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Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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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 FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Form 24F-2; OMB Control No. 3235-0456, SEC File No. 270-399.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "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 24f-2 (17 CFR 270.24f-2) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a) requires any open-end management companies ("mutual funds"), unit investment trusts ("UITs") or face-amount certificate companies (collectively, "funds") deemed to have registered an indefinite amount of securities to file, not later than 90 days after the end of any fiscal year in which it has publicly offered such securities, Form 24F-2 (17 CFR 274.24) with the Commission. Form 24F-2 is the annual notice of securities sold by funds that accompanies the payment of registration fees with respect to the securities sold during the fiscal year.

The Commission estimates that 6946 funds file Form 24F-2 on the required annual basis. The average annual burden per respondent for Form 24F-2 is estimated to be two hours. The total annual burden for all respondents to Form 24F-2 is estimated to be 13,892 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.

Compliance with the collection of information required by Form 24F-2 is

mandatory. The Form 24F-2 filing that must be made to the Commission is available to the public. 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.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (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 email to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Thomas Bayer, Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Rule 31a-1; OMB Control No. 3235-0178; SEC File No. 270-173.

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 31a-1 (17 CFR 270.31a-1) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") (15 U.S.C. 80a) is entitled "Records to be maintained by registered investment companies, certain majority-owned subsidiaries thereof, and other persons having transactions with registered investment companies." Rule 31a-1 requires registered investment companies ("funds"), and every underwriter, broker, dealer, or investment adviser that is a majority-

owned subsidiary of a fund, to maintain and keep current accounts, books, and other documents which constitute the record forming the basis for financial statements required to be filed pursuant to section 31 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-30) and of the auditor's certificates relating thereto. The rule lists specific records to be maintained by funds. The rule also requires certain underwriters, brokers, dealers, depositors, and investment advisers to maintain the records that they are required to maintain under federal securities laws. The Commission periodically inspects the operations of funds to insure their compliance with the provisions of the Act and the rules thereunder. The books and records required to be maintained by rule 31a-1 constitute a major focus of the Commission's inspection program.

There are approximately 4132 investment companies registered with the Commission, all of which are required to comply with rule 31a-1. For purposes of determining the burden imposed by rule 31a-1, the Commission staff estimates that each fund is divided into approximately four series, on average, and that each series is required to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of rule 31a-1. Based on conversations with fund representatives, it is estimated that rule 31a-1 imposes an average burden of approximately 1750 hours annually per series for a total of 7000 annual hours per fund. The estimated total annual burden for all 4132 funds subject to the rule therefore is approximately 28,924,000 hours. Based on conversations with fund representatives, however, the Commission staff estimates that even absent the requirements of rule 31a-1, 90 percent of the records created pursuant to the rule are the type that generally would be created as a matter of normal business practice and to prepare financial statements. Thus, the Commission staff estimates that the total annual burden associated with rule 31a-1 is 2,892,400 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. The collection of information required by rule 31a-1 is mandatory. Responses will not be kept confidential. The records required by rule 31a-1 are required to be preserved pursuant to rule 31a-2 under the Investment Company Act (17 CFR 270.31a-2). Rule 31a-2 requires that certain of these records be preserved permanently, and that others be preserved six years from the end of the fiscal year in which any transaction

occurred. In both cases, the records should be kept in an easily accessible place for the first two years. 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 OMB control number.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (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 email to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Thomas Bayer, Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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American Fidelity Assurance Company, et al.; Notice of Application

August 19, 2014.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order approving the substitution of certain securities pursuant to Section 26(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

APPLICANTS: American Fidelity Assurance Company (the "Insurance Company"), American Fidelity Separate Account A, American Fidelity Separate Account B, and American Fidelity Separate Account C (the "Separate Accounts").

SUMMARY: *Summary of Application:* The Applicants seek an order pursuant to Section 26(c) of the 1940 Act permitting the substitution of securities issued by a registered investment company currently held by the Separate Accounts (the "Substitution"), which securities support the Separate Accounts' variable annuity contracts

that are issued by the Insurance Company (the "Contracts").

DATES: *Filing Date:* The application was filed on March 12, 2014, and amended and restated applications were filed on June 27, 2014 and August 19, 2014.

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 Secretary of the Commission and serving the 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 September 15, 2014, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the requester'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 of the Commission.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicants: American Fidelity Assurance Company, Attn: Christopher T. Kenney, 2000 N. Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark N. Zaruba, Senior Counsel at (202) 551-6878, or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

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 Insurance Company is a stock life insurance company incorporated under the laws of Oklahoma. The Insurance Company is the depositor of the Separate Accounts and the investment adviser of the Existing Fund (defined below).

2. Each of the Separate Accounts is a segregated asset account of the Insurance Company, and each Separate Account is registered with the Commission as a unit investment trust. The separate accounts are used by the Insurance Company to issue Contracts. Interests under the Contracts are registered under the Securities Act of 1933. The application sets forth the registration statement file numbers for

the Contracts and the Separate Accounts.

3. The American Fidelity Dual Strategy Fund, Inc. (the "Existing Fund") is a registered investment company that is an affiliate of the Applicants because it is advised by the Insurance Company. The Existing Fund is available exclusively through the purchase of one of the Contracts from one of the Separate Accounts. The Existing Fund is not an investment option in any other annuity contracts. In addition, the Existing Fund retains four sub-advisors, each with different principal investment strategies.

4. The Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund Total Stock Market Index Portfolio (the "Replacement Fund") is a member of The Vanguard Group. The Replacement Fund allocates its assets by investing in two separate Vanguard funds—the Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund and the Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund Equity Index Portfolio.

5. The Insurance Company organized Separate Account A to hold the assets that underlie the AFPrime Growth[®] Variable Annuity contracts. Separate Account A's Contract is issued as a group contract, and Separate Account A's assets are invested 100% in the Existing Fund, with no other investment options available to the Separate Account A participants. The prospectus for the Contract offered by Separate Account A contains provisions reserving the Insurance Company's right to replace the Existing Fund with a comparable fund if the Existing Fund is not available as an investment option. Because Separate Account A offers only one investment option, the Separate Account A Contract does not permit a contract owner or participant in a group account (each, a "Contract Owner") to transfer the Contract value from one sub-account to another sub-account.

6. The Insurance Company established Separate Account B to hold the assets that underlie the AFAdvantage[®] Variable Annuity contracts and established Separate Account C to hold the assets that underlie the AFMaxx[®] 457(b) Group Variable Annuity contracts. Separate Account B offers individual contracts, and Separate Account C offers group contracts. Separate Accounts B and C are divided into 16 sub-accounts, and each sub-account invests in the securities of a single underlying mutual fund, including the Existing Fund. The Replacement Fund currently is not an investment option in Separate Account B or C. The prospectuses for the Separate Account B and C Contracts contain provisions reserving the Insurance Company's right to substitute