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Approximately 3,237 entities, including 8,963 portfolios are required to file Form N-Q, which is estimated to require an average of 21 hours per portfolio per year to complete. The estimated annual burden of complying with the filing requirement is approximately 188,223 hours. The estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the cost of Commission rules and forms. The collection of information under Form N-Q is mandatory. The information provided by the Form is not kept confidential. 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.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: November 27, 2006.

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and

Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 30e-1; SEC File No. 270-21; OMB Control No. 3235-0025.

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") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

The collection of information is entitled: "Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Reports to Stockholders of Management Companies." Section 30(e) (15 U.S.C. 80a-29(e)) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Investment Company Act") (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) requires a registered investment company ("fund") to transmit to its shareholders, at least semi-annually, reports containing information and financial statements as the Commission may prescribe. Among other requirements, Rule 30e-1 (17 CFR 270.30e-1) under the Investment Company Act directs funds to include in the shareholder reports the information that is required by the fund's registration statement. Failure to require the collection of this information would seriously impede the amount of current information available to shareholders and the public about funds and would prevent the Commission from implementing the regulatory program required by statute. The estimated annual number of respondents providing shareholder reports under Rule 30e-1 is 4,040. The proposed frequency of response is semi-annual. The estimate of the total annual reporting burden of the collection of information is approximately 145.8 hours per shareholder report and the total estimated annual burden for the industry is 1,178,064 hours (145.8 hours per report × 2 reports × 4,040 funds). Providing the information required by Rule 30e-1 is mandatory. Responses will not be kept confidential. Estimates of the burden hours are made solely 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 SEC rules and forms.

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November 27, 2006.

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-27587]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

November 30, 2006.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of November, 2006. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch (tel. 202-551-5850). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on December 27, 2006, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, 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 Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F

Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

For Further Information Contact: Diane L. Titus at (202) 551–6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–4041.

The Guardian Cash Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–3324]; The Guardian Bond Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–3634]; GIAC Funds, Inc. [File No. 811–6231]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 9, 2006, each applicant transferred its assets to RS Variable Products Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$2,500 were incurred in connection with each reorganization and were paid by Guardian Investor Services LLC, applicants' investment adviser, or its affiliates.

Filing Dates: The applications were filed on October 19, 2006, and The Guardian Bond Fund, Inc., filed an amended application on November 16, 2006.

Applicants' Address: 7 Hanover Sq., New York, NY 10004.

Old Mutual Analytic Global Long-Short Fund [File No. 811–21795]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on October 16, 2006, and amended on November 13, 2006.

Applicant's Address: c/o Old Mutual Capital, Inc., 4643 South Ulster St., Suite 600, Denver, CO 80237.

The Park Avenue Portfolio [File No. 811–5641]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 9, 2006 and October 16, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to RS Investment Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$2,500 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Guardian Investor Services LLC, applicant's investment adviser, or its affiliates.

Filing Date: The application was filed on October 20, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 7 Hanover Sq., New York, NY 10004.

The Bramwell Funds, Inc. [File No. 811–8546]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 17, 2006, applicant transferred the assets of each of its two series to newly created series of Sentinel Group Funds, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$367,468 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Sentinel Advisors Company, the investment adviser for the acquiring fund, or an affiliate and Bramwell Capital Management, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on October 17, 2006, and amended on November 7, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 745 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10151.

Morgan Stanley Total Return Income Securities Fund [File No. 811–10357]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on September 25, 2006, and amended on October 25, 2006.

Applicant's Address: Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc., 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

Columbia Daily Income Company [File No. 811–2507]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 21, 2005, applicant transferred its assets to a corresponding series of Columbia Funds Series Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$181,275 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant and Columbia Management Advisors, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 23, 2006, and amended on November 9, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 1301 SW Fifth Ave., Portland, OR 97201.

Columbia Funds Trust III [File No. 811–881]; Columbia Funds Trust IV [File No. 811–2865]; Columbia Funds Trust II [File No. 811–3009]; Columbia Funds Trust VIII [File No. 811–4552]; Columbia Funds Trust XI [File No. 811–4978]; Columbia Funds Trust V [File No. 811–5030]; Columbia Funds Trust VI [File No. 811–6529]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be

an investment company. On March 27, 2006, each series of each applicant transferred its assets to a corresponding series of Columbia Funds Series Trust I, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$152,827, \$76,413, \$57,310, \$38,207, \$229,240, \$286,550 and \$57,310, respectively, incurred in connection with the reorganizations were paid by Columbia Management Advisors, LLC, applicants' investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The applications were filed on June 23, 2006, and amended on November 7, 2006.

