

remain confidential. *Id.* at 2. This information includes the price structure and terms, expected profit, underlying costs and assumptions, cost coverage projections, and customer-related information. *Id.* at 2–3.

II. Notice of Filings

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2011–16 and CP2011–53 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed Parcel Select Contract 1 product and the related contract, respectively.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than January 14, 2011. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2011–16 and CP2011–53 to consider the matters raised in each docket.

2. The Postal Service shall file the appropriate certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(1) and (3) no later than January 4, 2011.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Paul L. Harrington is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

4. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than January 14, 2011.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Express Mail Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Postal Service notice of filing of a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping

services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3).

DATES: January 4, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth A. Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that on December 17, 2010, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Express Mail Contract 11 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at <http://www.prc.gov>, Docket Nos. MC2011–14, CP2011–50.

Neva R. Watson,

Attorney, Legislative.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail—Non-Published Rates

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Postal Service notice of filing of a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a new product to the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3).

DATES: January 4, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth A. Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that on December 17, 2010, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service Concerning Priority Mail—Non-Published Rates and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal*. Documents are available at <http://www.prc.gov>, Docket Nos. MC2011–15 and CP2011–51.

Neva R. Watson,

Attorney, Legislative.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Postal Service notice of filing of a request with the Postal Regulatory

Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3).

DATES: January 4, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth A. Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that on December 17, 2010, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 33 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at <http://www.prc.gov>, Docket Nos. MC2011–13, CP2011–49.

Neva R. Watson,

Attorney, Legislative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rule 8c–1; SEC File No. 270–455; OMB Control No. 3235–0514]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Existing collection in use without an OMB Number:

Rule 8c–1, SEC File No. 270–455, OMB Control No. 3235–0514.

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 has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of the following rule: Rule 8c–1.

Rule 8c–1 (17 CFR 240.8c–1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) generally prohibits a broker-dealer from using its customers' securities as collateral to finance its own trading, speculating, or underwriting transactions. More specifically, the rule states three main principles: First, that a broker-dealer is prohibited from commingling the securities of different customers as collateral for a loan without the consent of each customer; second, that a broker-dealer cannot commingle customers' securities with its own securities under the same pledge; and third, that a broker-dealer can only pledge its customers' securities to the extent that customers are in debt

to the broker-dealer. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 2690 (November 15, 1940); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 9428 (December 29, 1971). Pursuant to Rule 8c-1, respondents must collect information necessary to prevent the hypothecation of customer accounts in contravention of the rule, issue and retain copies of notices to the pledgee of hypothecation of customer accounts in accordance with the rule, and collect written consents from customers in accordance with the rule. The information is necessary to ensure compliance with the rule, and to advise customers of the rule's protections.

There are approximately 111 respondents per year (*i.e.*, broker-dealers that conducted business with the public, filed Part II of the FOCUS Report, did not claim an exemption from the Reserve Formula computation, and reported that they had a bank loan during at least one quarter of the current year) that require an aggregate total of 2,498 hours to comply with the rule. Each of these approximately 111 registered broker-dealers makes an estimated 45 annual responses, for an aggregate total of 4,995 responses per year. Each response takes approximately 0.5 hours to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 2,498 burden hours. The approximate cost per hour is \$59, resulting in a total cost of compliance for the respondents of approximately \$147,382 (2,498 hours @ \$59 per hour).

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 8c-1 is three years. The recordkeeping requirement under this rule is mandatory to ensure that broker-dealers do not commingle their securities or use them to finance the broker-dealers' proprietary business. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. Persons should be aware that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current valid control number.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site: <http://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 e-mail to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Thomas Bayer, Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange

Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 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 28, 2010.

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 29543; File No. 812-13601]

iShares Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

December 27, 2010.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d) and 22(e) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act, and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the Act.

Applicants: iShares Trust ("Trust"), iShares, Inc. ("Corporation") (the Trust and Corporation, together, the "Companies" and each a "Company"), BlackRock Fund Advisors ("BFA" or "Adviser") and SEI Investments Distribution Co. ("Distributor").

SUMMARY: *Summary of Application:* Applicants request an order that permits: (a) Series o

SUMMARY: f certain actively managed open-end management investment companies to issue shares ("Shares") redeemable in large aggregations only ("Creation Units"); (b) secondary market transactions in Shares to occur at negotiated market prices; (c) certain series to pay redemption proceeds, under certain circumstances, more than seven days from the tender of Shares for redemption; and (d) certain affiliated persons of the series to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the series in connection with the purchase and redemption of Creation Units.

DATES: *Filing Dates:* The application was filed on November 7, 2008 and amended on May 4, 2009, June 17, 2010 and November 12, 2010. 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 requested relief 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 January 21, 2011, 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: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicants: Andrew Josef, Esq., BlackRock Fund Advisors, 400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 for the Companies and BFA, and SEI Investments Distribution Co., One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jaea F. Hahn, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6870 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 is an open-end management investment company registered under the Act and organized as a Delaware statutory trust. The Corporation is an open-end management investment company registered under the Act and organized as a Maryland corporation. The Adviser, an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act"), will serve as investment adviser to the initial Funds ("Initial Funds").¹ The Distributor, a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), will serve as the

¹ Although BFA does not currently expect to enter into subadvisory agreements with respect to the management of the Funds, it may do so in the future. If BFA were to enter into a subadvisory agreement with a BFA Affiliate (defined below) or other subadviser (each a "Subadviser"), such Subadviser would be registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act.