

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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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