Applicants' Address: One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111.

Columbia Oregon Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–3983]; Columbia Mid Cap Growth Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–4362]; Columbia Balanced Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–6338]; Columbia Small Cap Growth Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–7671]; Columbia Real Estate Equity Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–8256]; Columbia Technology Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–10159]; Columbia Strategic Investor Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–10161]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 27, 2006, each applicant transferred its assets to a corresponding series of Columbia Funds Series Trust I, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$19,103 incurred in connection with each reorganization were paid by Columbia Management Advisors, LLC, applicants' investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The applications were filed on June 23, 2006, and amended on November 7, 2006.

Applicants' Address: 1301 SW Fifth Ave., Portland, OR 97201.

Columbia Funds Trust VII [File No. 811–6347]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 10, 2005, applicant transferred its assets to a corresponding series of Columbia Funds Series Trust I, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$114,620 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Columbia Management Advisors, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 23, 2006, and amended on July 17, 2006 and November 7, 2006.

Applicant's Address: One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111.

Columbia High Yield Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-7834]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 27, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to a corresponding series of Columbia Funds Series Trust I, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$19,103 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Columbia Management Advisors, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 23, 2006, and amended on November 7, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 1301 SW Fifth Ave., Portland, OR 97201.

USAA Life Investment Trust [811-8672]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 30, 2006, applicant made a liquidating distribution of assets to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$13,915 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by USAA Life Insurance Company, an affiliate of USAA Investment Management Company, the adviser and principal underwriter for applicant.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 31, 2006, and amended on November 24, 2006.

Applicant's Address: USAA Life Investment Trust, 9800 Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio, Texas 78288.

MetLife of CT Variable Life Insurance Separate Account Four [File No. 811-7889]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

Filing Date: The application was filed on September 9, 2006.

Applicant's Address: MetLife Insurance Company of Connecticut, One City Place, 185 Asylum Street 3CP, Hartford, CT 06103-3415.

MetLife of CT Fund VA for Variable Annuities [File No. 811-8740]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has not made any public offering of its securities and is not engaged, or intending to engage in any business activity other than those necessary for winding up its affairs.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on September 17, 2002, and amended on September 7, 2006.

Applicant's Address: MetLife Life and Annuity Company of Connecticut, One City Place, 185 Asylum Street 3CP, Hartford, CT 06103-3415.

Tactical Growth and Income Stock Account for Variable Annuities [File No. 811-5090]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 28, 2006, applicant made a distribution of its assets to its shareholders in connection with its merger with MetLife Stock Index Portfolio of Metropolitan Series Fund, Inc. Expenses of \$ 57,745 were incurred in connection with the merger. These expenses were paid by The Travelers Insurance Company, applicant's depositor.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 18, 2006.

Applicant's Address: One Cityplace, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Tactical Short-Term Bond Account for Variable Annuities [File No. 811-5089]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 28, 2006, applicant made a distribution of its assets to its shareholders in connection with its merger with BlackRock Money Market Portfolio of Metropolitan Series Fund, Inc. Expenses of \$57,745 were incurred in connection with the merger. These expenses were paid by The Travelers Insurance Company, applicant's depositor.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 18, 2006.

Applicant's Address: One Cityplace, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

The Travelers Growth and Income Stock Account for Variable Annuities [File No. 811-1539]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 28, 2006, applicant made a distribution of its assets to its shareholders in connection with its merger with Batterymarch Growth and Income Portfolio of Met Investors Series Trust. Expenses of \$57,745 were incurred in connection with the merger. These expenses were paid by The Travelers Insurance Company, applicant's depositor.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 18, 2006.

