

- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

### III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the collection of information requirements contained in the Standard on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Shipyard Employment (29 CFR part 1915, subpart I). The Agency is requesting that it retain its current burden hour estimate of 51.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Standard on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Shipyard Employment (29 CFR part 1915, subpart I).

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Personal Protective Equipment Standard for Shipyard Employment (29 CFR part 1915, subpart I).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218–0215.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits.

*Total Responses:* 636.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Time per Response:* An estimated 5 minutes (.08 hour) for employers to record the hazard assessment and 5 minutes (.08 hour) to disclose the record to an OSHA compliance officer.

*Total Burden Hours:* 51.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$0.

### IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on this Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA–2012–0038). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the

Agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350, (TTY) (877) 889–5627.

Comments and submissions are posted without charge at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publically available to read or download through this Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site to submit comments and access the docket is available through the Web site's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the Web site, and for assistance in using the Internet to locate docket submissions.

### V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 28, 2012.

**David Michaels,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2013–22; Order No. 1557]

### International Mail Contract

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning an additional inbound competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 negotiated service agreement with Hongkong Post. This

notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 10, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### I. Introduction

On November 28, 2012, the Postal Service filed a Notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5, stating that it has entered into an additional negotiated service agreement with foreign postal operator Hongkong Post (Agreement).<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service seeks to have the inbound portion of the Agreement, which concerns delivery of inbound Air CP<sup>2</sup>, included within Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 (MC2012–34) on the competitive product list. Notice at 1.

#### II. Notice of Filing

The Postal Service's filing consists of the Notice, an Excel file containing redacted financial workpapers, and four attachments. Attachment 1 is a redacted copy of the Agreement. Attachment 2 is the certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2). Attachment 3 is a redacted copy of the Governors' Decision No. 10–3. Attachment 4 is an application for non-public treatment of unredacted material. *Id.* at 3. The Agreement's intended effective date is January 1, 2013. *Id.* at 4. The term is for one year after the effective date, unless terminated sooner. *Id.*

The Postal Service reviews the regulatory history of the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Operators 1 product and identifies the TNT Agreement (approved

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Functionally Equivalent Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with a Foreign Postal Operator, November 28, 2012 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> "CP" is an abbreviation used to identify or reference international parcel post (from the French phrase *colis postaux*, "postal package").

in Docket No. CP2010–95) as the baseline agreement for purposes of determining the functional equivalence of the instant Agreement.<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 3. It asserts that the instant Agreement fits within applicable Mail Classification Schedule language and addresses functional equivalency with the baseline agreement, including similarity of cost characteristics. *Id.* at 3–7. The Postal Service also identifies differences between the two contracts, such as the deletion of an article, the addition of an article, revisions to articles as a result of negotiations, and the term, but asserts that these differences do not detract from a finding of functional equivalency. *Id.* at 5–6.

### III. Commission Action

*Notice of establishment of docket.* The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2013–22 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice. The Commission appoints Allison J. Levy to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filing in the captioned docket is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3633 and the requirements of 39 CFR part 3015. Comments are due no later than December 10, 2012. The public portions of this filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>). Information on obtaining access to sealed material appears in 39 CFR part 3007.

### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2013–22 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's November 28, 2012 Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Allison J. Levy is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than December 10, 2012.

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

By the Commission.

**Ruth Ann Abrams,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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<sup>3</sup> The Postal Service identifies Governors' Decision No. 10–3 as the enabling Governors' Decision. *Id.* at 5. The status of the TNT Agreement as the baseline agreement was confirmed in Order No. 840, issued September 7, 2011.

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 30285; 812–13871]

### William Blair & Company, L.L.C. and William Blair Funds.; Notice of Application

November 29, 2012.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”).

**ACTION:** Notice of application for an order under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) for exemptions from section 17(a) of the Act, and under section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d–1 thereunder to permit certain joint transactions.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants requests an order to permit certain registered open-end management investment companies or series thereof that are advised by William Blair & Company, L.L.C. (“William Blair”) to invest in a private investment vehicle established by William Blair to invest in China A shares.

**APPLICANTS:** William Blair and William Blair Funds (the “Trust”).

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on February 22, 2011, and amended on August 26, 2011, June 15, 2012, and November 19, 2012. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

**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 December 20, 2012, 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:** Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. Applicants: Richard W. Smirl, William Blair & Company, L.L.C., 222 West Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60606.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaea F. Hahn, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942–

0614, 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 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 Trust, a Delaware statutory trust, is registered under Act as an open-end management investment company. One existing series of the Trust, the Emerging Markets Growth Fund (the “Initial Fund”) <sup>1</sup> currently desires to purchase and redeem interests (“Interests”) of separately identified series of the William Blair China A-Share Fund, which will rely on the exemptions from registration under the Act provided by section 3(c)(1) and/or 3(c)(7) of the Act (the “A Share Fund,” and each separate series of the A Share Fund an “A Share Fund Series”).<sup>2</sup>

2. William Blair is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”). William Blair serves as investment adviser to the Initial Fund pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between William Blair and the Trust, on behalf of the Initial Fund (the “Advisory Agreement”). As the Initial Fund's investment adviser, William Blair is responsible for making investment decisions for the Initial Fund and administering the business and affairs of the Initial Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees of the Trust (“Board”), at least a majority of whose members are not considered “interested persons” of the Initial Fund

<sup>1</sup> The Initial Fund currently anticipates investing in the A Share Fund Series, although final investment decisions will be made in light of the amount of quota available, account eligibility and then-current market conditions at the time of investment.

<sup>2</sup> Each entity that currently intends to rely on the requested relief has been named as an applicant. Any current or future series of the Trust and any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company or series thereof for which William Blair, or any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with William Blair, or its or their successors (a “William Blair Affiliate”) acts as an investment adviser that may rely on the requested relief in the future is a “Future Fund” (together with the Initial Fund, the “Funds”). For purposes of the requested order, “successor” is limited to an entity that results from reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization. Each Fund or other entity that may rely on the requested relief in the future will do so only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the requested order.