

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions regarding the Presidio Trust Management Plan, Land Use Policies for Area B of The Presidio of San Francisco (PTMP) and associated Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS).

Time: The meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, Presidio of San Francisco.

Agenda: The agenda of the meeting is (1) a presentation of PTMP highlights; and (2) a Public Comment Period: Question and Answer Session regarding PTMP and associated Final EIS.

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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
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Extension:

Rule 7d-2; SEC File No. 270-464; OMB
Control No. 3235-0527
Rule 237; SEC File No. 270-465; OMB
Control No. 3235-0528

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension and approval of the collections of information discussed below.

In Canada, as in the United States, individuals can invest a portion of their earnings in tax-deferred retirement savings accounts ("Canadian retirement accounts"). In cases where these individuals move to the United States, these participants ("Canadian/U.S. Participants" or "participants") may not be able to manage their Canadian retirement account investments. Most securities and most investment

companies ("funds") that are "qualified investments" for Canadian retirement accounts are not registered under the U.S. securities laws. Those securities, therefore, generally cannot be publicly offered and sold in the United States without violating the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act")¹ and, in the case of securities of an unregistered fund, the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Investment Company Act").² As a result of these registration requirements of the U.S. securities laws, Canadian/U.S. Participants, in the past, had not been able to purchase or exchange securities for their Canadian retirement accounts as needed to meet their changing investment goals or income needs.

In 2000, the Commission issued two rules that enabled Canadian/U.S. Participants to manage the assets in their Canadian retirement accounts by providing relief from the U.S. registration requirements for offers of securities of foreign issuers to Canadian/U.S. Participants and sales to their accounts.³ Rule 237 under the Securities Act permits securities of foreign issuers, including securities of foreign funds, to be offered to Canadian/U.S. Participants and sold to their Canadian retirement accounts without being registered under the Securities Act. Rule 7d-2 under the Investment Company Act permits foreign funds to offer securities to Canadian/U.S. Participants and sell securities to their Canadian retirement accounts without registering as investment companies under the Investment Company Act.

The provisions of rules 237 and 7d-2 are substantially identical. Rule 237 requires written offering materials for securities that are offered and sold in reliance on the rule to disclose prominently that those securities are not registered with the Commission and may not be offered or sold in the United States unless they are registered or exempt from registration under the U.S. securities laws. Rule 7d-2 requires written offering materials for securities offered or sold in reliance on that rule to make the same disclosure concerning those securities, and also to disclose prominently that the fund that issued the securities is not registered with the Commission. Neither rule 237 nor rule 7d-2 requires any documents to be filed with the Commission. The burden under either rule associated with adding

this disclosure to written 2 offering documents is minimal and is non-recurring. The foreign issuer, underwriter or broker-dealer can redraft an existing prospectus or other written offering material to add this disclosure statement, or may draft a sticker or supplement containing this disclosure to be added to existing offering materials. In either case, based on discussions with representatives of the Canadian fund industry, the staff estimates that it would take an average of 10 minutes per document to draft the requisite disclosure statement. The staff estimates the annual burden as a result of the disclosure requirements of rules 7d-2 and 237 as follows.

a. Rule 7d-2

At the time rule 7d-2 was adopted,⁴ the staff estimated that there were approximately 1,300 publicly offered Canadian funds that potentially would rely on the rule to offer securities to participants and sell securities to their Canadian retirement accounts without registering under the Investment Company Act. During the first year rule 7d-2 was in effect, the staff estimates that approximately 910 (70 percent) of these Canadian funds relied on the rule. The staff further estimates that each of those 910 Canadian funds, on average, distributed 3 different written offering documents concerning those securities, for a total of 2,730 offering documents.⁵

The staff therefore estimates that during the first year that rule 7d-2 was in effect, approximately 910 respondents made 2,730 responses by adding the new disclosure statements to approximately 2,730 written offering documents. Thus, the staff estimates that the total annual burden associated with this disclosure requirement in the first year after rule 7d-2 became effective was approximately 455 hours (2,730 offering documents × 10 minutes per document). In each year following the first year that rule 7d-2 became effective, the staff estimates that approximately 65 (5 percent) additional Canadian funds may rely on the rule to offer securities to Canadian/U.S. Participants and sell securities to their Canadian retirement accounts, and that each of those funds, on average, distributes 3 different written offering documents concerning those securities, for a total of 195 offering documents. The staff therefore estimates that in each

⁴ See *supra* note 3.

⁵ Because Canadian tax law effectively precludes non-Canadian funds from being held in a Canadian retirement account, the Commission believes that no funds from countries other than Canada rely on rule 7d-2 to sell their shares to the Canadian retirement accounts of Canadian/U.S. Participants.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 77.

