

annuity contracts to register as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) and/or to register their securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). Section 5 of the Securities Act (15 U.S.C. 77e) requires the filing of a registration statement prior to the offer of securities to the public and that the registration statement be effective before any securities are sold, and Section 8 of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-8) provides for the registration of investment companies. Pursuant to Form N-4, separate accounts organized as unit investment trusts that offer variable annuity contracts provide investors with a prospectus and a statement of additional information covering essential information about a separate account. Section 5(b) of the Securities Act requires that investors be provided with a prospectus containing the information required in a registration statement prior to or at the time of sale or delivery of securities.

The purpose of Form N-4 is to meet the filing and disclosure requirements of the Securities Act and the Investment Company Act and to enable filers to provide investors with information necessary to evaluate an investment in a security. The information required to be filed with the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability and dissemination of the information.

The estimated annual number of filings on Form N-4 is 35 initial registration statements and 1,326 post-effective amendments. The estimated average number of portfolios per filing is one, both for initial registration statements and post-effective amendments on Form N-4.

Accordingly, the estimated number of portfolios referenced in initial Form N-4 filings annually is 35 and the estimated number of portfolios referenced in post-effective amendment filings on Form N-4 annually is 1,326. The estimate of the annual hour burden for Form N-4 is approximately 278.5 hours per initial registration statement and 197.25 hours per post-effective amendment, for a total of 271,301 hours ((35 initial registration statements × 278.5 hours) + (1,326 post-effective amendments × 197.25 hours)).

The current estimated annual cost burden for preparing an initial Form N-4 filing is \$24,858 per portfolio and the current estimated annual cost burden for preparing a post-effective amendment filing on Form N-4 is \$23,561 per portfolio. The Commission estimates that, on an annual basis, 35

portfolios will be referenced in initial Form N-4 filings and 1,326 portfolios will be referenced in post-effective amendment filings on Form N-4. Thus, the estimated total annual cost burden allocated to Form N-4 would be \$32,111,916 ((35 × \$24,858) + (1,326 × \$23,561)).

Providing the information required by Form N-4 is mandatory. Responses will not be kept confidential. Estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms. 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 website, 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: Lindsay.M.Abate@omb.eop.gov and (ii) Charles Riddle, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Candace Kenner, 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.

Dated: January 29, 2019.

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Peirce, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in closed session, and determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will be: Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; Resolution of litigation claims; and Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed; please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: January 28, 2019.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10521]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Employment Application for Locally Employed Staff or Family Member

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to April 2, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Web:** Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by

going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS-2018-0036” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* HR-OE-LEStaff@state.gov.
- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: HR/OE, 1800 G Street NW, Suite 3100, Washington, DC 20006.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Daniele Schoenauer, who may be reached on 202-663-1966 or at schoenauerda@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Employment Application for Locally Employed Staff or Family member.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0189.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Human Resources, Office of Overseas Employment (HR/OE).

- *Form Number:* DS-0174.
- *Respondents:* The respondents are locals who live in the 175 countries abroad and who are applying for a position at the U.S. Embassy, Consulate or Mission in their country. In addition, respondents include family members who are accompanying their partners to assignments in the U.S. Embassies, Consulates or Mission abroad.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000,000.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,000,000.

- *Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 250,000 annual hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The information solicited is used to establish eligibility and qualifications at U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Missions abroad. The respondents are locals who live in the 175 countries abroad and who are applying for a position at the U.S. Embassy, Consulate or Mission in their country. In addition, respondent include family members who are accompanying their partners to assignments in the U.S. Embassies, Consulates or Mission abroad. The authority is the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended, and 22 U.S.C. 2669(c).

Methodology

Candidates for employment use the DS-0174 to apply for Mission-advertised positions around the world. Mission recruitments generate approximately 1 million applications per year, the majority of which are collected electronically using an applicant management system, Electronic Recruitment Application (ERA). Data that HR and hiring officials extract from the DS-0174 determine employment eligibility and qualifications for the position, and selections according to Federal Policies.

John K. Moyer,
Executive Director, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) has received a request from The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (WB18-36—11/5/18) for permission to use data from the Board’s 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2017 Masked Carload Waybill Sample. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Board’s website under docket no. WB18-36.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the

Board’s Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Alexander Dusenberry, (202) 245-0319.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 751]

Filings Submitted or Due To Be Submitted During the Partial Federal Government Shutdown

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board provides notice that any material due to be submitted to the Board during the partial Federal government shutdown period (including comments on environmental documents) will now be due no later than February 4, 2019, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Further, filings (including recordations) that were submitted during the shutdown will be considered filed on January 28, 2019, provided all filing requirements have been met.

DATES: January 28, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ryan Lee, (202) 245-0394. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the partial shutdown of the Federal government from December 22, 2018, through January 25, 2019, all deadlines requiring the submission of material to the Board were tolled. The Board is now providing notice that any material due to be submitted to the Board during the shutdown period (including comments on environmental documents) is due no later than February 4, 2019, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Should a party to a proceeding believe that further modification to a procedural schedule is necessary, the party should request an extension in that case docket. Filings submitted during the shutdown should not be resubmitted. All filings (including recordations) submitted during the shutdown will be considered filed on January 28, 2019, provided all filing requirements have been met.

Decided: January 28, 2019.