15, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration. Effective November 18, 1999.

Special Assistant for Scheduling and Advance to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective December 7, 1999.

Department of the Treasury

Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Effective November 15, 1999.

Deputy Executive Secretary to the Executive Secretary. Effective November 29, 1999.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective December 7, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective December 17, 1999.

Environmental Protection Agency

Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator. Effective December 28, 1999.

Federal Communications Commission

Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective December 9, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Secretary to the Chairman. Effective November 9, 1999.

Office of Management and Budget

Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director, National Security and International Affairs. Effective November 5, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Budget. Effective November 15, 1999.

Office of Personnel Management

Senior Advisor for Communications to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective December 17, 1999.

Small Business Administration

Senior Advisor to the Deputy Administrator. Effective December 22, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development. Effective December 22, 1999.

Regional Administrator, Region V, Chicago, IL to the Assistant Director, for Field Operations. Effective December 28, 1999.

U.S. International Trade Commission

Staff Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective December 22, 1999.

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Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Open Committee Meetings

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—

Thursday, February 24, 2000

Thursday, March 16, 2000

Thursday, March 30, 2000

The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting will start in open session with both labor and

management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

February 4, 2000.

John F. Leyden,

Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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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

New: Survey on Reciprocal Subpoena
Enforcement
SEC File No. 270-479
OMB Control No. 3235-new

Notice is hereby give 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 proposed survey to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

The survey is called the Securities and Exchange Commission Survey on Reciprocal Subpoena Enforcement. The staff created the survey pursuant to a Congressional directive in the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998 ("1998 Act"). The 1998 Act requires the Commission, in consultation with state securities commissions (or similar agencies) to "seek to encourage the adoption of State laws providing for reciprocal enforcement by State securities commissions of subpoenas issued by another State securities commission* * *". The 1998 Act further requires the SEC to submit a report to Congress by November 2000 which identifies the states that have adopted such laws, describes the actions the Commission and the state commissions have taken to promote such laws, and identifies any further actions the Commission recommends for such purposes.

The survey seeks information regarding (1) the states' laws authorizing providing assistance to other states with subpoenas, (2) the states' experiences in seeking assistance from other states with their subpoenas, (3) the states' experiences in requesting assistance from other states with their subpoenas and (4) each state's proposals and suggestions regarding reciprocal subpoena enforcement. The Commission will use the information gathered in the survey to write the report to Congress.

The survey will be sent to all of the states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. It is estimated that there will be approximately 52 respondents to the survey and that each full response will take approximately 30 minutes. Thus, the total reporting burden of the survey will be about 26 hours. The survey is voluntary and may be completed at the option of the recipient. Responses will not be kept confidential. An agency may not sponsor, conduct, or require response to an information collection unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(B), the Commission solicits comments to: (1) Evaluate 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; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, (iii) enhance the quality,

utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, 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. Bartrell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available

From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549

Extension: Rule 18f-3; SEC File No. 270-385; OMB Control No. 3235-0441

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension and approval on the collection of information described below.

Section 18(f)(1)¹ of the Investment Company Act of 1940² (the "Investment Company Act") prohibits registered open-end management investment companies ("funds") from issuing any senior security. Rule 18f-3 under the act³ exempts from section 18(f)(1) a fund that issues multiple classes of shares representing interests in the same portfolio of securities (a "multiple class fund") if the fund satisfies the conditions of the rule. In general, each class must differ in its arrangement for shareholder services or distribution or both, and must pay the related expenses of that different arrangement.

The rule includes one requirement for the collection of information. A multiple class fund must prepare and fund directors must approve a written

plan setting forth the separate arrangement and expense allocation of each class, and any related conversion features or exchange privileges ("rule 18f-3 plan").⁴ Approval of the plan must occur before the fund issues any shares of multiple classes, and whenever the fund materially amends the plan. In approving the plan, the fund board, including a majority of the independent directors, must determine that the plan is in the best interests of each class and the fund as a whole.

The requirement that the fund prepare and directors approve a written rule 18f-3 plan is intended to ensure that the fund compiles information relevant to the fairness of the separate arrangement and expense allocation for each class, and that directors review and approve the information. Without a blueprint that highlights material differences among classes, directors might not perceive potential conflicts of interests when they determine whether the plan is in the best interests of each class and the fund. In addition, the plan may be useful to Commission staff in reviewing the fund's compliance with the rule.

There are approximately 550 multiple class funds.⁵ Based on a review of typical rule 18f-3 plans, the Commission's staff estimates that the 550 funds together make an average of 275 responses each year to prepare and approve a written rule 18f-3 plan, requiring approximately 5.5 hours per response, and a total of 1512.5 burden hours per year in the aggregate.⁶ The estimated annual burden of 1512.5 hours represents an increase of 912.5 hours over the prior estimate of 600 hours. The increase in burden hours is attributable to more accurate estimates of the burden hours that reflect additional time spent by professionals and time spent by directors. The estimated number of multiple class funds has decreased, however, from 600 to 550.

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

⁴ Rule 18f-3(d).

⁵ This estimate is based on data from Form N-SAR, the semi-annual report that funds file with the Commission.

⁶ The estimate reflects the assumption that each multiple class fund prepares and approves a rule 18f-3 plan every two years when issuing a new class or amending a plan (or that 275 of all 550 funds prepare and approve a plan each year). The estimate assumes that the time required to prepare a plan is 3 hours per plan (or 825 hours for 275 funds annually), and the time required to approve a plan is an additional 2.5 hours per plan (or 687.5 hours for 275 funds annually).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 80a-18(f)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 80a.

³ 17 CFR 270.18f-3.