

and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and national market system, and in general to protect investors and the public interest. The proposed amendments are consistent with this section in that they will better align margin requirements with the actual risk of hedged products, will also potentially alleviate excess margin calls and potentially reduce the risk of forced liquidations of positions in customer accounts.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve such proposed rule change; or
- (B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Exchange Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2006-13 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2006-13. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submission should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2006-13 and should be submitted on or before April 27, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.³²

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This

³² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

rate will be 4.500 (4½) percent for the April-June quarter of FY 2006.

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, approval of existing information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections, and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below: (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974.(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

I. The information collections listed below are pending at SSA and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Application for Special Age 72-or-Over Monthly Payments—20 CFR 404.380-404.384—0960-0096.* Form SSA-19-F6 collects the information

needed to determine whether a claimant can qualify for Special Age 72 payments. Eligibility requirements will be evaluated based on the data collected on this form. The respondents are individuals who reached age 72 before 1972.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2 hours.
2. *Medical or Psychological Review of Childhood Disability Evaluation Form (SSA-538)*—20 CFR 416.1040, 416.1043, 416.1045, 416.924(g)—0960-0675. Form SSA-536 is used by SSA medical or psychological consultants to document their review and assessment of the Childhood Disability Evaluation Form, SSA-538, prepared by State DDS employees. A childhood disability evaluation is required in each SSI childhood disability case that is reviewed. The respondents are 256 SSA medical and psychological consultants.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Responses: 17,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,400 hours.

3. *Claimant's Medication*—20 CFR 404.1512, 416.912—0960-0289. The HA-4632, completed by applicants for disability benefits, provides an updated list of medications used by the claimant. This enables the Administrative Law Judge hearing the case to fully inquire into the medical treatment the claimant is receiving and the effect of medications on the claimant's impairments and functional capacity. The respondents are applicants for Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits, and/or Supplemental Security income (SSI) payments.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 171,939.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 42,985 hours.

4. *Authorization for the Social Security Administration to Obtain Account Records from a Financial Institution and Request for Records (Medicare Low-Income Subsidy)*—0960-NEW. Under the aegis of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Medicare beneficiaries can apply for a subsidy for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) program. In some cases, SSA will need to verify the details of applicants' accounts at financial institutions to determine if they are eligible for the subsidy. Form SSA-4640 will give SSA the authority to contact financial institutions about beneficiaries' accounts. It will also be used by financial institutions to verify the information requested by SSA. The respondents are applicants for the Medicare Part D program subsidy and financial institutions where applicants have accounts.

Type of Request: New information request.

	Medicare Part D subsidy applicants	Financial institutions	Totals
Number of Respondents	10,000	10,000	20,000.
Frequency of Response	1	1	1.
Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	1	4	5.
Estimated Annual Burden (hours)	167	667	834.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 834 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Claimant's Recent Medical Treatment*—20 CFR 404.1512 & 416.912—0960-0292. The information collected on Form HA-4631 is used to facilitate processing an applicant's OASDI (Title II) and/or SSI (Title XVI) claim. The form elicits from the claimant an updated list of medical treatment. This enables the Administrative Law Judge hearing the case to fully inquire into past and current medical treatment the claimant received/receives and the effect on the claimant's physical and mental status. The respondents are applicants for OASDI benefits and/or SSI payments.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Responses: 320,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 53,333 hours.

2. *Statement of Funds You Provided to Another and Statement of Funds You Received*—20 CFR 416.1103(f)—0960-0481. Forms SSA-2854 and SSA-2855 collect information in situations where the SSI recipient alleges that he or she borrowed funds informally from a non-commercial lender, e.g., a relative or a friend. The statements are required to determine whether the proceeds from the transaction are income to the borrower. If the transaction constitutes a bona fide loan, then the proceeds are not income to the borrower. The respondents are the borrower/recipient and the lender of the funds.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 40,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,667 hours.

3. *Quickstart Enrollment*—31 CFR 209 and 210—0960-0564. Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients can enroll for direct deposit/electronic funds transfer through their financial institutions (FIs) using an automated enrollment process. SSA uses the information to facilitate electronic transmission of data for direct deposit of funds to a payee's account. The respondents are Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients requesting direct deposit to their financial institutions.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 3,950,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 197,500 hours.

4. *Certificate of Election for Reduced Spouse's Benefits*—20 CFR 404.421—0960-0398. SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-25 to pay a qualified spouse who elects to receive a reduced Social Security benefit.

