

**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
20549-0004.

Extension:

Rule 88 and Form U-13-1; SEC File No. 270-80; OMB Control No. 3235-0182

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the matters relating to the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Form U-13-1, [17 CFR 259.113] under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 79, *et seq.*, is required to be filed under Rule 88 of the Act by companies seeking Commission approval to become mutual service companies under the Act.

Rule 88 under the Act, which implements Section 13 of the Act requires the information collection prescribed by Form U-13-1. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections for Form U-13-1 is 88 hours (22 responses × 4 hours = 88 hours).

The estimate of average burden hours are made for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or representative survey or study of the costs of complying with the requirements of Commission rules and forms.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information 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 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: March 3, 2004.

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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Extension:

Rule 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h); SEC File No. 270-149; OMB Control No. 3235-0130

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

• Rule 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h)—
Transfer Agent Turnaround, Processing and Forwarding Requirements

Rule 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h), 17 CFR 240.17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, enumerate the requirements with which transfer agents must comply to inform the Commission or the appropriate regulator of a transfer agent's failure to meet the minimum performance standards set by the Commission rule by filing a notice.

While it is estimated there are 900 transfer agents, approximately ten notices pursuant to 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h) are filed annually. The estimated annual cost to respondents is minimal. In view of: (a) The readily available nature of most of the information required to be included in the notice (since that information must be compiled and retained pursuant to other Commission rules); (b) the summary fashion that such information must be presented in the notice (most notices are one page or less in length); and (c) the experience of the staff regarding the notices, the Commission staff estimates that, on average, most notices require approximately one-half hour to prepare. The Commission staff estimates that transfer agents spend an average of five hours per year complying with the rule.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h) is not less than two years following the date the notice is submitted. The recordkeeping

requirement under this rule is mandatory to assist the Commission in monitoring transfer agents who fail to meet the minimum performance standards set by the Commission rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that a transfer agent is not required to file under the rule unless it does not meet the minimum performance standards for turnaround, processing or forwarding items received for transfer during a month. Persons should note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours 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 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, 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 1, 2004.

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Assistant Secretary.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION****Proposed Collection; Comment
Request**

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Extension: Form U-6B-2, SEC File No. 270-169, OMB Control No. 3235-0163.

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 (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

The Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. section 79a *et seq.*) requires the filing of an application