

certain provisions of the Act applicable to all funds, (b) the fund will maintain originals or copies of its books and records in the United States, and (c) the fund's contracts with its custodian, investment adviser, and principal underwriter, will contain certain terms, including a requirement that the adviser maintain originals or copies of pertinent records in the United States;

(4) The fund's contracts with service providers will require that the provider perform the contract in accordance with the Act, the Securities Act of 1933 [15 U.S.C. 77a-77z-3], and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C. 78a-78mm ], as applicable; and

(5) The fund must file, and periodically revise, a list of persons affiliated with the fund or its adviser or underwriter.

Under section 7(d) of the Act the Commission may issue an order permitting a foreign fund's registration only if the Commission finds that "by reason of special circumstances or arrangements, it is both legally and practically feasible effectively to enforce the provisions of the [Act]." The information collection requirements are necessary to assure that the substantive provisions of the Act may be enforced as a matter of contract right in the United States or Canada by the fund's shareholders or by the Commission.

Certain information collection requirements in rule 7d-1 are associated with complying with the Act's provisions. These requirements are reflected in the information collection requirements applicable to those provisions for all registered funds.

The Commission believes that one fund is registered under rule 7d-1 and currently active. Apart from requirements under the Act applicable to all registered funds, rule 7d-1 imposes ongoing burdens to maintain records in the United States, and to update, as necessary, the fund's list of affiliated persons. The Commission staff estimates that the rule requires a total of three responses each year. The staff estimates that a respondent would make two responses each year under the rule, one response to maintain records in the United States and one response to update its list of affiliated persons. The Commission staff further estimates that a respondent's investment adviser would make one response each year under the rule to maintain records in the United States. Commission staff estimates that each recordkeeping response would require 6.25 hours each of secretarial and compliance clerk time at a cost of \$21.10 and \$21.50 per hour, respectively, and the response to update the list of affiliated persons would require 0.25 hours of secretarial time, for a total annual burden of 25.25 hours at a cost of \$537.78. The estimated number of 25.25 burden hours is identical to the current allocation.

If a fund were to file an application under the rule, the Commission estimates that the rule would impose initial information collection burdens (for filing an application, preparing the specified charter, bylaw, and contract provisions, designations of agents for service of process, and an initial list of affiliated persons, and establishing a means of keeping records in the United States) of

approximately 90 hours for the fund and its associated persons. The Commission is not including these hours in its calculation of the annual burden because no foreign fund has applied under rule 7d-1 to register under the Act in the last three years.

After registration, a foreign fund may file a supplemental application seeking special relief designed for the fund's particular circumstances. Because rule 7d-1 does not mandate these applications and the fund determines whether to submit an application, the Commission has not allocated any burden hours for the applications.

The estimates of burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. The estimates are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of Commission rules and forms.

The Commission believes that the active registrant and its associated persons may spend (excluding the cost of burden hours) approximately \$540 per year in maintaining records in the United States. These estimated costs include fees for a custodian or other agent to retain records, storage costs, and the costs of transmitting records.

If a Canadian or other foreign fund in the future applied to register under the Act under rule 7d-1, the fund initially might have capital and start-up costs (not including hourly burdens) of an estimated \$17,280 to comply with the rule's initial information collection requirements. These costs include legal and processing-related fees for preparing the required documentation (such as the application, charter, bylaw, and contract provisions), designations for service of process, and the list of affiliated persons. Other related costs would include fees for establishing arrangements with a custodian or other agent for maintaining records in the United States, copying and transportation costs for records, and the costs of purchasing or leasing computer equipment, software, or other record storage equipment for records maintained in electronic or photographic form.

The Commission expects that a fund and its sponsors would incur these costs immediately, and that the annualized cost of the expenditures would be \$17,280 in the first year. Some expenditures might involve capital improvements, such as computer equipment, having expected useful lives for which annualized figures beyond the first year would be meaningful. These annualized figures are not provided, however, because, in most cases, the expenses would be incurred immediately rather than on an annual basis. The Commission is not including these costs in its calculation of the annualized capital/start-up costs because no foreign fund has applied under rule 7d-1 to register under the Act pursuant to rule 7d-1 in the last three years.

We request written comment on: (a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burdens 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 R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: November 15, 2004.

