

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE—Continued

November 2, 2011	Deadline for Petitioners' Form 61 or initial brief in support of petition (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)).
November 22, 2011	Deadline for answering brief in support of the Postal Service (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(c)).
December 7, 2011	Deadline for reply briefs in response to answering briefs (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(d)).
December 14, 2011	Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument; the Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.116).
January 13, 2012	Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule (<i>see</i> 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)).

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY**National Science and Technology Council, Committee on Technology; 2011 National Nanotechnology Initiative Environmental, Health, and Safety Strategy Webinar****ACTION:** Notice of webinar.

SUMMARY: The National Nanotechnology Coordination Office (NNCO), on behalf of the Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the Committee on Technology, National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), will hold a webinar on Thursday, October 20, 2011, to provide an open forum to answer questions related to the 2011 Federal government's strategy for research on environmental, health, and safety aspects of nanomaterials. Nanomaterial Measurement Infrastructure, Human Exposure Assessment, Human Health, the Environment, Risk Assessment and Risk Management Methods, and Informatics and Modeling are the six environmental, health, and safety research categories identified in the 2011 NSET Subcommittee document *NNI Environmental, Health, and Safety Research Strategy* (<http://www.nano.gov>).

DATES: The webinar will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 from 12 p.m. until 12:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: For information about the webinar, please see <http://www.nano.gov>.

Submitting Questions: Questions may be submitted beforehand to webinar@nnco.nano.gov beginning at noon (EDT) Wednesday, October 19, 2011 and will be accepted until the close of the webinar at 12:45 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2011. Questions submitted to webinar@nnco.nano.gov will be considered in the order received during the 20 minute question-and-answer segment of the webinar. The moderator reserves the right to group

similar questions and to skip questions that are either repetitive or not germane to the topic. Due to time constraints, not all questions may be answered.

Information about the webinar is posted at <http://www.nano.gov>.

The webinar will feature brief comments by NNI agency representatives and by outside experts, followed by approximately 20 minutes to answer audience questions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact Liesl Heeter, telephone (703) 292-4533, or Marlowe Epstein, telephone (703) 292-7128, National Nanotechnology Coordination Office. E-mail: webinar@nnco.nano.gov.

Ted Wackler,

Deputy Chief of Staff.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**[Release No. IC-29826]****Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

September 30, 2011.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of September 2011. A copy of each 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. An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on October 25, 2011, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, 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 Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane L. Titus at (202) 551-6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-8010.

Hartford Income Shares Fund Inc. [File No. 811-2281]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 22, 2010, applicant transferred its assets to Rivus Bond Fund, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$834,811 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Cutwater Asset Management Corp., investment adviser for the acquiring fund, and Hartford Investment Financial Services, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 10, 2011, and amended on September 21, 2011.

Applicant's Address: P.O. Box 2999, Hartford, CT 06104-2999.

Columbia Funds Series Trust A [File No. 811-21862]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 28, 2010, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$69,450 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on September 12, 2011.

Applicant's Address: 225 Franklin St., Boston, MA 02110.

**Oppenheimer Baring SMA
International Fund [File No. 811–
21915]**

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On February 9, 2011, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Date: The application was filed on September 1, 2011.

Applicant's Address: 6803 S. Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112.

**Blankinship Funds Inc. [File No. 811–
21387]**

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On July 21, 2011, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on July 22, 2011, and amended on September 2, 2011.

Applicant's Address: 1210 S. Huntress Ct., McLean, VA 22102.

**650 High Income Fund, Inc. [File No.
811–7359]**

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 22, 2011, applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Distributions payable to unlocated shareholders are being held by American Stock Transfer & Trust Company. Any unclaimed funds will eventually escheat to the various states. Expenses of \$170,147 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant. Expenses in the amount of \$297,816 have been accrued, but have not yet been paid in full. Applicant has placed \$250,000 in cash in a reserve account to cover an insurance policy deductible for its officers and directors, which amount is included in applicant's accrued but unpaid expenses. Any amounts remaining from the reserve account would eventually be distributed to applicant's shareholders.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on April 28, 2011, and amended on July 1, 2011 and August 29, 2011.

Applicant's Address: 650 Madison Ave., 19th Floor, New York, NY 10022.

Separate Account VA GG [811–22477]

Summary: The Applicant, a unit investment trust, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an

investment company based on abandonment of registration. The Applicant has no policyholders. Transamerica Life Insurance Company, as the Applicant's depositor, has determined that the Applicant should be deregistered inasmuch as it is not engaged in or intending to engage in any business activities other than those necessary for winding up its affairs.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 26, 2011.

Applicant's Address: Separate Account VA GG, Transamerica Life Insurance Company, 4333 Edgewood Road NE., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52499–0001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

**[Investment Company Act Release No.
29827; File No. 812–13606]**

**MFS Series Trust I, et al.; Notice of
Application**

September 30, 2011.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under (a) section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) granting an exemption from sections 18(f) and 21(b) of the Act; (b) section 12(d)(1)(f) of the Act granting an exemption from section 12(d)(1) of the Act; (c) sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act granting an exemption from sections 17(a)(1), 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Act; and (d) section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act to permit certain joint arrangements.

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION:

Applicants request an order that would permit certain registered open-end management investment companies to participate in a joint lending and borrowing facility.

APPLICANTS: MFS Series Trust I, MFS Series Trust II, MFS Series Trust III, MFS Series Trust IV, MFS Series Trust V, MFS Series Trust VI, MFS Series Trust VII, MFS Series Trust VIII, MFS Series Trust IX, MFS Series Trust X, MFS Series Trust XI, MFS Series Trust XII, MFS Series Trust XIII, MFS Series Trust XIV, MFS Series Trust XV, MFS Series Trust XVI, MFS Municipal Series Trust, MFS Variable Insurance Trust,

MFS Variable Insurance Trust II, Massachusetts Investors Trust, Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund, MFS Institutional Trust (each, a “Trust”) and Massachusetts Financial Services Company (“MFS”).

DATES: Filing Dates: The application was filed on November 20, 2008, amended on May 7, 2009, July 22, 2010 and September 16, 2011.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application 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 October 25, 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, Massachusetts Financial Services Company, 500 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean E. Minarick, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551–6811 or Janet M. Grossnickle, Assistant Director, 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. Each Trust is organized as a Massachusetts business trust and is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company. Each Trust may consist of one or more series and may offer additional series in the future (“Funds”). MFS, a Delaware corporation, is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and