significant change is that certain materials previously presented in one version containing both market dominant and competitive product information have been split into public and non-public versions.[4]

In general, most of the analytical methods employed in producing the FY 2008 ACR appear to be consistent with established precedent or have been approved by the Commission.[5] A discussion of methodology changes can be found in Section Two of the roadmap document, USPS–FY08–9, and in the preface that accompanies each of the FY 2008 ACR's appended materials.

Section 3652(g) of title 39 requires that the Comprehensive Statement of Postal Operations (Comprehensive Statement) mandated by 39 U.S.C. 2401(e) be included in the Postal Service's annual compliance report. The Postal Service indicates that its FY 2008 Comprehensive Statement is currently available on the Postal Service's Web site at *http://www.usps.com/strategicplanning/cs08/cs2008.pdf*.[6]

It is Ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. ACR2008 to consider matters raised by the Postal Service's FY 2008 Annual Compliance Report.

2. Public comments on the United States Postal Service FY 2008 Annual Compliance Report are due on or before January 30, 2009.

3. Reply comments on the United States Postal Service FY 2008 Annual Compliance Report are due on or before February 13, 2009.

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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[4] Part V of the FY 2008 ACR identifies the materials that it has included in the non-public annex to its filing and the rationale for its actions.

[5] Subsequent to the issuance of the Commission's FY 2007 ACD, the Postal Service submitted 13 proposals for change to the costing methodologies for the FY 2008 ACR. Twelve of these 13 proposals have been addressed by the Commission in the following orders: Order No. 115, Order Accepting Certain Analytical Principles For Use in the Postal Service's Periodic Reports, October 18, 2008 (addressing Proposals One through Ten); Order No. 118, Order Concerning Costing Methods Used in Periodic Reporting (Proposals Ten And Eleven), October 22, 2008; and Order No. 156, Order Concerning Costing Methods Used in Periodic Reporting (Proposal Thirteen), December 23, 2008. Proposal Twelve is still being considered by the Commission in Docket No. RM2009–1.

[6] Notice of the United States Postal Service Regarding the FY 2008 Comprehensive Statement, December 30, 2008.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Rule 6e–2 and Form N–6EI–1; SEC File No. 270–177; OMB Control No. 3235–0177.

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'') has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 6e–2 (17 CFR 270.6e–2) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (''Act'') (15 U.S.C. 80a) is an exemptive rule that permits separate accounts, formed by life insurance companies, to fund certain variable life insurance products. The rule exempts such separate accounts from the registration requirements under the Act, among others, on condition that they comply with all but certain designated provisions of the Act and meet the other requirements of the rule. The rule sets forth several information collection requirements.

Rule 6e–2 provides a separate account with an exemption from the registration provisions of section 8(a) of the Act if the account files with the Commission Form N–6EI–1 (17 CFR 274.301), a notification of claim of exemption.

The rule also exempts a separate account from a number of other sections of the Act, provided that the separate account makes certain disclosure in its registration statements, reports to contractholders, proxy solicitations, and submissions to state regulatory authorities, as prescribed by the rule.

Paragraph (b)(9) of rule 6e–2 provides an exemption from the requirements of section 17(f) of the Act and imposes a reporting burden and certain other conditions. Section 17(f) requires that every registered management company meet various custody requirements for its securities and similar investments. Paragraph (b)(9) applies only to management accounts that offer life insurance contracts subject to rule 6e–2.

Since 2005, there have been no filings under paragraph (b)(9) of rule 6e–2 by management accounts. Therefore, since 2005, there has been no cost or burden to the industry regarding the information collection requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of rule 6e–2. In addition, there have been no filings of Form N–6EI–1 by separate accounts since 2005. Therefore, there has been no cost or burden to the industry since that time. The Commission requests authorization to maintain an inventory of one burden hour for administrative purposes.

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.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or send an e-mail to: *Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov*; and (ii) Charles Boucher, Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: December 29, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Extension:

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

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 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 5707 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 11,414 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.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or send an e-mail to: *Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov*; and (ii) Charles Boucher, Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: December 29, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

Extension:

Form NP–X; SEC File No. 270–524; OMB Control No. 3235–0582.

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'') has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The title of the collection of information is ''Form N–PX (17 CFR 274.129) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–1 *et seq.*) (''Investment Company Act''), Annual Report of Proxy Voting Record.'' Rule 30b1–4 (17 CFR 270.30b1–4) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 requires every registered management investment company, other than a small business investment company (''Fund''), to file Form N–PX not later than August 31 of each year. Funds use Form N–PX to file annual reports with the Commission containing their complete proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30. Funds also use Form N–PX to inform the Commission that certain of their portfolios do not hold any equity securities and have no proxy record to file.

The Commission requires the dissemination of this information in order to meet the filing and disclosure requirements of the Investment Company Act and to enable Funds to provide investors with the information necessary to evaluate an investment in the Fund. The information filed with the Commission also permits the verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability and dissemination of the information. Requiring a Fund to file its annual reports on Form N–PX has the advantages of making each Fund's proxy voting record available within a relatively short period of time after the proxy voting season, and of providing disclosure of all Funds' proxy voting records over a uniform period of time.

There are approximately 3,800 Funds registered with the Commission, representing approximately 9,400 Fund portfolios, which are required to file Form N-PX.[1] The 9,400 portfolios are comprised of 6,200 portfolios holding equity securities and 3,200 portfolios holding no equity securities. The staff estimates that portfolios holding no equity securities require approximately a 0.17 hour burden per response and those holding equity securities require 14.4 hours per response. The overall estimated annual burden is therefore 89,824 hours ((6,200 responses × 14.4 hours per response for equity holding portfolios) + (3,200 responses × 0.17 hours per response for non-equity holding portfolios)).

Form N–PX does not involve any recordkeeping requirements. Providing the information required by the rule is mandatory and information provided under the rule will not be kept confidential.

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Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or send an e-mail to: *Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov*; and (ii) Charles Boucher Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: December 29, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Extension:

Regulation BTR; OMB Control No. 3235–0579; SEC File No. 270–521.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities

[1] The estimate of 3,800 Funds is based on the number of management investment companies currently registered with the Commission. We estimate, based on data from the Investment Company Institute and other sources, that there are approximately 5,700 Fund portfolios that invest primarily in equity securities, 500 ''hybrid'' or bond portfolios that may hold some equity securities, 2,400 bond Funds that hold no equity securities, and 800 money market Funds, for a total of 9,400 portfolios required to file Form N–PX.