

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-25949]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

February 28, 2003.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of February, 2003. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090). 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 March 25, 2003, 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, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. For Further Information Contact: Diane L. Titus at (202) 942-0564, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0506.

Cathay Securities Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-10013]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On February 14, 2003, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its sole shareholder, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$16,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on January 27, 2003, and amended on February 18, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The Cornerstone Strategic Return Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-8878]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 31, 2002, applicant transferred its assets to

Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc. (f/k/a EIS Fund, Inc.), based on net asset value. Expenses of \$144,293 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant and the acquiring fund.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on November 25, 2002, and amended on February 14, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 383 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10179.

The Lipper Funds, Inc. [File No. 811-9108]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On January 31, 2003, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$34,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Lipper & Company L.L.C. and Prime Lipper Asset Management, applicant's investment advisers.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on December 17, 2002, and amended on February 6, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 101 Park Ave., 6th Floor, New York, NY 10178.

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Mid-Cap Dividend Growth Securities [File No. 811-8577]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On July 21, 2000, applicant transferred its assets to Morgan Stanley Capital Opportunities Trust (formerly known as Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Mid-Cap Equity Trust), based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$206,000 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on November 12, 2002, and amended on February 6, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Municipal Income Trust [File No. 811-5214]

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Municipal Income Trust II [File No. 811-5509]

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Municipal Income Trust III [File No. 811-5842]

Summary: Each applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On February 2, 2001, each applicant transferred its assets to Morgan Stanley Tax-Exempt Securities Trust (formerly known as Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Tax-Exempt Securities Trust), based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately, \$134,000, \$129,000 and \$101,000,

respectively, incurred in connection with the reorganizations were paid by each applicant.

Filing Dates: The applications were filed on November 12, 2002, and amended on January 31, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

TCW/DW Term Trust 2000 [File No. 811-7808]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 18, 2000, 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 November 12, 2002, and amended on January 31, 2003.

Applicants' Address: 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

Federated Fund for U.S. Government Securities, Inc. [File No. 811-1890]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 7, 2002, applicant transferred its assets to Federated Fund for U.S. Government Securities, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the reorganization.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on December 6, 2002, and amended on February 6, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 1001 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779.

Paule Funds [File No. 811-8148]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 28, 2002, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Applicant's custodian has retained \$10,213 to pay outstanding debts and liabilities. Expenses of \$198 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on December 30, 2002, and amended on January 31, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 14340 Torrey Chase Blvd., Suite 170, Houston, TX 77014.

PW Technology Partners, L.P. [File No. 811-9181]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 15, 2002, applicant transferred its assets to

UBS PW Technology Partners, L.L.C., based on net asset value. Expenses of \$100,000 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by UBS PaineWebber Inc., affiliate of the applicant's general partner.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on December 2, 2002, and amended on January 31, 2003.

Applicant's Address: c/o UBS PaineWebber Inc., 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region VIII Regulatory Fairness Board;

Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing

The Small Business Administration Region VIII Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 27, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. at the Denver Public Library, Central Branch, 10 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, CO 80204, to receive comments and testimony from small business owners, small government entities, and small non-profit organizations concerning regulatory enforcement and compliance actions taken by Federal agencies.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Joseph Edwards in writing or by fax, in order to be put on the agenda. Joseph Edwards, U.S. Small Business Administration, Colorado District Office, 721 19th Street, Suite 426, Denver, CO 80202, phone (303) 844-2607 Ext 231, fax (303) 844-6468, e-mail Joseph.Edwards@sba.gov.

For more information, see our Web site at www.sba.gov/ombudsman.

Dated: February 26, 2003.

Michael L. Barrera,

National Ombudsman.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region IX Regulatory Fairness Board; Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing

The Small Business Administration Region IX Regulatory Fairness Board

and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 1 p.m. at the Pima Community College, 4905 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, AZ, 85709, to receive comments and testimony from small business owners, small government entities, and small non-profit organizations concerning regulatory enforcement and compliance actions taken by Federal agencies.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Janet Dunipace in writing or by fax, in order to be put on the agenda. Janet Dunipace, U.S. Small Business Administration, Arizona District Office, 2828 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004, phone (602) 745-7207, fax (602) 745-7210, e-mail janet.dunipace@sba.gov.

For more information, see our Web site at www.sba.gov/ombudsman.

Dated: February 26, 2003.

Michael L. Barrera,

National Ombudsman.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4261]

U.S. Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission; Notice of Renewal

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the U.S. Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) for another two years, effective September 5, 2002.

The NPAFC is a venue for consultation and coordination of cooperative high seas fishery enforcement among Convention parties.

The NPAFC was established by the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean, signed on February 12, 1992, by Canada, Japan, the Russian Federation, and the United States, and entered into force on February 16, 1993. The U.S. Advisory Panel will continue to work with the U.S. Section to promote the conservation of anadromous fish stocks, particularly salmon, throughout their migratory range in the North Pacific Ocean, as well as ecologically related species.

The U.S. Section of the Commission is composed of three Commissioners who are appointed by the President. Each Commissioner is appointed for a term not to exceed 4 years, but is eligible for reappointment. The Secretary of State, in consultation with

the Secretary of Commerce, may designate alternate commissioners. The Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section is composed of 14 members, 11 of whom are appointed by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce. Advisory Panel members serve for a term not to exceed 4 years, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

The Advisory Panel will continue to follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will continue to be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with section 10 of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and (4), that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each meeting will continue to be provided for publication in the **Federal Register** as far in advance as possible prior to the meeting.

For further information on the renewal of the Advisory Panel, please contact Dorothy Zbicz, Office of Marine Conservation in the Department of State, (202) 647-3073.

Dated: February 11, 2003.

Mary Beth West,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4290]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Grant Proposals: U.S./Ukraine Policy Dialog Exchange

SUMMARY: The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the U.S./Ukraine Policy Dialog Exchange. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to support a program that will facilitate an on-going exchange of views among policymakers and other leading experts from both countries. The program will focus on issues that affect U.S./Ukrainian relations.

Program Information

Overview: The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (The Bureau) invites applicants to submit a proposal for a two-year project that will initiate and support dialog among policymakers and leading experts from both countries. The purpose of the program is to