environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption is not warranted.

The request for exemption was docketed under 10 CFR Part 72, Docket 72-30. For further details with respect to this action, see the exemption request dated November 7, 2002. The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at http:// /www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415–4737, or by e-mail to *pdr@nrc.gov*.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of January, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Stephen C. O'Connor,

Sr. Project Manager, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8968-ML-REN, ASLBP No. 03-809-01-ML-REN]

Hydro Resources, Inc.; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission, see 37 FR 28,710 (Dec. 29, 1972), and the Commission's regulations, see 10 CFR 2.1201, 2.1207, notice is hereby given that (1) a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is designated as Presiding Officer to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing; and (2) upon making the requisite findings in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(h), the Presiding Officer will conduct an adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding: Hydro Resources, Inc., Crownpoint Uranium Project, Crownpoint, New Mexico, (Materials License Renewal).

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to 10 CFR part 2, subpart L, of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene submitted by Bonnie Benally Yazzie on January 14, 2003, in response to a notice of timely receipt and consideration of an application of Hydro Resources, Inc., for renewal of its 10 CFR part 40 source materials license for uranium production at the Crownpoint Uranium Project, Crownpoint, New Mexico. The notice of opportunity to provide comments and to request a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 2002 (67 FR 77,084).

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge Thomas S. Moore. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.722, 2.1209, Administrative Judge Thomas D. Murphy has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with Judges Moore and Murphy in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1203. Their addresses are:

Thomas S. Moore, Administrative Judge, Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

Thomas D. Murphy, Administrative Judge, Special Assistant, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of February 2003.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. [FR Doc. 03–3231 Filed 2–7–03; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7590–01–P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 25924; 812–12886]

Van Kampen Investment Advisory Corp., et al.; Notice of Application

February 3, 2003. **AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 18(c) and 18(i) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 23(c)(3) of the Act for an exemption from rule 23c–3 under the Act, and pursuant to section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain registered closed-end management

companies to issue multiple classes of shares and to impose asset-based distribution fees and early withdrawal charges.

APPLICANTS: Van Kampen Prime Rate Income Trust ("Prime Rate") and Van Kampen Senior Floating Rate Fund ("Senior Floating Rate") (each a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"), Van Kampen Investment Advisory Corp. ("Adviser"), Van Kampen Funds Inc. ("Distributor") and Van Kampen Investments Inc. ("Van Kampen Investments").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on September 25, 2002 and amended on January 31, 2003.

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 February 28, 2003, 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 who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0609; Applicants, c/o A. Thomas Smith III, Van Kampen Investments Inc., 1 Parkview Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181–5555.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean E. Minarick, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942–0527 or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, 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 (telephone (202) 942–8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. The Funds are closed-end management investment companies registered under the Act and organized as Massachusetts business trusts. The Adviser is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and serves as investment adviser to the Funds. The Distributor, a