

**III. Commission Action**

The Commission establishes Docket No. R2010-3 to consider all matters related to the Notice as required by 39 U.S.C. 3622. Interested persons may express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3622 and the Commission's applicable regulations. Comments are due no later than March 18, 2010.

The Commission appoints Emmett Rand Costich, Kenneth R. Moeller and John Klingenberg to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding. See 39 U.S.C. 505.

**IV. Ordering Paragraphs**

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. R2010-3 to consider matters raised by the Postal Service's February 26, 2010 filing.

2. Interested persons may submit comments on the planned price adjustments. Comments are due March 18, 2010.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Emmett Rand Costich, Kenneth R. Moeller and John Klingenberg to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

4. The Commission directs the Secretary of the Commission to arrange for prompt publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
*Secretary.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration # 12057 and # 12058]

**North Dakota Disaster # ND-00019**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of North Dakota (FEMA-1879-DR), dated 02/26/2010.

*Incident:* Severe Winter Storm.

*Incident Period:* 01/20/2010 through 01/25/2010.

*Effective Date:* 02/26/2010.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/27/2010.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/26/2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business

Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 02/26/2010, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:*

Adams, Barnes, Billings, Bowman, Burke, Dickey, Dunn, Emmons, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Logan, McIntosh, McKenzie, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Oliver, Ransom, Renville, Sioux, Slope, Stark, Steele, Walsh, and the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage: Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000
For Economic Injury: Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 12057B and for economic injury is 12058B.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**  
*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration # 12034 and # 12035]

**Arkansas Disaster Number AR-00042**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for

the State of Arkansas (FEMA-1872-DR), dated 02/04/2010.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Flooding.  
*Incident Period:* 12/23/2009 through 01/02/2010.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 02/26/2010.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/05/2010.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/04/2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Arkansas, dated 02/04/2010, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

*Primary Counties:* Pulaski

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

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**James E. Rivera,**  
*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

**Subcommittee on Forensic Science; Committee on Science; National Science and Technology Council**

**ACTION:** General Notice. Nominations for Interagency Working Group participants.

**SUMMARY:** The Subcommittee on Forensic Science of the National Science and Technology Council's (NSTC's) Committee on Science is now accepting nominations for Interagency Working Group participants. Nominees must be a State, local, or tribal government elected officer (or their designated employee with authority to act on their behalf).

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** The Subcommittee must receive all nominations for Interagency Working Group participants by 5 p.m. EDT March 12, 2010. Nominations should be submitted via electronic mail (e-mail) to

Robin W. Jones, Executive Secretary, at [Robin.W.Jones@usdoj.gov](mailto:Robin.W.Jones@usdoj.gov).

**Kenneth E. Melson,**

*Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Forensic Science.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Rule 31; SEC File No. 270-537; OMB Control No. 3235-0597.

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 extension and approval.

Section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78ee) ("Exchange Act") requires the Commission to collect fees and assessments from national securities exchanges and national securities associations (collectively, "self-regulatory organizations" or "SROs") based on the volume of their securities transactions. To collect the proper amounts, the Commission adopted Rule 31 (17 CFR 240.31) and Form R31 (17 CFR 249.11) under the Exchange Act whereby the SROs must report to the Commission the volume of their securities transaction and the Commission, based on that data, calculates the amount of fees and assessments that the SROs owe pursuant to Section 31. Rule 31 and Form R31 require the SROs to provide this data on a monthly basis.

The Commission estimates that each respondent makes 12 such filings on an annual basis at an average hourly burden of approximately 1.47 hours per response. Currently, there are 16 respondents. However, based on past experience, the Commission is estimating an increase to 18 respondents, including 13 national securities exchanges, two security futures exchanges, and one national securities association subject to the collection of information requirements of Rule 31 and two registered clearing agencies are required to provide certain

data in their possession needed by the SROs to complete Form R31. The Commission estimates that the total burden for all 18 respondents is 318 hours (12 filings/respondent per year  $\times$  1.47 hours/filing  $\times$  18 respondents = 317.52; rounded to 318 hours) per year.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission'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.

Please direct your written comments to: Charles Boucher, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia, 22312 or by sending an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: March 2, 2010.

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 29167; File No. 812-13676]

### The Chile Fund, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application

March 2, 2010.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 19(b) of the Act and rule 19b-1 under the Act.

*Applicants:* The Chile Fund, Inc. ("Chile Fund"), Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund ("Australia Fund," together with the Chile Fund, the "Current Funds"), Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited ("Aberdeen Asia") and Aberdeen Asset Management Investment Services Limited ("Aberdeen").

### **SUMMARY:** *Summary of Application:*

Applicants request an order to permit certain registered closed-end investment companies to make periodic distributions of long-term capital gains with respect to their outstanding common stock as frequently as monthly in any one taxable year, and as frequently as distributions are specified by or in accordance with the terms of any outstanding preferred stock that such investment companies may issue. The requested order would supersede a prior order issued to the Australia Fund.

**DATES:** *Filing Dates:* The application was filed on July 27, 2009, and amended on December 3, 2009, January 6, 2010, and February 25, 2010.

**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 March 29, 2010 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, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090; Applicants, c/o Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., 1735 Market Street, 32nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lewis B. Reich, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6919, or Jennifer L. Sawin, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission's Web site by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at <http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm>, or by calling (202) 551-8090.

### **Applicants' Representations**

1. The Current Funds are both Maryland corporations registered under the Act as closed-end management investment companies.<sup>1</sup> The common

<sup>1</sup> The Current Funds are the only registered closed-end investment companies that currently