

4.6.2.1.a.1 and TS 4.6.2.2.a are needed to address a TS modification that was previously approved by the NRC in Amendment 50. The word "that" was inadvertently omitted from these TS Sections when Amendments 100 and 122 were approved. The change to TS 4.9.12 is needed to clarify that there is only one surveillance requirement in this paragraph.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the modifications to the TS are administrative in nature.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3," dated December 1984 (NUREG-1064).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 19, 1999, the staff consulted with the Connecticut State official, Mr. Denny Galloway of the Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed

action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated August 5, 1999, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document rooms located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and the Waterford Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of November 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John A. Nakoski, Sr.

Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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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: Application for Benefits Due but Unpaid at Death; OMB 3220-0055.

Under Section 2(g) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), benefits under that Act that accrued but were not paid because of the death of an employee shall be paid to the same individual(s) to whom benefits are payable under Section 6(a)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act. The provisions relating to the payment of such benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 325.5 and 20 CFR 335.5.

The RRB provides Form UI-63 for use in applying for the accrued sickness or unemployment benefits unpaid at the death of the employee and for securing the information needed by the RRB to identify the proper payee. Completion is voluntary. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes minor editorial changes to the UI-63. The completion time for the UI-63 is estimated at 7 minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 200 responses are received annually.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

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

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-24118]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

October 29, 1999.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of October 1999. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW, Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and

serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on November 22, 1999, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, 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 who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. For Further Information Contact: Diane L. Titus, at (202) 942-0564, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0506.

BlackRock Fund Investors I [File No. 811-8986], BlackRock Fund Investors II [File No. 811-8990], BlackRock Fund Investors III [File No. 811-8988] and BlackRock Asset Investors [File No. 811-8984]

Summary: Each applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On September 27, 1999, each applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its common shareholders at net asset value per share. Preferred shares of BlackRock Asset Investors also were redeemed on September 27, 1999. On September 10, 1999, each applicant redeemed its outstanding notes. BlackRock Fund Investors I, BlackRock Fund Investors II, and BlackRock Fund Investors III each incurred expenses of \$12,500 in connection with the liquidations. BlackRock Asset Investors incurred expenses of \$92,500 in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Dates: Each application was filed on September 30, 1999. BlackRock Asset Investors filed an amended application on October 20, 1999.

Applicants' Address: 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

TCW/DW Income and Growth Fund [File No. 811-7372]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 28, 1999, applicant transferred its assets to Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Income Builder Fund, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$95,645 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on October 12, 1999.

Applicant's Address: Two World Trade Center, 70th Floor, New York, New York 10048

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Global Short-Term Income Fund Inc. [File No. 811-6148]; Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Mid-Cap Growth Fund [File No. 811-7179]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 15, 1999, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Global Short-Term Income Fund Inc. transferred its assets to Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Worldwide Income Trust, based on net asset value. On June 28, 1999, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Mid-Cap Growth Fund transferred its assets to Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Mid-Cap Equity Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$119,373 and \$209,654, respectively, incurred in connection with the reorganizations were paid by each applicant.

Filing Dates: Each application was filed on October 12, 1999.

Applicant's Address: Two World Trade Center, 70th Floor, New York, New York 10048.

Blackrock MQE Investors [File No. 811-7903]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On September 10, 1999, applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its common shareholders at net asset value per share. Preferred units of applicant were redeemed on March 4, 1999. Expenses of \$10,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on September 27, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154.

Northstar Strategic Income Fund [File No. 811-8414]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 20, 1998, applicant transferred its assets to Northstar High Yield Fund (the "Acquiring Fund"), based on net asset value. Expenses of \$57,538 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by the Acquiring Fund.

Filing Date: The application was filed on September 15, 1999.

Applicant's Address: Northstar Investment Management Corporation, 300 First Stamford Place, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

TCW/DW Emerging Markets Opportunities Trust [File No. 811-8240]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 21, 1999, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders at net asset value per share. Expenses of \$26,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on September 24, 1999.

Applicant's Address: Two World Trade Center, New York, New York 10048.

