

possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Cognizant ACRS staff if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

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Dated: September 16, 2004.

**Annette Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2004.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and closed.

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

#### Week of September 20, 2004

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 20, 2004.

#### Week of September 27, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 27, 2004.

#### Week of October 4, 2004—Tentative

*Thursday, October 7, 2004*

10:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

1 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

#### Week of October 11, 2004—Tentative

*Wednesday, October 13, 2004*

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Decommissioning Activities and Status (Public Meeting) (Contact: Claudia Craig, (301) 415-7276).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 9).

#### Week of October 18, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 18, 2004.

#### Week of October 25, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 25, 2004.

\*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Dave Gamberoni, (301) 415-1651.

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Dated: September 17, 2004.

**Dave Gamberoni,**

*Office of the Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Form N-8F; SEC File No. 270-136; OMB Control No. 3235-0157.

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

Form N-8F (17 CFR 274.218) is the form prescribed for use by registered investment companies in certain circumstances to request orders of the Commission declaring that the registration of that investment company cease to be in effect. The form requests, from investment companies seeking a deregistration order, information about (i) the investment company's identity, (ii) the investment company's distributions, (iii) the investment company's assets and liabilities, (iv) the events leading to the request to deregister, and (v) the conclusion of business. The information is needed by the Commission to determine whether an order of deregistration is appropriate.

The Form takes approximately 3 hours on average to complete. It is estimated that approximately 261 investment companies file Form N-8F annually, so that the total annual burden for the form is estimated to be 783 hours. The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and is not derived from a

comprehensive or even a representative survey or study.

Written comments are requested on: (a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burdens 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, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: September 15, 2004.

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

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 26599; 812-12996]

### Atlas Assets, Inc. and Atlas Advisers, Inc.; Notice of Application

September 16, 2004.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f-2 under the Act, as well as certain disclosure requirements.

#### Summary of Application

Applicants request an order that would permit them to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements without shareholder approval and would grant relief from certain disclosure requirements.

*Applicants:* Atlas Assets, Inc. (the "Company") and Atlas Advisers, Inc. (the "Adviser").

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on August 1, 2003 and amended on September 8, 2004. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

*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 12, 2004, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the 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 may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants, 794 Davis Street, San Leandro, CA 94577.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Y. Greenlees, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-0581, or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564 (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 for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. (202) 942-8090).

#### Applicants' Representations

1. The Company, a Maryland corporation, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company. The Company currently is comprised of sixteen series (each a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"), each with a separate investment objective, policy and restrictions.<sup>1</sup> The Adviser is registered as an investment

<sup>1</sup> Applicants also request relief with respect to future series of the Company and any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company or series thereof that: (a) Is advised by the Adviser or a person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser; (b) uses the management structure described in the application; and (c) complies with the terms and conditions of the application (included in the term "Funds"). The only existing registered open-end management investment company that currently intends to rely on the requested order is named as an applicant. All references to the term "Adviser" herein include (a) the Adviser, and (b) an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser. If the name of any Fund contains the name of a Subadviser (as defined below), the name of the Adviser or the name of the entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser that serves as the primary adviser to the Fund will precede the name of the Subadviser.

adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") and serves as investment adviser to the Funds pursuant to an investment advisory agreement ("Advisory Agreement") with the Company. The Advisory Agreement has been approved by the Company's board of directors (the "Board"), including a majority of the directors who are not "interested persons," as defined in section 2(a)(19) of the Act, of the Company or the Adviser ("Independent Directors"), as well as by the shareholders of each Fund.

2. Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser provides investment advisory services to each Fund, supervises the investment program for each Fund, and has the authority, subject to Board approval, to enter into investment subadvisory agreements ("Subadvisory Agreements") with one or more subadvisers ("Subadvisers"). Each Subadviser is registered under the Advisers Act. The Adviser monitors and evaluates the Subadvisers and recommends to the Board their hiring, retention or termination. Subadvisers recommended to the Board by the Adviser are selected and approved by the Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors. Each Subadviser has discretionary authority to invest the assets or a portion of the assets of a particular Fund. The Adviser compensates each Subadviser out of the fees paid to the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement.

3. Applicants request an order to permit the Adviser, subject to Board approval, to enter into and materially amend Subadvisory Agreements without obtaining shareholder approval. The requested relief will not extend to any Subadviser that is an affiliated person, as defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Act, of the Company or of the Adviser, other than by reason of serving as a Subadviser to one or more of the Funds ("Affiliated Sub-Adviser").

4. Applicants also request an exemption from the various disclosure provisions described below that may require a Fund to disclose fees paid by the Adviser to each Subadviser. An exemption is requested to permit the Company to disclose for each Fund (as both a dollar amount and as a percentage of each Fund's net assets): (a) The aggregate fees paid to the Adviser and any Affiliated Subadvisers; and (b) the aggregate fees paid to Subadvisers other than Affiliated Subadvisers ("Aggregate Fee Disclosure"). For any Fund that employs an Affiliated Subadviser, the Fund will provide separate disclosure of any fees paid to the Affiliated Subadviser.