

2. Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision in Repositionable Notes Provisional Service Change, Docket No. MC2004-5.

3. Rate Case Planning.

4. Strategic Planning.

5. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William T. Johnstone, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

**William T. Johnstone,**  
*Secretary.*

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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 20594.

Extension: Rule 11Aa3-2, SEC File No. 270-439, OMB Control No. 3235-0500.

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 a revision of the existing collection of information discussed below.

Rule 11Aa3-2 provides that self-regulatory organizations (SROs) may, acting jointly, file a National Market System Plan ("NMS Plan") or may propose an amendment to an effective NMS Plan by submitting the text of the plan or amendment to the Secretary of the Commission, together with a statement of the purpose of such plan or amendment and, to the extent applicable, the documents and information required by paragraphs (b)(4) and (5) of Rule 11Aa3-2.

The collection of information is designed to permit the Commission to achieve its statutory directive to facilitate the development of a national market system. The information is used to determine if a NMS Plan, or an amendment thereto, should be approved and implemented.

The respondents to the collection of information are self-regulatory

organizations (as defined by the Act), including national securities exchanges, national securities associations, registered clearing agencies and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

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Ten respondents file an average total of twelve responses per year, which corresponds to an estimated annual response burden of 553 hours.

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be 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.

Direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: December 22, 2004.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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Extension: Regulation D and Form D; OMB Control No. 3235-0076; SEC File No. 270-72.

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plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Regulation D sets forth rules governing the limited offer and sale of securities without Securities Act registration. The purpose of Form D notice is to collect empirical data, which provides a continuing basis for action by the Commission either in terms of amending existing rules and regulations or proposing new ones. In addition, the Form D allows the Commission to elicit information necessary in assessing the effectiveness of Regulation D and Section 4(6) as capital-raising devices for all businesses. Approximately 17,500 issuers file Form D and it takes an estimated 4 hours to prepare for a total annual burden of 70,000 hours. It is estimated that 25% of the total burden hours (17,500 reporting burden hours) is prepared by the company.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this 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 R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: December 28, 2004.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## Extensions:

Rule 701, OMB Control No. 3235-0522, SEC File No. 270-306  
Regulations 14D and 14E, OMB Control No. 3235-0102, SEC File No. 270-114  
Schedule 14D-9

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Securities Act Rule 701 requires when offerings in excess of \$5 million are made under the employee benefit plan exemptive rule, the issuers must provide the employees with risk and financial statement disclosures among other things. The purpose of the Rule 701 is to ensure that a basic level of information is available to employees and others when substantial amounts of securities are issued in compensatory arrangements. Approximately 300 companies annually rely on Rule 701 exemption and it takes an estimated .5 hours to prepare for a total annual burden of 600 hours. It is estimated that 25% of the 600 total annual burden hours (150 reporting burden hours) is prepared by the company.

Regulations 14D and 14E and related Schedule 14D-9 require information important to security holders in deciding how to respond to tender offers. Approximately 360 companies annually file Schedule 14D-9 and it takes 258 hours to prepare for a total annual burden of 92,880. It is estimated that 25% of the 92,880 total burden hours (23,220 reporting burden hours) is prepared by the company.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether these collections of information are 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 collections 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 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: December 28, 2004.

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

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-26715]

### Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

December 29, 2004.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of December, 2004. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on January 24, 2005, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, 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 Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

*For Further Information Contact:*  
Diane L. Titus at (202) 942-0564, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0504.

### General Securities, Incorporated [File No. 811-594]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On September 30, 2004, applicant transferred its assets to Kopp Total Quality Management Fund, a series of Kopp Funds, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of \$40,700 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Robinson

Capital Management, Inc., applicant's former investment adviser.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on November 17, 2004.

*Applicant's Address:* 7701 France Ave. S, Suite 500, Edina, MN 55435.

### Lake Shore Family of Funds [File No. 811-8431]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 29, 2003, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$6,235 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Lake Shore Fund Group, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on November 23, 2004.

*Applicant's Address:* 8280 Montgomery Rd., Suite 302, Cincinnati, OH 45236-6101.

### Albemarle Investment Trust [File No. 811-5098]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On February 6, 2004, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$16,856 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Boys, Arnold & Company, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on November 23, 2004.

*Applicant's Address:* Boys, Arnold & Company, Inc., 1272 Hendersonville Rd., Asheville, NC 28813.

### Fiduciary Capital Pension Partners Liquidating Trust [File No. 811-6305], Fiduciary Capital Partners Liquidating Trust [File No. 811-6306]

*Summary:* Each applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 31, 2003, each applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$101,393 and \$102,217, respectively, incurred in connection with the liquidations were paid by each applicant.

*Filing Date:* The applications were filed on November 19, 2004.

*Applicants' Address:* 1530 16th St., Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202-1468.

### Pitcairn Funds [File No. 811-9943]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On July 30, 2004, applicant transferred its assets to Constellation Funds, based on net asset