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

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-10996]

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., to Withdraw its Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

November 17, 2004.

On October 28, 2004, Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Issuer"), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,<sup>2</sup> to withdraw its common stock, \$.001 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE").

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer approved a resolution on June 9, 2004 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the NYSE and to list on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex"). The Board stated that it determined to withdraw its Security from the NYSE and to list the Security on the Amex for the following reasons: (i) The Board considered that the Issuer will pay lower listing fees to the Amex than the listing fees that are currently paid to the NYSE; (ii) the Board considered that the two other closed-end investment companies ("funds"), in the same fund complex as the Issuer, have their common stock currently listed on the Amex; (iii) the Amex caps annual listing fees for multiple closed-end funds of the same sponsor, which will result in savings for both the Issuer and the other funds in the fund complex; and (iv) the Issuer also

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

considered the fact that monitoring compliance with one set of listing requirements, rather than monitoring compliance with the listing requirements of both the NYSE and the Amex, as is currently the case, would result in administrative efficiencies.

The Issuer represented in its application that it has complied with the NYSE's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security and with all applicable laws in effect in the State of Maryland, the state in which it is incorporated. The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the NYSE, and shall not affect its continued listing on the Amex or its obligation to be registered under section 12(b) of the Act.<sup>3</sup>

Any interested person may, on or before December 13, 2004 comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the NYSE and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

#### *Electronic Comments*

- Send an e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include the File Number 1-10996 or;

#### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1-10996. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>4</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27910]

### Filing Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended

November 16, 2004.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission under 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 December 9, 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 December 9, 2004, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

#### **CenterPoint Energy, Inc., et al.**

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint"), 1111 Louisiana, Houston, Texas, 77002, a registered holding company under the Act and Utility Holding, LLC, ("Utility Holding"), 200 West Ninth Street Plaza, Suite 411, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a declaration ("Declaration") under section 12(c) of the Act and rules 46 and 54 under the Act asking the Commission to authorize

Utility Holding to declare and pay two dividends out of its capital account to CenterPoint consisting of the proceeds it receives from the first and second phase of the sale of its interest in Texas Genco Holdings, Inc. ("Texas Genco").

CenterPoint holds its utility interests through Utility Holding, a Delaware limited liability company that is a conduit entity formed solely to minimize tax liability. Utility Holding is wholly-owned by CenterPoint and a registered holding company subsidiary. Utility Holding owns the stock of Texas Genco and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("T&D Utility").<sup>1</sup>

CenterPoint is in the process of completing the final steps in a restructuring process that began when Texas adopted legislation designed to deregulate and restructure the electric utility industry in the state. That legislation required integrated electric utilities to separate their generating, transmission and distribution, and retail sales functions in accordance with plans approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Texas Commission"). CenterPoint's predecessor, Reliant Energy Incorporated ("REI") accomplished its restructuring in the fall of 2002, when after CenterPoint became the parent entity, CenterPoint distributed to its shareholders its remaining ownership interest in its merchant power generation and energy trading and marketing business.<sup>2</sup> In order to facilitate compliance with the Texas restructuring law, CenterPoint retained ownership of the Texas generating assets (which were placed in Texas Genco), pending determination of stranded costs by the Texas Commission.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Texas Genco is an associate company, and not a subsidiary of the T&D Utility.

<sup>2</sup> By order dated June 5, 2002, the Commission authorized the formation of CenterPoint as a new registered holding company and CenterPoint's distribution to shareholders of the remaining stock of Reliant Resources, Inc., a merchant power generation and energy trading and marketing business (Holding Company Act Release No. 27548).

<sup>3</sup> Under the Texas restructuring law, the T&D Utility would be allowed to recover, among other costs, the amount by which the market value of its generating assets, as determined by the Texas Commission under a formula prescribed by law, is below its regulatory book value for those assets as of the end of 2001 (otherwise known as stranded costs). Utility Holding has recorded an after-tax charge to earnings in the third quarter of 2004 of approximately \$894 million. The charge was recorded before the Texas Commission rendered its final decision and was based on CenterPoint's understanding of the Texas Commission's deliberations during previous public meetings. On November 11, 2004, the Texas Commission issued a draft order and, based on that order, Utility Holding does not believe that it will be required to

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).