

this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. 404 (b)(5)). The attached procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 14 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

## II. Procedural Schedule (Appendix to Order No. 1384)

*September 17, 2003:* filing of appeal.

*September 23, 2003:* Commission notice and order of filing of appeal.

*October 20, 2003:* last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 CFR 3001.111(b)].

*October 13, 2003:* petitioner's participant statement or initial brief [see 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)].

*November 3, 2003:* Postal Service's answering brief [see 39 CFR 3001.115(c)].

*November 18, 2003:* petitioner's reply brief should petitioner choose to file one [see 39 CFR 3001.115(d)].

*November 25, 2003:* deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 CFR 3001.116].

*January 25, 2004:* expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)].

## III. Ordering Paragraphs

The Commission orders:

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by October 3, 2003.

(b) The secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this notice and order and procedural schedule in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Issued: September 23, 2003.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

**Garry J. Sikora,**

*Acting 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, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0004.

Extension

Rule 27e-1 and Form N-27E-1, SEC File No. 270-486, OMB Control No. 3235-0545.

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for approval of the collection of information under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") summarized below.

Rule 27e-1 [17 CFR 270.27e-1] is entitled "Requirements for Notice to be Mailed to Certain Purchasers of Periodic Payment Plan Certificates Sold Subject to section 27(d) of the Act." Form N-27E-1 is entitled "Notice to Periodic Payment Plan Certificate Holders of 18 Month Surrender Rights with Respect to Periodic Payment Plan Certificates." Form N-27E-1, which is prescribed by rule 27e-1 in order to implement the statutory mandate in section 27(e) of the Act, serves to notify holders of periodic payment plan certificates who have missed certain payments of their surrender rights with respect to the certificates. The Form N-27E-1 notice, which is sent directly to holders of periodic payment plan certificates, serves to alert purchasers of periodic payment plans of their rights in connection with their plan certificates.

Commission staff estimates that there are fewer than five issuers of periodic payment plan certificates affected by rule 27e-1. The frequency with which each of these issuers or their representatives must file the Form N-27E-1 notice varies with the number of periodic payment plans sold and the number of certificate holders who miss payments. The staff spoke with representatives of a number of firms in the industry that currently have periodic payment plan accounts. Based upon these conversations, the staff estimates that 3 respondents through completely automated processes send out approximately 2,965 notices a year. These estimates are based on an informal survey of representatives of several entities and are not derived from a comprehensive or necessarily even representative study of the cost of the Commission's rules and forms.

Complying with the collection of information requirements of rule 27e-1 is mandatory for issuers of periodic payment plans or their depositors or underwriters in the event holders of plan certificates miss certain payments within eighteen months after issuance. The information provided pursuant to rule 27e-1 will be provided to third parties and, therefore, will not be kept confidential. The Commission is seeking OMB approval, because 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.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information 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; and (ii) Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days after this notice.

Dated: September 22, 2003.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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Extension

Rule 23c-1 [17 CFR 270.23c-1], SEC File No. 270-253, OMB Control No. 3235-0260.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 23c-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, among other things, permits a closed-end fund to repurchase its securities for cash if in addition to the other requirements set