Applicant's Address: One Cityplace, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

The Travelers Quality Bond Account for Variable Annuities [File No. 811-2571]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 28, 2006, applicant made a distribution of its assets to its shareholders in connection with its merger with BlackRock Bond Income Portfolio of Metropolitan Series Fund, Inc. Expenses of \$57,745 were incurred in connection with the merger. These expenses were paid by The Travelers Insurance Company, applicant's depositor.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 18, 2006.

Applicant's Address: One Cityplace, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Travelers Money Market Account For Variable Annuities [File No. 811-3409]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 28, 2006, applicant made a distribution of its assets to its shareholders in connection with its merger with BlackRock Money Market Portfolio of Metropolitan Series Fund, Inc. Expenses of \$57,745 were incurred in connection with the merger. These expenses were paid by The Travelers Insurance Company, applicant's depositor.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 18, 2006.

Applicant's Address: One Cityplace, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Tactical Aggressive Stock Account for Variable Annuities [File No. 811-5091]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 28, 2006, applicant made a distribution of its assets to its shareholders in connection with its merger with MetLife Mid Cap Stock Index Portfolio of Metropolitan Series Fund, Inc. Expenses of \$57,745 were incurred in connection with the merger. These expenses were paid by The Travelers Insurance Company, applicant's depositor.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 18, 2006.

Applicant's Address: One Cityplace, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

LSW Variable Annuity Account I [File No. 811-8681]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant abandoned its intention to operate before it received any assets. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in any

business activity other than that necessary to wind up its affairs.

Filing Date: The application was filed on April 21, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 1300 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75247.

LSW Variable Life Insurance Account [File No. 811-10315]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant abandoned its intention to operate before it received any assets. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in any business activity other than that necessary to wind up its affairs.

Filing Date: The application was filed on April 21, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 1300 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75247.

Guardian Variable Contract Funds, Inc. [File No. 811-3636]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Shareholders approved the merger of applicant on September 28, 2006, and applicant distributed its assets on October 9, 2006. The fund surviving the merger is RS Variable Products Trust, a Massachusetts business trust and open-end management investment company. Guardian Investor Services LLC, applicant's investment adviser, or its affiliates paid the fees incurred in connection with the merger.

Filing Date: The application was filed on October 19, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 7 Hanover Sq., New York, NY 10004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [71 FR 69149, November 29, 2006].

STATUS: Open Meeting.

PLACE: 100 F Street, NW., Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Monday, December 4, 2006 at 10 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Deletion of Items.

The following items will not be considered during the Open Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2006:

1. The Commission will consider whether to propose a new rule under the Securities Act of 1933 to revise the criteria for natural persons to be considered "accredited investors" for purposes of investing in certain privately offered investment vehicles.

2. The Commission will consider whether to propose a new rule under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prohibit advisers from making false or misleading statements to investors in certain pooled investment vehicles they manage, including hedge funds.

The Commission determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

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) 551-5400.

Dated: December 1, 2006.

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[(Release No. 34-54813; File No. SR-Amex-2006-19)]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Thereto Relating to the Listing and Trading of Options on the Nuveen Municipal Fund Index

November 22, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on February 17, 2006, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. On July 12, 2006, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ On September 19, 2006, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 2 to the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ In Amendment No. 1, Amex clarified the Index symbol and the rationale for the product.

proposed rule change.⁴ On November 13, 2006, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change.⁵ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to list and trade options on the Price-Return Nuveen Municipal Closed-End Fund Index ("NMUNP") (the "Nuveen Municipal Fund Index" or "Index"), an index based on the shares of exchange-listed closed-end management investment companies that are exempt from federal income tax by investing in portfolios of bonds issued by state and local governments and agencies ("Closed-End Funds" or "Funds").

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Amex's Web site at <http://www.amex.com>, at the Amex Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Amex included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item III below. The Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to permit the Exchange to list and trade cash-settled, European-style index options on the Price-Return Nuveen Municipal Fund Index. The Exchange believes that options on the Index will be the first index options based on an index of closed-end funds. The proposed Index options are intended for the use of investors

⁴ In Amendment No. 2, Amex replaced the original rule filing in its entirety and incorporated the previously filed Amendment No. 1.

⁵ In Amendment No. 3, Amex made modifications to the Purpose section to clarify the "Index Calculation and Maintenance" section and included representations made by Nuveen regarding the existence of firewalls to address insider trading concerns.