

the proposed plan approval. (60 Fed. Reg. 55,069.) On November 30, 1995, the Citizens Awareness Network, Inc. (CAN), and the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution (NECNP) filed a timely petition to intervene. With their hearing request, the petitioners submitted five contentions challenging the proposed approval of YAE's decommissioning plan based, among other things, on alleged noncompliance with (1) agency standards regarding maintaining radiation doses as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA), and (2) the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1968 (NEPA).

In a January 16, 1996 memorandum and order, the Commission referred the petitioners' hearing request to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel for the appointment of a presiding officer to conduct any necessary proceedings. (See CLI-96-1, 43 NRC 1 (1996).) On January 18, 1996, the Chief Administrative Judge of the Panel appointed this Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to act on the Commission's referral. (61 Fed. Reg. 1953.) The Board consists of Dr. Jerry R. Kline, Dr. Thomas S. Elleman, and G. Paul Bollwerk, III, who serves as Chairman of the Board.

After receiving additional filings from the participants on the issues of the petitioners' standing and the admissibility of their five contentions, on February 21, 1996, the Board held a prehearing conference during which the parties made further presentations addressing those matters. On March 1, 1996, the Board dismissed the petitioners' intervention request, ruling that although the petitioners had established their standing to intervene, they had failed to present a litigable contention. (See LBP-96-2, 43 NRC 61 (1996)).

The petitioners appealed the Board's decision. In CLI-96-7, 43 NRC \_\_\_\_ (June 18, 1996), the Commission affirmed the Board's determinations regarding the petitioners' standing and the admissibility of their contentions based on the information then before the Board. The Commission, however, remanded to the Board a so-called "new dose argument" that the petitioners submitted to the Commission shortly after the Board's dismissal ruling. In making that referral, the Commission directed the Board to determine if the "new dose argument" met the agency's procedural standards governing "late filing" and the admissibility of contentions so as to warrant consideration in an adjudicatory hearing.

After receiving additional party filings and conducting another prehearing conference on July 16, 1996, the Board issued an additional ruling on the petitioners' hearing request. In its July 31, 1996 decision, the Board held that (1) dismissal of the petitioners' "new dose argument" as untimely was not warranted under a balancing of the five factors governing "late filing," and (2) elements of the "new dose argument" provided a sufficient basis for the admission of a contention concerning YAE's decommissioning plan compliance with ALARA principles and NEPA requirements. The Board thus granted the petitioners' hearing request.

Please take notice that a hearing will be conducted in this proceeding. This hearing will be governed by the formal hearing procedures set forth in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart G (10 CFR §§ 2.700-.790).

During the course of the proceeding, the Board may conduct an oral argument, as provided in 10 CFR § 2.755, and may hold additional prehearing conferences pursuant to 10 CFR § 2.752. The public is invited to attend any oral argument, prehearing conference, or evidentiary hearing, which may be held pursuant to 10 CFR §§ 2.750-.751. In its July 31, 1996 decision, the Board established a schedule that provides for holding some such sessions. (See LBP-96-15, 44 NRC at \_\_\_\_ (slip op. app. at 1-3).) Notices of those sessions will be published in the Federal Register and/or made available to the public at the NRC Public Document Rooms.

In accordance with 10 CFR § 2.715(a), any person not a party to the proceeding may submit a written limited appearance statement setting forth his or her position on the issues in this proceeding. These statements do not constitute evidence, but may assist the Board and/or parties in the definition of the issues being considered. Persons wishing to submit a written limited appearance statement should send it to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch. A copy of the statement also should be served on the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. The Board will decide at a later date whether to entertain oral limited appearance statements.

Documents relating to this proceeding are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the German Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555; and at the NRC Local Public Document Room at Greenfield Community College, 1

College Drive, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301.

Dated: August 5, 1996.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

G. Paul Bollwerk III, Chairman,  
*Administrative Judge.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request Review of an Expired Information Collection SF 15

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (title 44, U.S. Code, chapter 35), this notice announces a proposed unchanged extension to a form which collects information from the public. Standard Form 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, is completed by individuals applying for Federal jobs and who wish to apply for an additional 10 points of examination credit based on his/her military service or that of a spouse or child. OPM examining offices and agency appointing officials use the information provided to adjudicate the individual's claim in accordance with the Veteran Preference Act of 1944, as amended. Approximately 23,700 respondents annually expend 5,017 burden hours to complete the SF-15. For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-Mail to [jmfarron@mail.opm.gov](mailto:jmfarron@mail.opm.gov)

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 8, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver written comments to Mary Lou Lindholm, Associate Director for Employment Service, Office of Personnel Management, Room 6F08, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raleigh Neville or Karen Jacobs on (202) 606-0830, TDD (202) 606-0023, or FAX (202) 606-2329.

Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,

*Deputy Director.*

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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, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 19b-1, SEC File No. 270-312, OMB Control No. 3235-0354

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 a request for approval of extension on Rule 19b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("the Act") [15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*] to the Office of Management and Budget.

Rule 19b-1 prohibits investment companies from distributing long-term capital gains more than once every twelve months unless certain conditions are met. Rule 19b-1(c) permits unit investment trusts ("UITs") engaged exclusively in the business of investing in certain eligible fixed-income securities to distribute long-term capital gains more than once every twelve months, provided that the capital gains distribution falls within one of the categories in rule 19b-1(c)(1) and provided further that the capital gains distribution is clearly described as such in the report to the unitholder that must accompany the distribution (the "notice requirement").

The time required to comply with the notice requirement is estimated to be one hour or less for each additional distribution of long-term capital gains. Since there are approximately 14,175 UIT portfolios that may be eligible to use the rule, the estimated total annual maximum reporting burden would be 14,175 hours.

Rule 19b-1(e) also permits a registered investment company to apply for permission to distribute long-term capital gains more than once a year provided that the investment company did not foresee the circumstances that created the need for the distribution. The time required to prepare an application under rule 19b-1(e) should be approximately four hours. The Commission, however, has not received an application under rule 19b-1(e) in the last five years. Therefore, it estimates no additional annual paperwork burden under this provision.

The estimates of 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.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549 and Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 5, 1996.

Jonathan G. Katz,  
Secretary.

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### AUSA Life Insurance Company, Inc., et al.

August 2, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for Exemption under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act").

**APPLICANTS:** AUSA Life Insurance Company, Inc. ("AUSA") and Diversified Investors Variable Funds ("Variable Account").

**RELEVANT 1940 ACT SECTIONS:** Order requested under Section 26(b) of the 1940 Act approving a proposed substitution of securities.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants seek an order to permit the substitution (the "Substitution") of interests in the Diversified Investors Portfolios' International Equity Portfolio ("Diversified International Series") for shares in the International Portfolio of the Scudder Variable Life Investment Fund ("Scudder International Series").

**FILING DATE:** The application was filed on February 21, 1996, and amended on July 18, 1996.

**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 on the application, or ask to be notified if a hearing is ordered, by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request, either personally or by mail. Hearing requests must be received

by the Commission by 5:30 pm., on August 27, 1996, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, either by affidavit, or, for lawyers, by certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of the date of the hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Applicants, c/o David R. Woodward, Esq., LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P., 1875 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, D.C. 20009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce Merrick Pickholz, Senior Counsel, or Patrice M. Pitts, Special Counsel, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management, at (202) 942-0670.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Following is a summary of the application. The complete application is available for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

### Applicants' Representations

1. AUSA is a stock life insurance company organized under the laws of New York State. The Variable Account, a separate account established by AUSA, is registered with the Commission under the 1940 Act as a unit investment trust. The Variable Account serves as the funding vehicle for group variable annuity contracts ("Contracts") that are issued and administered by AUSA and available for sale to various types of retirement plans. Diversified Investors Securities Corp. serves as principal underwriter of the Contracts.

2. The Variable Account is divided into a number of sub-accounts ("Sub-Accounts") that correspond to the mutual funds in which each Sub-Account's assets are invested, including the Calvert Responsibly Invested Balanced Portfolio, the Scudder International Series, and eleven series of Diversified Investors Portfolios ("Trust")—a New York business that is registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end management company.

3. The Sub-Accounts that invest in the Trust do so under a "Hub & Spoke" arrangement. Each Sub-Account which invests in a series of the Trust is a "spoke" or feeder fund. The corresponding series of the Trust is a "hub" or master fund. Interests in the Trust may also be sold to other types of collective investment vehicles or institutional investors. Variations in