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R. Joseph Durbala,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 6781

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 6781, Gains and Losses From Section 1256 Contracts and Straddles.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 25, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Dawn Bidne at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3933, or through the Internet at Dawn.E.Bidne@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Gains and Losses From Section 1256 Contracts and Straddles.

OMB Number: 1545-0644.

Form Number: Form 6781.

Abstract: Form 6781 is used by taxpayers in computing their gains and losses on Internal Revenue Code section 1256 contracts under the marked-to-market rules and gains and losses under Code section 1092 from straddle positions. The data is used to verify that the tax reported accurately reflects any such gains and losses.

Current Actions: There has been a change in responses due to a change in methodology that allows for 43,157 fewer responses. However, the burden hours that were previously approved will not change.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 9 hours, 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 903,237.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council (RRSC) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 to consider various matters.

The RRSC was established to advise TVA on its natural resource stewardship activities. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (FACA).

The management of the Tennessee Valley reservoirs and the lands adjacent to them has long been integral components of TVA's mission. As part of implementing the TVA Environmental Policy, TVA is conducting an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) under the process established by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that will help prioritize techniques for the management of TVA's sustainable land use activities, natural resource management activities, and water resource protection and improvement activities. TVA would like to utilize the RRSC as a key stakeholder group throughout the EIS period to advise TVA on the issues, tradeoffs, and focus of environmental stewardship activities. At the July meeting, TVA will be seeking advice from the Council on issues regarding the scope and direction of the study.

TVA will also be seeking recommendations and advice on its campground and marina operations. Specifically, TVA will be seeking advice on the appropriate methodology or approach to establishing a value to charge campground and marina operators for use of the public lands.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Introductions.
2. Informational Items and Project Updates (Kingston Fly Ash Recovery Efforts, Bear Creek Dam Project, Blue Ridge Dam Project, Reservoir Systems Operations, Integrated Resource Plan).
3. RRSC Discussion Topic: Environmental Impact Study on TVA's Stewardship Management (e.g. Study of Natural Resource Management,

Sustainable Land Use, and Water Protection.)

4. RRSC Discussion Topic: TVA's Marina and Campground Valuation.

5. Public Comments.

6. Council Discussion and Advice.

The TVA RRSC will hear opinions and views of citizens by providing a public comment session. The public comment session will be held at 11 a.m., EDT, on Wednesday, July 15. Persons wishing to speak are requested to register at the door by 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 15 and will be called on during the public comment period. Handout materials should be limited to one printed page. Written comments are also invited and may be mailed to the Regional Resource Stewardship Council, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT-11B, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Auditorium of the TVA Headquarters at 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, and will be open to the public. Anyone needing special access or accommodations should let the contact below know at least a week in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Keel, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT-11B, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (865) 632-6113.

Dated: June 22, 2009.

Anda A. Ray,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet on August 25-26, 2009, at the Madison Hotel, 1177 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each day.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The August 25 session will be open to the public from 8 to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program and the administrative details of the review process. The meetings will be closed as follows for the Board's review of research and development applications:

August 25: From 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

August 26: From 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The reviews involve oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that focus on the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open sessions should contact Ricardo Gonzalez, Administrative Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (122), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 461-1750.

Dated: June 22, 2009.

By Direction of the Secretary:

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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