

meeting in Washington, D.C.  
Tuesday, April 4—10:00 a.m. (Closed)

1. Continuation of Monday's Closed Agenda.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
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**Thomas J. Koerber,**  
*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, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Form N-4, SEC File No. 270-282, OMB Control No. 3235-0318

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

#### Description of Form N-4, Its Purpose and the Industry Entities Affected

There are two separate statutes which require investment companies to file registration statements with the Commission if they are offering their securities to the public. Each must register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act"), and must register the securities it will offer under the Securities Act of 1933 ("1933 Act"). Form N-4 is part of the integrated registration and reporting system by which registrants satisfy the registration requirements of both the 1940 Act and the 1933 Act by filing a single registration statement. Form N-4 is the required form that insurance company separate accounts organized as unit investment trust ("IC UIT separate accounts") must if they offer variable annuity contracts.

The Form N-4's purpose is to provide investors with material information concerning securities offered for public sale. The first part includes a simplified prospectus that satisfies the prospectus delivery requirements of the 1933 Act.

The second part is a Statement of Additional Information available free of charge to prospective investors upon request. A third part of the registration statement includes all of the other mandatory information that is not specifically required to be in the prospectus or the Statement of Additional Information.

As a regulatory matter, the Form N-4 satisfies the disclosure requirements of the 1933 Act. Form N-4 also satisfies the 1940 requirement that investment companies file a registration statement with the Commission pursuant to Section 8(b).

It is estimated that, currently, there are 615 IC UIT separate accounts required to file initial and post effective registration statements on an annual and as required basis using Form N-4. The burden from Form N-4 requires approximately 219.8 hours per post effective amendment and 298 hours for each initial registration. The total burden hours for Form N-4 is estimated at 284,379.20 in the aggregate. The estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

The collection of information based on registration using the Form N-4 is mandatory. The information provided by Form N-4 is not keep confidential. The Commission may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: March 13, 2000.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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Extension:

Form N-54A, SEC File No. 270-182, OMB Control No. 3235-0237

Form N-54C, SEC File No. 270-184, OMB Control No. 3235-0236

Form N-6F, SEC File No. 270-185, OMB Control No. 3235-0238

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#### Form N-54A Under the Investment Company Act of 1940; Notification of Election to be Subject to Sections 55 Through 65 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Filed Pursuant to Section 54(a) of the Act

Form N-54A [17 CFR § 274.53] is the notification of election to the Commission to be regulated as a business development company. A company making such an election only has to file a Form N-54A once.

It is estimated that approximately 3 respondents per year file with the Commission a Form N-54A. Form N-54A requires approximately 0.5 burden hours per response resulting from creating and filing the information required by the form. The total burden hours for Form N-54A would be 1.5 hours per year in the aggregate. The estimated annual burden of 1.5 hours represents a decrease of 0.5 hours over the prior estimate of 2 hours. The decrease in burden hours is attributable to a decrease in the number of respondents from 4 to 3.

#### Form N-54C Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Notification of Withdrawal of Election to be Subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Filed Pursuant to Section 54(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form N-54C [17 CFR § 274.54] is a notification to the Commission that a company withdraws its election to be regulated as a business development company. Such a company only has to file a Form N-54C once.