

a94_appx-c.html, the text of the main body of the Circular is found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a094/a094.html>, and a table of past years' rates is located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a094/dischist-2006.pdf>. Updates of

the appendix are also available upon request from OMB's Office of Economic Policy (202-395-3381).

Nominal Discount Rates. A forecast of nominal or market interest rates for 2006 based on the economic assumptions from the

2007 Budget are presented below. These nominal rates are to be used for discounting nominal flows, which are often encountered in lease-purchase analysis.

NOMINAL INTEREST RATES ON TREASURY NOTES AND BONDS OF SPECIFIED MATURITIES

[In percent]

3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year	20-year	30-year
4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.2

Real Discount Rates. A forecast of real interest rates from which the inflation premium has been removed and based on the

economic assumptions from the 2007 Budget is presented below. These real rates are to be used for discounting real (constant-dollar)

flows, as often required in cost-effectiveness analysis.

REAL INTEREST RATES ON TREASURY NOTES AND BONDS OF SPECIFIED MATURITIES

[In percent]

3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year	20-year	30-year
2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0

Analyses of programs with terms different from those presented above may use a linear interpolation. For example, a four-year project can be evaluated with a rate equal to the average of the three-year and five-year rates. Programs with durations longer than 30 years may use the 30-year interest rate.

[FR Doc. E6-963 Filed 1-25-06; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3110-01-P

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Nonresident Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0145.

Under Public Laws 98-21 and 98-76, benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act payable to annuitants living outside the United States may be subject to taxation under United States income tax laws. Whether the social security equivalent and non-social security equivalent portions of Tier I, Tier II, vested dual benefit, or supplemental annuity payments are subject to tax withholding, and whether the same or different rates are applied to each payment, depends on a beneficiary's citizenship and legal residence status, and whether exemption under a tax treaty between the United States and the country in which the beneficiary is a legal resident has been claimed. To effect the required tax withholding, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) needs to know a nonresidents citizenship and legal residence status.

To secure the required information, the RRB utilizes Form RRB-1001, Nonresident Questionnaire, as a supplement to an application as part of the initial application process, and as an independent vehicle for obtaining the needed information when an annuitant's residence or tax treaty status changes. Completion is voluntary. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB estimates that 1,300 Form RRB-1001's are completed annually. The completion time for Form RRB-1001 is estimated at 30 minutes. No

changes are proposed to Form RRB-1001.

Additional Information or Comments:

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justifications, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an e-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. E6-946 Filed 1-25-06; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7905-01-P

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 15c2-7; SEC File No. 270-420; OMB Control No. 3235-0479.

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.

- Rule 15c2-7 Identification of Quotations.

Rule 15c2-7 enumerates the requirements with which all brokers and dealers must comply when submitting a quotation for a security (other than a municipal security) to an inter-dealer quotation system.

It is estimated that there are 8,500 brokers and dealers. Industry personnel estimate that approximately 900 notices are filed pursuant to Rule 15c2-7 annually. Based on industry estimates that respondents complying with Rule 15c2-7 spend 30 seconds to add notice of an arrangement and 1 minute to delete notice of an arrangement, the staff estimates that, on an annual basis, respondents spend a total of 11.25 hours to comply with Rule 15c2-7, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$35. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for brokers and dealers is approximately \$393.75.

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be 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, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. E6-970 Filed 1-25-06; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of CITGO Petroleum Corporation To Withdraw its 7⅞% Senior Notes (Due May 15, 2006), From Listing and Registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. File No. 1-14380

January 20, 2006.

On January 12, 2006, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its 7⅞% senior notes (due May 15, 2006) ("Security"), from listing and registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE").

On August 30, 2004, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer adopted resolutions to withdraw the Security from listing and registration on NYSE. The Issuer stated that the Board determined that it is in the best interest of the Issuer and the holders of the Security to delist the Security from NYSE and to withdraw from registration under section 12(b) of the Act.³ The Issuer stated the reasons that factored into the Board's decision to withdraw the Security from listing on NYSE included a determination that the benefits of continued listing were outweighed by the administrative burdens, particularly since the adoption of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 has resulted in more stringent corporate governance rules and increased costs of compliance. The Issuer also stated that in November 2005, the Issuer completed a tender offer for the Security pursuant to Board approval. As a result of such tender offer, only approximately \$14,300,000 of the original \$200,000,000 face amount of the Security remains outstanding.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with the NYSE's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration by complying with all applicable laws in the State of Delaware, in which the Issuer is incorporated, and by providing NYSE with the required documents governing the removal of securities from listing and registration on NYSE.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from

listing on NYSE and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act,⁴ and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.⁵

Any interested person may, on or before February 10, 2006, comment on the facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of NYSE, and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. All comment letters may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include the File Number 1-14380 or;

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number 1-14380. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/delist.shtml>). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. E6-971 Filed 1-25-06; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78l(g).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).