VAM Institutional Funds, Inc. [File No. 811-4546]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 1, 1999, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders at net asset value per share. Expenses of \$35,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on July 19, 1999, and amended on September 29, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 90 South Seventh Street, Suite 4300, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

Balanced Portfolio [File No. 811-8502]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On August 1, 1999, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders at net asset value per share. Expenses of \$10,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Citibank, N.A., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on October 26, 1999.

Applicant's Address: Elizabethan Square, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, BWI.

Voyageur Investment Trust II [File No. 811-8350]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 18, 1998, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders at net asset value per share. Expenses of \$360 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by the applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on October 25, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 1818 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

MBL Growth Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-3593]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 22, 1999, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders based on net asset value per share. Expenses of \$4,175 were incurred in connection with the liquidation and were paid by applicant.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on July 22, 1999, and amended on September 29, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 520 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102-3111.

MBL Variable Contract Account—2 [File No. 811-2047]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 30, 1999, and July 14, 1999, applicant made liquidating distributions to its shareholders based on net asset value per share. No expenses were incurred in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 29, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 520 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102-3111.

MBL Variable Contract Account—3 [File No. 811-2313]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 30, 1999, and July 14, 1999, applicant made liquidating distributions to its shareholders based on net asset value per share. No expenses were incurred in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on July 29, 1999, and amended on September 29, 1999, and October 4, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 520 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102-3111.

MBL Variable Contract Account—7 [File No. 811-3853]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 30, 1999, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders based on net asset value per share. No. expenses were incurred in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 29, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 520 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102-3111.

MBL Variable Contract Account—9 [File No. 811-5224]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 30, 1999,

applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders based on net asset value per share. No. expenses were incurred in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 30, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 520 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102-3111.

MBL Variable Contract Account—11 [File No. 811-5798]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 30, 1999, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders based on net asset value per share. No expenses were incurred in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 30, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 520 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102-3111.

Empire Life Deferred Variable Annuity Account [File No. 811-05478]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has not made any public offering of its securities and does not propose to make any public offering or engage in business of any kind.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 17, 1999.

Applicant's Address: 5069 154th Place NE, Redmond, Washington 98052.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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Institute, 1650 King Street Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 684-6100.

David I. Tevelin,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-99-6433]

International Regulatory Harmonization, Motor Vehicle Safety; Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice of technical meeting.

SUMMARY: NHTSA is hosting the second in a series of informal technical meetings relating to global tire harmonization issues before the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF). The GRRF is one of several subsidiary bodies, known as working parties, formed by the United Nations/Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on the Construction of Motor Vehicles (WP.29) to address particular aspects of motor vehicle performance. The decision to initiate the series of informal technical meetings was made by the Chair of the GRRF. The meetings are focusing on two issues: (1) Globally harmonizing tire regulations, and (2) establishing minimum performance requirements for tire grip (traction).

DATES: The informal technical meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 18-19, 1999, at the address given below, and will begin at 9 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. each day.

In view of seating limitations, organizations and individuals wishing to attend the meeting are requested to contact Mr. George Soodoo by Monday, November 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: On November 18, 1999, the meeting will be in Room 4438 of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh St, SW, Washington, DC 20590. On November 19, 1999, the meeting will be in Room 3328 of the Nassif Building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. George Soodoo, Group Leader, Vehicle Dynamics Division, Office of Safety Performance Standards, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590. Tel: (202)-366-2720, and Fax: (202)-366-4329, email: gsoodoo@nhtsa.dot.gov.

STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE**Sunshine Act Meeting****Notice of Public Meeting****STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE**

Date: Friday, November 12, 1999; 9 am-5 pm.

Place: Harrahs, South Tahoe, NV.

Matters To Be Considered:

Consideration of proposals submitted for Institute funding.

Portions Open to the Public: All matters other than those noted as closed below.

Portions Closed to the Public: Internal personnel matters and Board of Directors' committee meetings.

Contact Person: David Tevelin, Executive Director, State Justice