

POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**Sunshine Act Meeting**

TIMES AND DATES: 12:30 p.m., Monday, October 4, 1999; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 5, 1999.

PLACE: Kansas City, Missouri, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 401 Ward Parkway, in Salon III Room.

STATUS: October 4 (Closed); October 5 (Open).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, October 4–12:30 p.m. (Closed)

1. Financial Performance.
2. Rate Case Briefing.
3. Los Angeles, California, Terminal Annex.
4. Fiscal Year 2000 EVA Program.
5. Compensation Issues.
6. Personnel Matters.

Tuesday, October 5–8:30 p.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, August 30–31, 1999.
2. remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.
3. Board of Governors Year 2000 Meeting Schedule.
4. Office of the Governors FY 2000 Budget.
5. Report on the Mid-America Performance Cluster.
6. Tentative Agenda for the November 1–2, meeting in Washington, D.C.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Koerber, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260–1000. Telephone: (202) 268–4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review**

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Request for Review of Part B Medicare Claim.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* G–790, G–791.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220–0100.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 11/30/1999.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or Households.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 4,000.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 4,100.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 1,025.

(10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Board administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the Railroad Retirement system. The request provides the means for obtaining reviews by the UnitedHealthcare Insurance company on claims for Part B Medicare benefits.

Additional Information or Comments

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312–751–3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611–2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laurie Schack (202–395–7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35–27076]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

September 20, 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transactions(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declarations(s) and any amendments is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the applications(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by October 12, 1999, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549–0609, and

serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After October 12, 1999, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Columbia Energy Group, et.al. (70–9491)

Columbia Energy Group ("Columbia"), 13880 Dulles Corner Lane, Herndon, Virginia 20171–4600, a registered holding company, and its nonutility subsidiary companies, Columbia Energy Group Service Corporation ("CES"), Columbia LNG Corporation, CLNG Corporation, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership, Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation, Columbia Energy Services Corporation, Columbia Energy Retail Corporation ("CRC"), Columbia Energy Power Marketing Corporation ("CPM"), Columbia Energy Marketing Corporation ("CEM"), Energy.Com Corporation ("Energy.Com"), Columbia Service Partners, Inc. ("CSP"), Columbia Assurance Agency, Inc. ("CAA"), Columbia Energy Group Capital Corporation, Columbia Transmission Communications Corporation, Tristar Gas Technologies, Inc., Enertek Partners, L.P., Columbia Pipeline Corporation, Columbia Deep Water Services Corporation, Columbia Finance Corporation, Columbia Accounts Receivable Corporation, Columbia Electric Corporation, Columbia Electric Pedrick Limited Corporation, Columbia Electric Pedrick General Corporation, Columbia Electric Binghamton Limited Corporation, Columbia Electric Binghamton General Corporation, Columbia Electric Vineland Limited Corporation, Columbia Electric Vineland General Corporation, Columbia Electric Rumford Limited Corporation, Columbia Electric Limited Holdings Corporation, Columbia Electric Liberty Corporation, Columbia Electric Gregory Remington Corporation, and Columbia Electric Gregory General Corporation, all located at 13880 Dulles Corner Lane, Herndon, Virginia 20171–4600; Columbia Energy Resources, Inc., Columbia Natural Resources, Inc., Alamco-Delaware, Inc., Hawg Hauling & Disposal, Inc., Phoenix-Alamco Ventures, L.L.C., and Columbia Natural Resources Canada, Ltd., all

located c/o 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia 25302; Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and Millennium Pipeline, L.P., both located at 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146; Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, Trailblazer Pipeline Company, and CGT Trailblazer, L.L.C., all located at 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057; Columbia Network Services Corporation, CNS Microwave, Inc., and Energynet, L.L.C., all located at 1600 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215-1082; Columbia Propane Corporation and Atlantic Energy, Inc., both located at 9200 Arboretum Parkway, Suite 140, Richmond, Virginia 23236; and Columbia Insurance Corporation, Ltd., Craig Appin House, 8 Wesley Street, Hamilton HM EX, Bermuda, have filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10 and 12(c) of the Act and rules 42, 43, 45, and 54 under the Act.

