

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: Rob Timmins, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Employment Service, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 1425, Washington, DC 20415-9820, e-mail: ratimmin@opm.gov and Stuart Shapiro, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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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 202(a)(11)-1, SEC File No. 270-471, OMB Control No. 3235-0532

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.

The title for the collection of information is "Certain Broker-Dealers Deemed Not To Be Investment Advisers." Proposed rule 202(a)(11)-1 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") would allow broker-dealers registered with the Commission to manage non-discretionary brokerage accounts without being subject to the Advisers Act regardless of the form of compensation charged those accounts provided that certain conditions are met. The rule would require that all advertisements for brokerage accounts charging an asset-based fee and all agreements and contracts governing the operation of those accounts contain a prominent statement that the accounts are brokerage accounts. This collection

of information is necessary so that customers are not confused with respect to the services that they are receiving, *i.e.*, to prevent customers and prospective customers from mistakenly believing that the account is an advisory account subject to the Advisers Act. The collection will assist customers in making informed decisions regarding whether to establish accounts.

The respondents to this collection of information are all broker-dealers that are registered with the Commission. The Commission has estimated that the average annual burden for ensuring compliance with the disclosure element of the rule is 5 minutes per broker-dealer taking advantage of the rule. If all of the approximately 8,100 broker-dealers registered with the Commission took advantage of the rule, the total estimated annual burden would be 673 hours (.083 hours \times 8,100 brokers).

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information 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 Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: November 5, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 25794 ; 812-12554]

Federated Index Trust, *et al.*; Notice of Application

November 6, 2002.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under section 6(c) of the

Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f-2 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION: The order would permit applicants to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements without shareholder approval.

APPLICANTS: Federated Index Trust (the "Trust") and Federated Investment Management Company ("the Adviser").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on June 21, 2001. 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 the 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 December 2, 2002, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the 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 notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants, *c/o* Matthew G. Maloney, Esq., Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky LLP, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Yoder, Attorney-Adviser, at (202) 942-0544, or Nadya Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 942-0564, (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. The Trust, a Massachusetts business trust, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company. The Trust currently offers four series ("Funds"), each of which has its own investment objectives, policies and restrictions. The Adviser is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the