

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We need to know if you have any. Your response should split the cost estimate into two components: (a) total capital and startup cost component; and (b) annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

William S. Cook,

Acting Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Submission of Package to Office of Management and Budget; Review Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service; Special Park Uses.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.

L. 104-14, 44 U.S.C. 3507) and 5 CFR, Part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the NPS invites public comments on: (1) The need for the information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the reporting burden estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. It includes the actual information collection instruments. Copies of the ICR may be obtained from the NPS by calling Chip Davis at 202-208-5760.

There were no public comments received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** a 60 day notice of intention to request clearance of information.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before August 7, 1998.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20530; and also to Chip Davis, Department of the Interior, National Park Service, phone 202/208-5760.

The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chip Davis, Ranger Activities Division, National Park Service, 18th & C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Telephone 202/208-5760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These information collections are associated with permits implementing provisions of agency regulations pertaining to the use of public lands (OMB control number 1024-0026). NPS form 10-114 (Special Use Permit) is the primary form used to apply for, consider, permit, and limit, uses of public lands. The uses considered under this information collection generally include those which make short term commercial use of park resources or which regulate activities not generally available to the public. Permitted activities include use of commercial vehicles in park areas

and grazing in parks where permitted by law.

Title: Special Park Uses.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 27,050.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 1 hour.

Estimated average number of respondents: 28,250.

Diane M. Cooke,

Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Fourth public meeting of the Advisory Council to the Partnership of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area to be held July 7, 1998, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Piemonte Room, 5th Floor, Boston City Hall.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. George Price, Project Manager, Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, at 617-223-8666. Written comments can be addressed to George Price, Project Manager, Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, 408 Atlantic Ave., Suite 228, Boston, MA 02110-3316.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The agenda for the meeting includes: Chairman's report; approval of the minutes of the July 16 and June 4 meetings; reports by the Advisory Council representatives to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership; report on the Partnership Management Plan; reports from the National Park Service and the Island Alliance; other committee reports; public comment; old business; new business; and future meeting dates.

Public garages are located next to Quincy Market, or at the Government Center Garage. Nearby MBTA stations are Government Center, Haymarket, and State Street. Street-level handicapped access to City Hall is located at the entrance on Congress Street.

The 28 Advisory Council members were appointed by the Director of the National Park Service and represent: business, educational, cultural, and environmental entities; municipalities surrounding the harbor; and Native American interests. The Advisory Council was formed to advise and make

recommendations to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership with respect to the development and implementation of the Integrated Management Plan and the operation of this new national park area.

In 1996 Congress created the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area to recognize the rich natural and cultural resources and history found on the 30 islands located in Boston Harbor. The legislation (P.L. 104-333) established a thirteen-member partnership to jointly manage the Islands. The 13-member Partnership represents city, state, federal and private agencies with responsibilities for the harbor islands.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Bruce Jacobson,

Acting Project Manager, Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 98-35; Exemption Application Nos. D-10546]

Grant of Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption (PTE) 97-35 Involving the Amalgamated Bank of New York (the Bank) Located in New York, NY

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Grant of Amendment to PTE 97-35.

SUMMARY: This document contains a final exemption which amends PTE 97-35 (62 FR 41088, July 31, 1997), an individual administrative exemption involving the provision of banking services by the Bank to 22 employee benefit plans (the Plans) listed in the exemption, all of which are affiliated with the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE), which is the majority and controlling shareholder in the Bank. These transactions are described in a notice of pendency that was published in the **Federal Register** on March 30, 1998 at 63 FR 15228.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This exemption is effective as of July 1, 1995, except for: (1) Plan investments in the LEI Fund, for which the effective date is January 3, 1998; (2) Plan investments in the LongView 500 Index Fund, for which the effective date is December 8, 1997; and (3) transactions involving the

UNITE Staff Retirement Plan, for which the effective date is July 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ron Willett, Office of Exemption Determinations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 30, 1998, the Department of Labor (the Department) published a notice of proposed exemption (the Notice) in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 15228) to amend PTE 97-35. PTE 97-35 provides an exemption from certain prohibited transaction restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended (the Act), and from the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (the Code), by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code. The Notice was requested in an application filed on behalf of the Bank pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B(55 FR 32836, August 10, 1990) (the Procedures). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (5 USC App.1, 1996) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the Secretary of Labor. Accordingly, this exemption is being issued solely by the Department.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: The Notice gave interested persons the opportunity to comment and to request a public hearing on the matters described therein. The Department received one written comment and no hearing requests from interested persons following the dissemination of the Notice and supplemental statement.

The written comment received by the Department was submitted on behalf of the Bank concerning the effective date of a portion of the requested exemption, as proposed in the Notice. In this regard, the Notice proposed that the effective date for the final exemption be described as follows:

Effective Date: This exemption will be effective as of July 1, 1995, except for: (1) Plan investments in the LEI Fund, for which the effective date will be January 3, 1998; (2) Plan investments in the LongView 500 Index Fund, for which the effective date will be the date on which the final amended exemption, if granted, is published in the **Federal Register**; and (3) transactions involving the UNITE Staff Retirement Plan, for which the effective date will be the date on which the

final amended exemption, if granted, is published in the **Federal Register**.

The Bank states that in its exemption application a request was made for the final exemption to be effective as of the date the application was filed with the Department (i.e., December 4, 1997) with respect to Plan investments in the LongView 500 Fund (the 500 Fund), because the Bank had expected that Plan investments in the 500 Fund would occur shortly after such filing. However, in the Notice, the proposed effective date with respect to Plan investments in the 500 Fund was inadvertently described as the date on which the final exemption, if granted, would be published in the **Federal Register**. In its comment, the Bank explains that the actual date of the first investment made by a Plan in the 500 Fund was December 8, 1997, when the ILGWU Death Benefit Plan (one of the Plans covered by PTE 97-35) made such an investment. Therefore, the Bank requests that the final exemption for Plan investments in the 500 Fund be effective as of December 8, 1997. In the final exemption, the Department has stated the effective date in accordance with the Bank's request, by inserting a reference to the appropriate date in both the definition of "Banking Services" in Section IV(c) and the effective date paragraph for this Grant notice.

Based on the entire application record, including the Bank's written comment regarding the Notice, the Department has determined to grant the amendment to PTE 97-35 with the modification to the effective date requested by the Bank.

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions of the Act and the Code, including any prohibited transaction provisions to which the exemption does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which require, among other things, a fiduciary to discharge his or her duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(B) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirements of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;