

The Commission estimates that approximately 3,031 funds could deposit margin with FCMs under rule 17f-6 in connection with their investments in futures contracts and commodity options. The Commission further estimates that each fund uses and deposits margin with 3 different FCMs in connection with its commodity transactions. Approximately 211 FCMs are eligible to hold investment company margin under the rule.²

The only paperwork burden of the rule consists of meeting the rule's contract requirements. The Commission estimates that 3,031 funds will spend an average of 1 hour complying with the contract requirements of the rule (*e.g.*, signing contracts with additional FCMs), for a total of 3,031 burden 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 and forms.

Complying with the collection of information requirements of the rule is necessary to obtain the benefit of relying on the rule. Although the rule requires that the FCM provide certain records upon request, these records are not made public. The rule does not require these records be retained for any specific period of time. 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 Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comment must be submitted to OMB within 30 days after this notice.

Dated: October 2, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Citizens First Financial Corp., Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value) File No. 1-14274

October 4, 2000.

Citizens First Financial Corp., a Delaware corporation ("Company"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, \$0.01 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex").

The Company has effected a new listing for its Security on the National Market of the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"). On October 2, 2000, the Company filed a Registration Statement on Form 8-A with the Commission in conjunction with the new Nasdaq listing. Trading in the Security on the Nasdaq commenced, and was concurrently suspended on the Amex, at the opening of business on October 2, 2000. The Company believes that trading in the Nasdaq marketplace will improve the liquidity of its Security by increasing its exposure among investors.

The Company's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing and registration on the Amex and shall have no effect upon the Security's continued listing on the Nasdaq and registration under section 12(g) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before October 26, 2000, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78l(g).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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Hartford Capital Appreciation HLS Fund Inc., et al.

October 3, 2000.

AGENCY: U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of application for an order of exemption under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for exemptions from the provisions of sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a) and 15(b) of the Act and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder.

Summary of Application

Applicants seek an order pursuant to section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act") exempting each life insurance company separate account supporting variable life insurance contracts (and its insurance company depositor) that may invest in shares of an Existing Fund or a "Future Fund," as defined below, from the provisions of sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a), and 15(b) of the Act, and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder, to the extent necessary to permit such separate accounts ("VLI accounts") to hold shares of any Existing Fund or Future Fund when the following other types of investors also hold shares that Existing Fund or Future Fund: (1) A VLI account of a life insurance company that is not an affiliated person of the insurance company depositor of any VLI account, (2) an Existing Fund's or Future Fund's investment adviser (representing seed money investments in the Existing Fund or Future Fund), (3) a life insurance company separate account supporting variable annuity contracts (a "VA account"), and/or (4) a qualified pension or retirement plan (a "Plan" or "Qualified Plan"), as defined below.

Applicants: Hartford Capital Appreciation HLS Fund, Inc., Hartford Dividend and Growth HLS Fund, Inc., Hartford Series Fund, Inc., Hartford Index HLS Fund, Inc., Hartford International Opportunities HLS Fund,

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).