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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[OMB Control No. 3206-0234; STANDARD
FORM (SF) 1153]

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of an expiring information collection. This information collection, "Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee" (OMB Control No. 3206-0234; SF 1153), is used to collect information from individuals who have been designated as beneficiaries of the unpaid compensation of a deceased Federal civilian employee or who believe that their relationship to the deceased entitles them to receive the unpaid compensation of the deceased employee. OPM needs this information in order to adjudicate the claim and properly assign a deceased Federal civilian employee's unpaid compensation to the appropriate individuals(s).

We received no comments on our 60-day notice on this information collection (SF 1153), published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 2008.

Approximately 3,000 SF 1153 forms are submitted annually. It takes approximately 15 minutes to complete the form. The annual estimated burden is 750 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Margaret A. Miller by telephone at (202) 606-2699, by FAX at (202) 418-3251, or by e-mail at Margaret.Miller@opm.gov. Please include your mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

Robert D. Hendler, Program Manager,
Center for Merit Systems
Accountability, Division for Human
Capital Leadership and Merit System
Accountability, U.S. Office of
Personnel Management, 1900 E Street,
NW., Room 6484, Washington, DC
20415; and

John W. Barkhamer, OPM Desk Officer,
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, Office of Management and
Budget, New Executive Office
Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Room
10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2008-8 and CP2008-26;
Order No. 111]

Priority Mail Contract

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to add Priority Mail Contract 1 to the Competitive Product List. The Postal Service has also filed a related contract. The notice addresses procedural steps associated with these filings.

DATES: Comments are due October 9, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and stephen.sharfman@prc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

On September 23, 2008, the Postal Service filed a formal request pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.* to add the Priority Mail Contract 1 product to the Competitive Product List. The Postal Service asserts that the Priority Mail Contract 1 product is a competitive product "not of general applicability" within the meaning of 39

U.S.C. 3632(b)(3). This Request has been assigned Docket No. MC2008-8.¹

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a contract related to the proposed new product pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. The contract is assigned Docket No. CP2008-26. The Postal Service represents that the contract fits within the proposed Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) language and is set to expire 2 years from the effective date unless renewed by mutual consent.

Request. The Request is filed pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.* The Request incorporates (1) A redacted version of the Governors' Decision authorizing the new product; (2) a redacted version of the contract; (3) requested changes in the MCS product list; (4) submission of supporting material under seal; and (5) certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a).² Substantively, it requests that the Priority Mail Contract 1 product be added to the competitive product list. Request at 1-2. The Postal Service states the service to be provided under the contract will cover its attributable costs and make a positive contribution to coverage of institutional costs.³ The Postal Service also asserts that the contract will increase contribution toward the requisite 5.5 percent of the Postal Service's total institutional costs. As a result, the Request contends there will be no issue of subsidization of competitive products by market dominant products. *Id.* at 1.

The Postal Service's filing includes a redacted version of the contract related to the proposed new product pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. By its terms, the contract will expire 2 years from the effective date, which is proposed to be 1 day after the Commission approves the required addition of this product to the product list. The Postal Service maintains that the contract pricing and customer-

¹ Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract to Competitive Product List and Notice of Establishment of Rates and Class Not of General Applicability, September 23, 2008 (Request).

² Attachment A to the Request consists of the redacted Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Establishment of Rates and Class Not of General Applicability for Priority Mail Service (Governors' Decision No. 08-11). The Governors' Decision includes an attachment which is an analysis of the proposed Priority Mail Service Contract. Attachment B is the redacted version of the contract. Attachment C shows the requested changes in the MCS product list. Attachment D provides a statement of supporting justification for this Request. Attachment E provides the certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a).

³ See Attachment D which provides information on the impact of the product cost and states that Priority Mail is provided in a highly competitive market which affects the pricing of these products.

specific information, as well as portions of the Governors' Decision, should remain confidential.

In its Request, the Postal Service provides an analysis of the contract which, among other things, concludes that it is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a) and 39 CFR 3015.7(c). The analysis notes that the contract is not risk free, but concludes that the risks are manageable. See Attachment to Governors' Decision.

II. Notice of Filings

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2008-8 and CP2008-26 for consideration of the Request pertaining to the Priority Mail Contract 1 product and the related contract. In keeping with practice, these dockets are addressed on a consolidated basis for purposes of this order; however, future filings should be made in the specific docket in which issues being addressed pertain.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642. Comments are due no later than October 9, 2008. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Michael Ravnitzky to serve as Public Representative in the captioned filings.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2008-8 and CP2008-26 for consideration of the matters raised in each docket.

2. The Commission, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, appoints Michael Ravnitzky to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than October 9, 2008.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 28429; 812-13530]

Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. and Aberdeen Funds, et al.; Notice of Application

September 30, 2008.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under section 12(d)(1)(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act, and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

Summary of the Application: Applicants request an order that would permit certain series of registered open-end management investment companies to acquire shares of other registered open-end management investment companies and unit investment trusts that are within or outside the same group of investment companies.

Applicants: Aberdeen Funds (the "Trust") and Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. (the "Adviser").

Filing Dates: The application was filed on May 8, 2008. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected herein.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on October 27, 2008, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants 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 Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090; Applicants: Adviser, 1735 Market Street, 37th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103; Trust, 5 Tower Bridge, 300 Barr Harbor Drive, Ste. 300, West Conshohocken, PA 19428.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Minarick, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-

6811, or Marilyn Mann, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (Office of Investment Company Regulation, Division of Investment Management).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1520 (telephone (202) 551-5850).

Applicants' Representations

1. The Trust, a Delaware statutory trust, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company and offers multiple series, each of which has its own distinct investment objectives and policies ("Funds").¹ The Trust currently offers 26 Funds. The Aberdeen Optimal Allocations Fund: Defensive; Aberdeen Optimal Allocations Fund: Moderate; Aberdeen Optimal Allocations Fund: Moderate Growth; Aberdeen Optimal Allocations Fund: Growth; and Aberdeen Optimal Allocations Fund: Specialty (collectively, the "Optimal Allocation Funds") are the only Funds that currently intend to rely on the requested relief. Shares of the Optimal Allocation Funds are offered directly to the public and may be offered to insurance company separate accounts ("Separate Accounts") that fund variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts ("Variable Contracts") issued by insurance companies that are not affiliates of the Adviser. The Separate Accounts may be registered under the Act ("Registered Separate Accounts"), or unregistered thereunder ("Unregistered Separate Accounts").

2. The Adviser is a Delaware corporation and a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and serves as investment adviser to each Fund. The Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

3. Applicants request relief to permit: (a) Certain Funds (each a "Fund of Funds") to acquire shares of registered open-end management investment

¹ Applicants request that the order extend to any future series of the Trust, and any other existing or future registered open-end management investment companies and their series that are part of the same group of investment companies, as defined in section 12(d)(1)(G)(ii) of the Act, as the Trust and are, or may in the future be, advised by the Adviser or any other investment adviser controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser (included in the term, "Funds"). The Trust is the only registered investment company that currently intends to rely on the requested order. Any other entity that relies on the order in the future will comply with the terms and conditions of the application.