

investment companies subject to Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act registering with the Commission on Forms N-1A, N-2, or N-3. Approximately 3,237 entities, including 8,963 portfolios are required to file Form N-Q, which is estimated to require an average of 21 hours per portfolio per year to complete. The estimated annual burden of complying with the filing requirement is approximately 188,223 hours. The estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the cost of Commission rules and forms. The collection of information under Form N-Q is mandatory. The information provided by the Form is not kept confidential. 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.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will 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 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.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an e-mail to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: November 27, 2006.

**Nancy M. Morris,**  
Secretary.

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### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and

Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 30e-1; SEC File No. 270-21; OMB Control No. 3235-0025.

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 (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

The collection of information is entitled: "Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Reports to Stockholders of Management Companies." Section 30(e) (15 U.S.C. 80a-29(e)) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Investment Company Act") (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) requires a registered investment company ("fund") to transmit to its shareholders, at least semi-annually, reports containing information and financial statements as the Commission may prescribe. Among other requirements, Rule 30e-1 (17 CFR 270.30e-1) under the Investment Company Act directs funds to include in the shareholder reports the information that is required by the fund's registration statement. Failure to require the collection of this information would seriously impede the amount of current information available to shareholders and the public about funds and would prevent the Commission from implementing the regulatory program required by statute. The estimated annual number of respondents providing shareholder reports under Rule 30e-1 is 4,040. The proposed frequency of response is semi-annual. The estimate of the total annual reporting burden of the collection of information is approximately 145.8 hours per shareholder report and the total estimated annual burden for the industry is 1,178,064 hours (145.8 hours per report  $\times$  2 reports  $\times$  4,040 funds). Providing the information required by Rule 30e-1 is mandatory. Responses will not be kept confidential. Estimates of the burden hours are made solely 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 SEC rules and forms.

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

November 30, 2006.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of November, 2006. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch (tel. 202-551-5850). 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 December 27, 2006, 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