

ensures the public availability and dissemination of the collected information. This information is made available to the public. Information provided on Schedule 13E-3 is mandatory. Approximately 600 issuers file Schedule 13E-3 annually and it takes approximately 137.25 hours per response for a total of 82,350 annual burden hours. It is estimated that 25% of the 82,350 total burden hours (20,588 burden hours) is prepared by the company. The remaining 75% of the total burden is attributed to outside cost.

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Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission:

*David\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov*; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: November 5, 2004.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

#### Extension:

Rule 52—SEC File No. 270-81—OMB Control No. 3235-0369.

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 ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 52 permits public utility subsidiary companies of registered holding companies to issue and sell certain securities without filing a declaration if certain conditions are met. The Commission estimates that the total

annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections under rule 52 is 133 hours (*i.e.*, 133 responses × one hour = 133 burden hours).

The estimates of average burden hours are made 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.

There is no recordkeeping requirement for this information collection. It is mandatory that qualifying companies provide the information required by rule 52. There is no requirement to keep the information confidential because it is public information.

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General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (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 e-mail to: *David\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov*; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB with 30 days of this notice.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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#### Extension:

Part 257—SEC File No. 270-252—OMB Control No. 3235-0306.

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 ("OMB") a request for extension of the

matters relating to the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Part 257 (17 CFR part 257) under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 79, *et seq.*, generally mandates the preservation, and provides for the destruction, of books and records of registered public utility holding companies subject to rule 26 under the Act and service companies subject to rule 93. Part 257 prescribes which records must be maintained for regulatory purposes and which media methods may be used to maintain them. Further, it sets a schedule for destroying particular documents or classes of documents.

The Commission estimates that there is an associated recordkeeping burden of 29 hours in connection with the record preservation programs administered by registered holding companies under part 257 (29 recordkeepers × 1 hour = 29 burden hours). In addition to the costs associated with the burden hours, the annual non-labor cost associated with complying with part 257 is estimated at \$2,000 for each registered holding company system. The total estimated annual non-labor recordkeeping burden is \$58,000 (29 recordkeepers × \$2,000 = \$58,000).

It is mandatory that records that are subject to part 257 under the Act be maintained by the holding companies and their service companies for the prescribed period. There is no requirement to keep the information related to part 257 confidential, because it is public information. It should be noted 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 currently valid control number.

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