Reduced benefits are not payable to an already entitled spouse, at least age 62 but under full retirement age, who no longer has a child in care, unless the spouse elects to receive reduced benefits. The respondents are entitled spouses seeking reduced Social Security benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

5. *Voluntary Customer Satisfaction Surveys in Accordance with E.O. 12862 for the Social Security Administration—0960–0526.* Under the auspices of E.O. 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, SSA conducts multiple customer satisfaction surveys each year. These voluntary customer satisfaction assessments include paper, Internet, and

telephone surveys; mailed questionnaires; focus groups; and customer comment cards. The purpose of these surveys is to assess customer satisfaction with the timeliness, appropriateness, access, and overall quality of the services SSA provides. The respondents are direct recipients of SSA services and professionals and other individuals who work on behalf of SSA beneficiaries.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

	Fiscal year 2006	Fiscal year 2007	Fiscal year 2008
Number of Respondents	1,352,181	1,356,001	1,357,851.
Frequency of Response	1	1	1.
Range of Response Times	Varies (5 minutes to 1½ hours) ...	Varies (5 minutes to 1½ hours) ...	Varies (5 minutes to 1½ hours).
Estimated Annual Burden	119,646	120,993	121,191.

Note: Please note that the figures above differ slightly from those published in the 60-day advance Notice. The reason for this difference is that SSA obtained updated burden data since publishing the 60-day **Federal Register** Notice.

Dated: March 30, 2006.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Social Security Acquiescence Ruling 06–1(2); *Fowlkes v. Adamec*, 432 F.3d 90 (2d Cir. 2005): Determining Whether an Individual Is a Fugitive Felon Under the Social Security Act (Act)—Titles II and XVI of the Act

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Social Security Acquiescence Ruling.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(2), the Commission of Social Security gives notice of Social Security Acquiescence Ruling 06–1(2).

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 6, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Fishkin Kiley, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, (410) 965–3483, or TTY (800) 966–5609.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are publishing this acquiescence ruling in accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(2).

An acquiescence ruling explain how we will apply a holding in a decision of a United States Court of Appeals that we determine conflicts with our interpretation of a provision of the Social Security Act (Act) or regulations

when the Government has decided not to seek further review of that decision or is unsuccessful on further review.

We will apply the holding of the court of appeals decision as explained in this acquiescence ruling to all determinations or decisions at all levels of the administrative review process that an individual is a fugitive felon pursuant to sections 202(x)(1)(A), 205(j)(2)(C), 1611(e)(4)(A), and 1631(a)(2)(B) of the Act. The ruling applies to all title II and title XVI applicants, title II beneficiaries, and title XVI recipients who live in Connecticut, New York, or Vermont. If we made a determination or decision that an individual was a fugitive felon under the relevant provisions of the Act, which affected an individual's application for title II benefits or title XVI payments, or resulted in nonpayment of title II benefits or suspension of title XVI payments, between December 6, 2005, the date of the court of appeals decision, and April 6, 2006, the effective date of this acquiescence ruling, the individual may request application of the acquiescence ruling to the prior determination or decision. The individual must demonstrate, pursuant to 20 CFR 404.985(b)(2), 416.1485(b)(2), that application of this acquiescence ruling could change our prior determination or decision.

Additionally, when we received this precedential court of appeals decision and determined that an acquiescence ruling might be required, we began to identify those cases within the circuit that might be subject to readjudication if an acquiescence ruling was subsequently issued. Because we have determined that an acquiescence ruling is required, we will send a notice to individuals we have identified whose

title II or title XVI application, title II benefits, or title XVI payments may be affected by the acquiescence ruling. The notice will provide information about this ruling and the right to request readjudication under it. It is not necessary for an individual to receive a notice in order to request relief based on this acquiescence ruling.

If this acquiescence ruling is later rescinded as obsolete, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** to that effect as provided for in 20 CFR 404.985(e), 416.148(e). If we decide to relitigate the issue covered by this acquiescence ruling as provided for by 20 CFR 404.985(c), 416.1485(c), we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** stating that we will apply our interpretation of the Act or regulations involved and explaining why we have decided to relitigate the issue.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance; 96.006—Supplemental Security Insurance)

Dated: March 29, 2006.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,

Commissioner of Social Security.

Acquiescence Ruling 06–1(2)

Fowlkes v. Adamec, 432 F.3d 90 (2d Cir. 2005): Determining Whether an Individual is a Fugitive Felon Under the Social Security Act (Act)—Titles II and XVI of the Act.¹

Issue: Whether an outstanding warrant or similar order for the arrest of an individual on a felony charge is, on its own, sufficient evidence for the Agency to determine that an individual is a fugitive felon under the Act and, therefore, not entitled to receive title II

¹ Although *Fowlkes* was a title XVI case, the Act provides the same standard under title II for determining whether an individual is a fugitive felon.