

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.

Under rule 1(c) and section 14 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 ("Act"), Form U5S must be filed annually by all registered holding companies. Form U5S contains broad ranging information such as a description of system companies, acquisitions and sales of utility assets, securities transactions, and other information necessary for the staff to ascertain compliance with the Act. The 33 annual responses together incur about 445.5 burden hours to comply with these requirements.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. The estimate is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

The Commission needs this information to determine if the registered holding companies and their subsidiaries (and, in certain instances, exempt holding companies) are in compliance with the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. There is no requirement to keep the information confidential because it is public information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a registered holding company is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct 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 send an email to:

David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: March 15, 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 57(a)—SEC File No. 270-376—OMB Control No. 3235-0428

Form U-57—SEC File No. 270-376—OMB Control No. 3235-0428.

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Under rule 57(a) of the Act, Form U-57 must be used by a person filing under sections 33(a)(3)(B) and 33(c)(1) of the Act providing that U-57 is the form on which (1) a company seeking to become a "foreign utility company" may inform the Commission of that status, and (2) a registered holding company that acquires an interest in a "foreign utility company" may inform the Commission of that acquisition. The 101 annual responses together incur about 405 burden hours to comply with these requirements.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

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 meeting during the week of March 22, 2004: a closed meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 2 p.m.

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)(5), (7), (9), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), 9(ii), and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Atkins, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2004, will be:

Formal orders of investigation;
Settlement of injunctive actions; and
Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: March 17, 2004.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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