

prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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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.

Extension: Rule 18f-1, SEC File No. 270-187, OMB Control No. 3235-0211
Form N-18F-1, SEC File No. 270-187, OMB Control No. 3235-0211

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 18f-1 [17 CFR 270.18f-1] enables a registered open-end management investment company ("fund") that may redeem its securities in-kind, by making a one-time election, to commit to make cash redemptions pursuant to certain requirements without violating section 18(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. 80a-18(f)]. A fund relying on the rule must file Form N-18F-1 [17 CFR 274.51] to notify the Commission of this election. The Commission staff estimates that approximately 38 funds file Form N-18F-1 annually, and that each response takes approximately one hour. Based on these estimates, the total annual burden hours associated with the rule is estimated to be 38 hours.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. The collection of information required by rule 18f-1 is necessary to obtain the benefits of the rule. Responses to the collection of information will not be kept confidential. 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 above information 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 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; or email to: *David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov*; and (ii) R. Corey Booth Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: June 16, 2005.

Jill M. Peterson,

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 11Ab2-1, SEC File No. 270-23, OMB Control No. 3235-0043; Form SIP, SEC File No. 270-23, OMB Control No. 3235-0043.

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 11Ab2-1 (Form of Application and Amendments) and Form SIP establish the procedures by which a Securities Information Processor ("SIP") files and amends its SIP registration form. The information filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 11Ab2-1 and Form SIP is designed to provide the Commission with the information necessary to make the required findings under the Act before granting the SIP's application for registration. In addition, the requirement that a SIP file an amendment to correct any inaccurate information is designed to assure that the Commission has current, accurate information with respect to the SIP. This information is also made available to members of the public.

Only exclusive SIPs are required to register with the Commission. An exclusive SIP is a SIP that engages on an exclusive basis on behalf of any national securities exchange or registered securities association, or any national securities exchange or registered securities association which engages on an exclusive basis on its own behalf, in collecting, processing, or preparing for distribution or publication, any information with respect to (i) transactions or quotations on or effected or made by means of any facility of such exchange or (ii) quotations distributed or published by means of any electronic quotation system operated by such association. The federal securities laws require that before the Commission may approve the registration of an exclusive SIP, it must make certain mandatory findings. It takes a SIP applicant approximately 400 hours to prepare documents which include sufficient information to enable the Commission to make those findings. Currently, there are only two exclusive SIPs registered with the Commission; The Securities Information Automation Corporation ("SIAC") and The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"). SIAC and Nasdaq are required to keep the information on file with the Commission current, which entails filing a form SIP annually to update information. Accordingly, the annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for Rule 11Ab2-1 and Form SIP is 400 hours. This annual reporting and recordkeeping burden does not include the burden hours or cost of amending a Form SIP because the Commission has already overstated the compliance burdens by assuming that the Commission will receive one initial registration pursuant to Rule 11Ab2-1 on Form SIP a year.

Rule 11Ab2-1 and Form SIP do not impose a retention period for any recordkeeping requirements. Completing and filing Form SIP is mandatory before an entity may become an exclusive SIP. Except in cases where confidential treatment is requested by an applicant and granted by the Commission pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and the rules of the Commission thereunder, information provided in the Form SIP will be routinely available for public inspection. Please 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.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (1) The 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 or by sending an e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Extension:

Rule 15c2-11, SEC File No. 270-196, OMB Control No. 3235-0202.

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 request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The Commission adopted Rule 15c2-11¹ (Rule 15c2-11 or Rule) in 1971 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934² (Exchange Act) to regulate the initiation or resumption of quotations in a quotation medium by a broker-dealer for over-the-counter (OTC) securities. The Rule was designed primarily to prevent certain manipulative and fraudulent trading schemes that had arisen in connection with the distribution and trading of unregistered securities issued by shell companies or other companies having outstanding but infrequently traded securities. Subject to certain exceptions, the Rule prohibits brokers-dealers from publishing a quotation for a security, or submitting a quotation for publication, in a quotation medium unless they have reviewed specified information concerning the security and the issuer.

According to NASDR estimates, we also believe that approximately 1,200

new applications from broker-dealers to initiate or resume publication of covered OTC securities in the OTC Bulletin Board and/or the Pink Sheets or other quotation mediums were received by the NASDR for the 2004 calendar year. We estimate that 80% of the covered OTC securities were issued by reporting issuers, while the other 20% were issued by non-reporting issuers. We believe that it will take a broker-dealer about 4 hours to collect, review, record, retain, and supply to the NASDR the information pertaining to a reporting issuer, and about 8 hours to collect, review, record, retain, and supply to the NASDR the information pertaining to a non-reporting issuer.

We therefore estimate that broker-dealers who are the first to publish the first quote for a covered OTC security of a reporting issuer will require 3,840 hours (1,200 × 80% × 4) to collect, review, record, retain, and supply to the NASDR the information required by the Rule. We estimate that the broker-dealers who are the first to publish the first quote for a covered OTC security of a non-reporting issuer will require 1,920 hours (1,200 × 20% × 8) to collect, review, record, retain, and supply to the NASDR the information required by the Rule. We therefore estimate the total annual burden hours for the first broker-dealers to be 5,760 hours (3,840 + 1,920). The Commission estimates that the annual cost to comply with Rule 15c2-11 is \$115,200 (\$20 per hour times 5,760 hours).

Subject to certain exceptions, the Rule prohibits brokers-dealers from publishing a quotation for a security, or submitting a quotation for publication, in a quotation medium unless they have reviewed specified information concerning the security and the issuer. The broker-dealer just also make the information reasonably available upon request to any person expressing an interest in a proposed transaction in the security with such broker or dealer. The collection of information that is submitted to the NASDR for review and approval is currently not available to the public from the NASDR.

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.

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.

Written comments regarding the above information 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, or by sending an e-mail to David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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GE Life and Annuity Assurance Company, et al., Notice of Application

June 17, 2005.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an Order pursuant to Section 26(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act").

Applicants: GE Life and Annuity Assurance Company and GE Capital Life Assurance Company of New York (collectively, the "Companies"), and GE Capital Life Separate Account II and GE Life & Annuity Separate Account II and GE Life & Annuity Separate Account 4 (collectively, the "Separate Accounts") (the Companies and the Separate Accounts collectively referred to as the "Applicants").

Summary of the Application: Applicants request an Order pursuant to Section 26(c) of the 1940 Act to permit the substitution of shares of the GE Investments Funds, Inc.—Global Income Fund ("GE Global Fund"), currently held in the Separate Accounts, for shares of the Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust—Templeton Global Income Securities Fund—Class 1 ("FT Global Fund").

¹ 17 CFR 240.15c2-11.

² 15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*