

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), Agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency has prepared an information collection request for OMB review and approval and has requested public review and comment on the submission. OPIC published its first **Federal Register** Notice on this information collection request on June 22, 2004, in 69 FR 34712, at which time a 60-calendar day comment period was announced. This comment period ended August 23, 2004. No comments were received in response to this Notice.

This information collection submission has now been submitted to OMB for review.

Comments are again being solicited on the need for the information, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate: The quality, practical utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form, OMB Control number 3420-0004, under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received within 30 calendar days of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review submitted to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OPIC Agency Submitting Officer:
Bruce I. Campbell, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527; 202/336-8563.

OMB Reviewer: David Rostker, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, 202/395-3897.

Summary of Form Under Review:

Type of Request: Form Renewal.

Title: Project Information Report.

Form Number: OPIC 71.

Frequency of Use: No more than once per contract.

Type of Respondents: Business or other institutions (except farms).

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: 40 hours per project.

Number of Responses: 30 per year.

Federal Cost: \$2,781.00.

Authority for Information Collection: Title 22 USC 2191 (k)(2) and 2199 (h) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The project information report is necessary to elicit and record the information on the developmental, environmental, and U.S. economic effects of OPIC-assisted projects. The information will be used by OPIC's staff and management solely as a basis for monitoring these projects, and reporting the results in aggregate form, as required by Congress.

Dated: August 23, 2004.

Eli Landy,

*Senior Counsel, Administrative Affairs,
Department of Legal Affairs.*

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**Sunshine Act; September 9, 2004, Board of Directors Meeting**

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, September 9, 2004, 10 a.m. (Open portion), 10:15 a.m. (Closed portion).

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Meeting open to the Public from 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Closed portion will commence at 10:15 a.m. (approx.).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. President's Report.
2. Approval of July 29, 2004 minutes (open portion).

FURTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

(Closed to the Public 10:15 a.m.).

1. Finance Project—Africa.
2. Finance Project—Africa.
3. Finance Project—Africa.
4. Approval of July 29, 2004 minutes (closed portion).
6. Pending Major Projects.
7. Reports.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the meeting may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438.

Dated: August 24, 2004.

Connie M. Downs,

Corporate Secretary, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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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: Sick Pay and Miscellaneous Payments Report; OMB 3220-0175. Under Section 6 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) and Section 9 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) maintains for each railroad employee a record of compensation paid to that employee by all railroad employers for whom the employee worked after 1936. This record, which is used by the RRB to determine eligibility for, and amount of, benefits due under the laws it administers, is conclusive as to the amount of compensation paid to an employee during such period(s) covered by the report(s) of the compensation by the railroad employer(s). Further, the Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983 added subsection 1(h)(8) to the RRA which expanded the definition of compensation for purposes of computing the Tier 1 portion of an annuity to include sickness payments and certain payments other than sick pay which are considered compensation within the meaning of Section 1(h)(8). The information reporting requirements for employers are prescribed in 20 CFR 209.

To enable the RRB to establish and maintain the record of compensation, employers are required under Section 6 of the RUIA and Section 9 of the RRA to file with the RRB, in such manner and form and at such times as the RRB by rules and regulation may prescribe, reports of compensation of employees.

The RRB utilizes Form BA-10, Report of Miscellaneous Compensation and Sick Pay, to collect information regarding sick pay and certain other types of payments, referred to as miscellaneous compensation, under Section 1(h)(8) of the Railroad Retirement Act from railroad employers. In addition, the form is used by employers to report any necessary adjustments in the amounts of sick pay or miscellaneous compensation. Employers have the option of submitting the reports on the aforementioned form, or, in like format, on magnetic tape, tape cartridges or PC diskettes. Submission of the mandatory reports is requested annually. One response is required of each respondent. No changes are proposed to Form BA-10. The completion time for Form BA-10 is estimated at 55 minutes per response.

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 or send an e-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27884]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

August 19, 2004.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by September 10, 2004, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After **September 10, 2004**, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

NiSource Inc., et al. (70-10169)

NiSource Inc. ("NiSource"), a registered public-utility holding company, Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("Northern Indiana"), Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company ("Kokomo"), Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company, Inc. ("NIFL"), all public-utility company subsidiaries of NiSource, EnergyUSA, Inc., and its subsidiaries, PEI Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as Primary Energy, Inc.), NiSource Capital Markets, Inc. ("Capital Markets"), NiSource Corporate Services Company ("NiSource Services"), a subsidiary service company, NiSource Finance Corp. ("NiSource Finance"), Granite State Transmission, Inc., Crossroads Pipeline Company, NiSource Development Company, Inc., and its subsidiaries, NI Energy Services, Inc., and its subsidiaries, NiSource Energy Technologies, Inc., Columbia Assurance Agency, Inc., NiSource Retail Services Inc. ("Retail Services"), IWC Resources Corporation and its subsidiaries, Columbia Energy Group ("Columbia"), a registered public-utility holding company, Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation, Columbia Deep Water Services Company, Columbia Energy Services Corporation and Columbia Remainder Corporation and its subsidiary, all located at 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410-6272; Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State"), Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern Utilities"), both gas utility companies, located at 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581-5039; Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia Kentucky"), Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc. ("Columbia Maryland"), Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia Ohio"), Columbia Gas of

Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Columbia Pennsylvania"), Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia Virginia"), all gas utility companies, and Columbia of Ohio Receivables Corporation (formerly known as Columbia Accounts Receivable Corporation), 200 Civic Center Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43215; Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, located at 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146; Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, located at 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057; Columbia Network Services Corporation and its subsidiary, both located at 1600 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215-1082; and NiSource Insurance Corporation Limited, located at 20 Parliament Street, P.O. Box HM 649, Hamilton HM CX, Bermuda (collectively "Applicants"), have filed a post-effective amendment, as amended ("Application"), with the Commission under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b) and 12(f) of the Act and rule 54.

NiSource, directly and indirectly owns ten public utility subsidiary companies: Northern Indiana, Kokomo, NIFL, Bay State, Northern Utilities, Columbia Kentucky, Columbia Maryland, Columbia Ohio, Columbia Pennsylvania and Columbia Virginia (collectively, "Utility Subsidiaries"). By order dated December 30, 2003 (NiSource, Inc., et al., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27789) ("Prior Order"), the Commission authorized NiSource, the Utility Subsidiaries and certain of NiSource's nonutility subsidiaries to engage in a program of financing, to organize and acquire the securities of certain new subsidiaries, to engage in certain nonutility businesses and to engage in other related transactions in the ordinary course of business. Specifically, among other things, NiSource, the Utility Subsidiaries and certain of the nonutility subsidiaries were authorized to participate in the NiSource System Money Pool ("Money Pool").¹ The participating NiSource subsidiaries were authorized to make borrowings from each other and from NiSource Finance Corp., a financing subsidiary of NiSource, through the Money Pool.

NiSource now requests that Retail Services and Central Kentucky Transmission Company ("Central Kentucky") be permitted to be

¹ By the Prior Order, no further Commission authorization is required for any new subsidiary of NiSource to participate in the Money Pool as a lender only. For the terms of the NiSource System Money Pool Agreement, see also, NiSource, Inc., et al., Holding Co. Act Release Nos. 27479 (December 21, 2001), 27535 (June 3, 2002), 27559 (August 8, 2002).