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The estimates of average burden hours are made 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 Commission rules and forms.

There is no recordkeeping requirement for the rule 71 reporting duty. It is mandatory that qualifying employees provide the information required by rule 71. There is no requirement to keep the information confidential, because it is public information. 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 above information 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, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, 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: November 2, 2004.

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 58 and Form U-9C-3; SEC File No. 270-400; OMB Control No. 3235-0457.

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 for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 58 [17 CFR 250.58], under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 ("Act"), as amended (15 U.S.C. 79 *et seq.*) allows registered holding companies and their subsidiaries to acquire energy-related and gas-related companies. Under that rule, acquisitions are made, within certain limits, without prior Commission approval under section 10 of the Act. To monitor compliance, the rule requires that within sixty days after the end of the first calendar quarter in which any exempt acquisition is made, and each calendar quarter thereafter, the registered holding company is required to file with the Commission a Certificate of Notification on Form U-9C-3 containing the information prescribed by that form. The information collection by the Commission is required by rule 58. The Commission uses this information to determine the existence of financial detriment, regarding the acquisition of certain energy-related companies, to the interests the Act is designed to protect. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting burden is 464 annual burden hours to comply with these requirements, *i.e.*, 29 respondents \times 16 = 464 burden hours.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Government Securities Division and the Mortgage-Backed Securities Division Membership Rules

November 1, 2004.

I. Introduction

On January 9, 2004, the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") and on April 28, 2004, amended proposed rule change SR-FICC-2004-01 pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act").¹ Notice of the proposal was published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 2004.² No comment letters were received. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposed rule change.

II. Description

FICC is amending the membership rules of its Government Securities Division ("GSD") and its Mortgage-Backed Securities Division ("MBSD") to (1) eliminate the requirement that the conversion to U.S. dollars be made by the applicant or member prior to

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² Securities Exchange Act Release No. 50402 (September 16, 2004), 69 FR 57111.