

information continues to have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the existing collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: June 4, 2002.

**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 17f-2(e), SEC File No. 270-37, OMB Control No. 3235-0031.

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 17f-2(e) requires members of national securities exchanges, brokers, dealers, registered transfer agents, and registered clearing agencies claiming exemption from the fingerprinting requirements of Rule 17f-2 to prepare and maintain a statement supporting their claim for exemption. This requirement assists the Commission and other regulatory agencies with ensuring compliance with Rule 17f-2.

Notices prepared pursuant to Rule 17f-2(e) must be maintained for as long as the covered entity claims an exemption from the fingerprinting requirements of Rule 17f-2. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17f-2(e) is mandatory to assist the

Commission and other regulatory agencies with ensuring compliance with the Rule 17f-2. Approximately 75 respondents incur an annual total burden of 37.5 hours complying with the requirements of Rule 17f-2(e). This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note 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.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours 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, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, 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: June 5, 2002.

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

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of June 10, 2002:

Open Meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, June 13, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1C30, the William O. Douglas Room, and a closed meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2002, immediately following the Open Meeting.

Commissioner Hunt, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), (8), (9)(B), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), (8), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration

of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2002, will be:

1. The Commission will consider whether to issue an order approving the application by E.ON AG ("E.ON"), a German corporation that is a utility holding company exempt by rule 5 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 ("Act"), to acquire Powergen plc, a British corporation that is a registered holding company. Powergen is subject to the Act because of its ownership of Louisville Gas & Electric and Kentucky Utilities, two utility subsidiaries that operate primarily in Kentucky. The acquisition involves novel issues under the Act, including permitting a registered holding company with foreign utility operations to retain ownership of a foreign water utility, permitting E.ON to invest additional money in businesses that the Act requires them to divest in order to increase the price at which those businesses will likely be sold, requiring a registered holding company to divest nonconforming companies within five years rather than the typical two or three years, and permitting E.ON to invest in equity securities of third parties in an amount designed to allow it to meet future pension liabilities and nuclear decommissioning costs without making those investments through a separate entity.

The Commission will also consider whether to issue an order approving a related application by E.ON to engage in financing transactions to be entered into subsequent to the acquisition of Powergen. E.ON and its subsidiaries, upon approval of the acquisition of Powergen, propose to issue equity and debt securities in an aggregate amount of up to \$75 billion. E.ON and its subsidiaries also propose to engage in financing activities including interest rate and currency risk management devices, profit and loss transfer agreements, money pools, and various additional transactions. E.ON and its subsidiaries propose to use the proceeds of these financing transactions to support existing businesses, to make further acquisitions of Exempt Wholesale Generators, Foreign Utility Companies, and Energy Related Companies, as well as possible future acquisitions of public utility companies regulated under the Act.

2. The Commission will consider whether to adopt final amendments to Exchange Act Rules 15c3-3, 17a-3, 17a-4, 17a-5, 17a-7, 17a-11, and 17a-13. These amendments are designed to avoid duplicative or conflicting