In summary, applicants seek increased flexibility to restructure Columbia's nonutility holdings from time to time as may be necessary or appropriate in the furtherance of its authorized nonutility activities. The restructuring could involve the formation of one or more new special-purpose subsidiaries to hold direct or indirect interests in any or all of the Columbia system's existing or future authorized nonutility businesses. The restructuring could also involve the transfer of existing subsidiaries, or portions of existing businesses, among Columbia associates and/or the reincorporation of existing subsidiaries in a different state.¹ This flexibility would enable the Columbia system to consolidate similar businesses and to participate effectively in authorized nonutility activities, without the need to apply for or receive additional Commission approval.

These direct or indirect subsidiaries might be corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies or other entities in which Columbia, directly or indirectly, might have a 100% interest, a majority equity or debt position, or a minority debt or equity position. These subsidiaries would engage only in businesses to the extent the Columbia system is authorized, whether by statute, rule regulation or order.

As an example, Columbia intends to restructure the interests held by its wholly-owned gas marketing subsidiary, CES. Currently, CES has several subsidiaries engaged in various

nonutility businesses. These subsidiaries include CEM, CPM,² CRC, CSP, CAA, and Energy.Com. CEM is engaged in the marketing of gas produced by its associate company Columbia Energy Resources, Inc. (formerly named Columbia Natural Resources, Inc.). CPM is an energy products company that markets and brokers various forms of energy, including electric energy, natural gas, manufactured gas, propane, natural gas liquids, oil, refined petroleum and petroleum products, coal and/or wood products and emissions allowances. CRC is engaged in retail electric and gas marketing activities within the United States. CSP provides energy-related services to industrial commercial and residential customers nationwide. CAA, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSP, was formed to comply with the requirements of state law in connection with bill insurance activities. Energy.Com is an exempt telecommunications company that provides energy consumers access to information on products of affiliated and non-affiliated companies offering energy and energy related products and services, as well as educational information on the energy industry in general.

Specifically, Columbia would reorganize CES and its subsidiaries under a new, first-tier subsidiary ("CES Holdings"). Applicants currently contemplate that CES Holding will own all of the outstanding voting securities of CES, CEM, CPM, CRC, CSP, CAA, and through CES, Energy.COM. Applicants state that each of CES Holdings' subsidiaries will continue to engage in their current activities. CAA will serve as a licensed broker in connection with authorized bill insurance activities.

The proposed restructuring would be accomplished by CEG contributing the stock of CES to a newly-formed, special-purpose subsidiary, CES Holdings, followed by the sale by CES of all the outstanding stock of its subsidiaries, other than Energy.Com, to CES Holdings.³ However Columbia may, under the proposed authority, adopt a different structure or employ a different method of reorganization, to accomplish the reorganization of CES' nonutility interests.

Columbia will obtain funds for initial and subsequent investments in its new subsidiaries from internally generated funds and/or the proceeds of otherwise authorized financing transactions.

² Columbia announced its intention to sell its wholesale gas and electric trading operations in an August 30, 1999 press release.

³ Columbia also intends, under the requested authority, to reincorporate CES in the state of Delaware.

Should Columbia provide funds to its new subsidiaries which are then applied to investments in exempt wholesale generators, foreign utility companies, or companies formed in accordance with rule 58, the amount of such funds will be included in the investment limitations imposed by rule 53 or rule 58, as applicable.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-24017; 812-11508]

Pacific Select Fund, et al.; Notice of Application

September 17, 1999.

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

ACTION: Notice of application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f-2 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: The order would permit applicants to enter into and materially amend investment subadvisory agreements without obtaining shareholder approval.

APPLICANTS: Pacific Select Fund (the "Fund") and Pacific Life Insurance Company ("Pacific Life").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on February 9, 1999, and amended on May 26, 1999 and on September 15, 1999.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on October 12, 1999, and should be accompanied by proof of service on 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 may request notification of a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609. Applicants, Pacific Life Insurance

¹ This reincorporation could take place by merging an existing subsidiary with a new successor incorporated in the desired state.