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It is estimated that 363,500 SF 87 or SF 87A inquiries are sent to individuals annually. Each form takes approximately five minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is approximately 25,979 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director, Federal Investigative Services Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 5416, Washington, DC 20415.

For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination—Contact: Mary-Kay Brewer, Program Analyst, Operational Policy Group, Federal Investigative Services Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, (202) 606-1835.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Howard Weizmann,

Deputy Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under

Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Lamary Acting Group Manager, Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Human Resources, Division for Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability, 202-606-2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules

A, B, and C between May 1, 2008, and May 30, 2008. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

Schedule A

No Schedule A appointments were approved for May 2008.

Schedule B

No Schedule B appointments were approved for May 2008.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during May 2008.

Section 213.3303 Executive Office of the President

Council on Environmental Quality

EQGS60021 Special Assistant to the Chairman (Council on Environmental Quality). Effective May 09, 2008.

EQGS00018 Associate Director for Congressional Affairs to the Chairman (Council on Environmental Quality). Effective May 29, 2008.

Office of Management and Budget

BOGS70005 Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director for Legislative Affairs. Effective May 13, 2008.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

QQGS80008 Special Assistant to the Associate Director for the Office of Legislative Affairs. Effective May 14, 2008.

Section 213.3304 Department of State

DSGS69741 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Effective May 02, 2008.

DSGS69735 Senior Advisor to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counter Proliferation. Effective May 12, 2008.

DSGS69743 Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and Security Affairs. Effective May 12, 2008.

DSGS69744 Staff Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary and White House Liaison. Effective May 12, 2008.

DSGS69745 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for International Organizational Affairs. Effective May 13, 2008.

DSGS69742 Office Director to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective May 14, 2008.

Section 213.3305 Department of the Treasury

DYGS00457 Deputy Executive Secretary to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 16, 2008.

Section 213.3306 Department of Defense

DDGS17157 Special Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Budget and Appropriations Affairs). Effective May 14, 2008.

DDGS17158 Special Assistant to the Director, Department of Defense Office of Legislative Counsel. Effective May 14, 2008.

DDGS17161 Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. Effective May 30, 2008.

Section 213.3310 Department of Justice

DJGS00297 Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General (Civil Rights). Effective May 02, 2008.

DJGS00103 Counsel to the Associate Attorney General. Effective May 14, 2008.

DJGS00091 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General (Legislative Affairs). Effective May 16, 2008.

DJGS00088 Deputy Director Scheduling to the Attorney General. Effective May 21, 2008.

Section 213.3311 Department of Homeland Security

DMGS00751 Public Affairs and Press Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective May 13, 2008.

Section 213.3313 Department of Agriculture

DAGS00941 Press Assistant to the Director of Communications. Effective May 09, 2008.

Section 213.3314 Department of Commerce

DCGS00652 Confidential Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective May 1, 2008.

DCGS00380 Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary for International Trade. Effective May 09, 2008.

DCGS00556 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary. Effective May 09, 2008.

DCGS00688 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Market Access and Compliance. Effective May 09, 2008.

DCGS00689 Confidential Assistant to the Director, Executive Secretariat. Effective May 09, 2008.

DCGS00662 Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for

- Communications and Information. Effective May 13, 2008.
- DCGS00252 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DCGS00272 Special Assistant to the Director, Advocacy Center. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DCGS00521 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary and Director General of United States/For Commercial Services. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DCGS00569 Confidential Assistant to the Director for Speechwriting. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DCGS00653 Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DCGS60189 Special Assistant to the Secretary. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DCGS00680 Deputy Press Secretary to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective May 29, 2008.
- DCGS00342 Chief of Staff for International Trade Administration/Import Administration to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration. Effective May 29, 2008.
- DCGS00383 Confidential Assistant to the Director Advocacy Center. Effective May 29, 2008.
- DCGS00398 Special Assistant to the Director Advocacy Center. Effective May 29, 2008.
- DCGS00507 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Market Access and Compliance. Effective May 29, 2008.
- Section 213.3315 Department of Labor*
- DLGS00089 Director of Field Operations to the Director of Scheduling. Effective May 07, 2008.
- DLGS00108 Senior Advance Representative to the Director of Scheduling. Effective May 07, 2008.
- Section 213.3317 Department of Education*
- DBGS00640 Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative to the Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative. Effective May 06, 2008.
- DBGS00226 Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant. Effective May 07, 2008.
- DBGS60164 Confidential Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary. Effective May 14, 2008.
- DBGS00447 Secretary's Regional Representative, Region 3 to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for External Affairs. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DBGS00666 Executive Director, White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities to the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DBGS00283 Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for External Affairs. Effective May 29, 2008.
- DBGS00667 Special Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement. Effective May 29, 2008.
- DBGS00668 Associate Assistant Deputy Secretary for Parental Rights to the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement. Effective May 29, 2008.
- DBGS60112 Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant. Effective May 29, 2008.
- DBGS00394 Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant. Effective May 30, 2008.
- Section 213.3318 Environmental Protection Agency*
- EPGS08006 Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective May 14, 2008.
- EPGS06033 Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Administrator. Effective May 16, 2008.
- EPGS08003 Press Secretary to the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective May 21, 2008.
- EPGS08004 Deputy Press Secretary to the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective May 22, 2008.
- Section 213.3325 United States Tax Court*
- JCGS60063 Secretary (Confidential Assistant) to the Chief Judge. Effective May 05, 2008.
- JCGS60083 Chambers Administrator to the Chief Judge. Effective May 05, 2008.
- JCGS60076 Trial Clerk to the Chief Judge. Effective May 23, 2008.
- JCGS60084 Trial Clerk to the Chief Judge. Effective May 23, 2008.
- JCGS60085 Trial Clerk to the Chief Judge. Effective May 28, 2008.
- Section 213.3327 Department of Veterans Affairs*
- DVGS60104 Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective May 22, 2008.
- Section 213.3331 Department of Energy*
- DEGS00649 Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective May 06, 2008.
- DEGS00653 Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy. Effective May 13, 2008.
- DEGS00648 Special Assistant and Scheduler to the Secretary to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective May 13, 2008.
- DEGS00651 Special Assistant to the White House Liaison. Effective May 16, 2008.
- DEGS00654 Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs. Effective May 16, 2008.
- DEGS00656 Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Energy. Effective May 16, 2008.
- DEGS00652 Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 21, 2008.
- DEGS00657 Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DEGS00659 Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DEGS00660 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy). Effective May 22, 2008.
- DEGS00661 Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor. Effective May 29, 2008.
- Section 213.3332 Small Business Administration*
- SBSG00649 Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Capital Access to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access. Effective May 22, 2008.
- Section 213.3348 National Aeronautics and Space Administration*
- NNGS00045 Congressional Outreach Program Manager to the Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective May 09, 2008.
- NNGS00173 Legislative Intergovernmental Program Manager to the Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective May 09, 2008.
- Section 213.3384 Department of Housing and Urban Development*
- DUGS60286 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner. Effective May 12, 2008.
- Section 213.3394 Department of Transportation*
- DTGS60313 Director of Governmental Affairs to the Administrator. Effective May 13, 2008.
- DTGS60365 Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy to the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy. Effective May 22, 2008.
- DTGS60337 Director of Communications to the