² 15 U.S.C. 80a.

³ See Offer and Sale of Securities to Canadian Tax-Deferred Retirement Savings Accounts, Release Nos. 33-7860, 34-42905, IC-24491 (June 7, 2000) [65 FR 37672 (June 15, 2000)].

year after the first year that rule 7d-2 became effective, approximately 65 respondents would make 195 responses by adding the new disclosure statement to approximately 195 written offering documents. The staff therefore estimates that after the first year, the annual burden associated with the rule 7d-2 disclosure requirement would be approximately 32.5 hours (195 offering documents $\times$ 10 minutes per document).

b. Rule 237

Canadian issuers other than funds. The Commission understands that there are approximately 3,500 Canadian issuers other than funds that may rely on rule 237 to make an initial public offering of their securities to Canadian/U.S. Participants.⁶ The staff estimates that in any given year approximately 35 (or 1 percent) of those issuers are likely to rely on rule 237 to make a public offering of their securities to participants, and that each of those 35 issuers, on average, distributes 3 different written offering documents concerning those securities, for a total of 105 offering documents.

The staff therefore estimates that during each year that rule 237 is in effect, approximately 35 respondents would be required to make 105 responses by adding the new disclosure statements to approximately 105 written offering documents. Thus, the staff estimates that the total annual burden associated with the rule 237 disclosure requirement would be approximately 17.5 hours (105 offering documents $\times$ 10 minutes per document).

Other foreign issuers other than funds. In addition, issuers from foreign countries other than Canada could rely on rule 237 to offer securities to Canadian/U.S. Participants and sell securities to their accounts without becoming subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Because Canadian law strictly limits the amount of foreign investments that may be held in a Canadian retirement account, however, the staff believes that the number of issuers from other countries that relies on rule 237, and that therefore is required to comply with

the offering document disclosure requirements, is negligible.

These burden hour estimates are based upon the Commission staff's experience and discussions with the fund industry. The estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. These estimates are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules.

Compliance with the collection of information requirements of the rule is mandatory and is necessary to comply with the requirements of the rule in general. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: May 20, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of May 27, 2002:

An open meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at 10 a.m., in Room 1C30, the William O. Douglas Room, and a closed meeting will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2002, at 10 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5

U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (9)(B), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (6), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2002, will be:

1. The Commission will consider whether to issue an order approving the application by Xcel Energy Inc. ("Xcel Energy"), a registered holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, and its wholly owned subsidiary, NRG Acquisition Company, LLC, to acquire the outstanding publicly held stock of Xcel Energy's majority owned subsidiary, NRG Energy, Inc., by means of a tender or exchange offer and to engage in related transactions. The Commission will also consider whether to grant a hearing requested by an individual shareholder of Xcel Energy.

2. The Commission will consider whether to issue notices of two applications from Barclays Global Fund Advisors (Barclays) seeking certain exemptions from the Investment Company Act of 1940. One application seeks an order to permit Barclays to introduce exchange-traded funds based on fixed income securities indices. The other application seeks an order to allow the shares of the proposed exchange-traded funds, as well as the shares of exchange-traded funds advised by Barclays and based on equity securities indices, to be sold in the secondary market without prospectus delivery when not required by the Securities Act of 1933.

3. The Commission will consider a proposal by the options exchanges to amend the Options Intermarket Linkage Plan. The Commission also will consider proposing a repeal of Rule 11Ac1-7 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and extending a temporary exemption for broker-dealers from the requirements of the rule. Rule 11Ac1-7 requires a broker-dealer to disclose to its customer when the customer's order for listed options is executed at a price inferior to a better published quote, and to disclose the better published quote available at that time, unless the broker-dealer effects the transaction on an exchange that participates in an approved linkage plan.

4. The Commission will consider whether to issue a release proposing for comment an amendment to paragraph (b)(3) of Rule 15c3-3. The provisions in this paragraph apply when broker-dealers borrow fully paid and excess margin securities from customers. The conditions for such borrowings include the requirement that broker-dealers

⁶ Canadian funds can rely on both rule 7d-2 and rule 237 to offer securities to participants and sell securities to their Canadian retirement accounts without violating the registration requirements of the Investment Company Act or the Securities Act. Rule 237, however, does not require any disclosure in addition to that required by rule 7d-2. Thus, the disclosure requirements of rule 237 do not impose any burden on Canadian funds in addition to the burden imposed by the disclosure requirements of rule 7d-2. To avoid double-counting this burden, the staff has excluded Canadian funds from the estimate of the hourly burden associated with rule 237.