Administrator. Effective May 23, 2008.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Howard C. Weizmann,

Deputy Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Form 8–A; OMB Control No. 3235–0056; SEC File No. 270–54.

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”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Form 8–A (17 CFR 249.208a) is a registration statement for certain classes of securities pursuant to sections 12(b) and 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78l(b) and 78l(g)). Section 12(a) (15 U.S.C. 78l(a)) requires securities traded on national exchanges to be registered under the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). Section 12(b) establishes the registration procedures. Section 12(g), and Rule 12g–1 (17 CFR 240.12g–1) promulgated thereunder, extended the Exchange Act registration requirements to issuers engaged in interstate commerce, or in a business affecting interstate commerce, and having total assets of \$10,000,000 or more and a class of equity security held or record by 500 or more persons. Form 8–A takes approximately 3 hours to prepare and is filed by approximately 1,170 respondents for a total of 3,510 annual burden hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this 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 imposed by 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, Virginia 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

June 16, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, Copies available from: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Rule 15g–9; SEC File No. 270–325; OMB Control No. 3235–0385.

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.

Section 15(c)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (the “Exchange Act”) authorizes the Commission to promulgate rules that prescribe means reasonably designed to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative practices in connection with over-the-counter (“OTC”) securities transactions. Pursuant to this authority, the Commission in 1989 adopted Rule 15a–6 (the “Rule”), which was subsequently redesignated as Rule 15g–9, 17 CFR 240.15g–9. The Rule requires broker-dealers to produce a written suitability determination for, and to obtain a written customer agreement to, certain recommended transactions in low-priced stocks that are not registered on a national securities exchange or authorized for trading on NASDAQ, and

whose issuers do not meet certain minimum financial standards. The Rule is intended to prevent the indiscriminate use by broker-dealers of fraudulent, high pressure telephone sales campaigns to sell low-priced securities to unsophisticated customers.

The Commission staff estimates that there are approximately 240 broker-dealers subject to the Rule. The burden of the Rule on a respondent varies widely depending on the frequency with which new customers are solicited. On the average for all respondents, the staff has estimated that respondents process three new customers per week, or approximately 156 new customer suitability determinations per year. We also estimate that a broker-dealer would expend approximately one-half hour per new customer in obtaining, reviewing, and processing (including transmitting to the customer) the information required by Rule 15g–9, and each respondent would consequently spend 78 hours annually (156 customers × .5 hours) obtaining the information required in the rule. We determined, based on the estimate of 240 broker-dealer respondents, that the current annual burden of Rule 15g–9 is 18,720 hours (240 respondents × 78 hours).

In addition, we estimate that if tangible communications alone are used to transmit the documents required by Rule 15g–9, each customer should take: (1) No more than eight minutes to review, sign and return the suitability determination document; and (2) no more than two minutes to either read and return or produce the customer agreement for a particular recommended transaction in penny stocks, listing the issuer and number of shares of the particular penny stock to be purchased, and send it to the broker-dealer. Thus, the total current customer respondent burden is approximately 10 minutes per response, for an aggregate total of 1,560 minutes for each broker-dealer respondent. Since there are 240 respondents, the annual burden for customer responses is 374,400 minutes (1,560 customer minutes per each of the 240 respondents) or 6,240 hours.

In addition, we estimate that, if tangible means of communications alone are used, broker-dealers could incur a recordkeeping burden under Rule 15g–9 of approximately two minutes per response. Since there are approximately 240 broker-dealer respondents and each respondent would have approximately 156 responses annually, respondents would incur an aggregate recordkeeping burden of 74,880 minutes (240 respondents × 156 responses × 2 minutes per response), or 1,248 hours. Accordingly, the aggregate