- EPGS05006 Speech Writer to the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective February 26, 2009.
- Administrator for Congressional Affairs to the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective February 26, 2009.

Section 213.3325 United States Tax Court

- JCGS60067 Trial Clerk to the Chief Judge. Effective February 13, 2009.
- JCGS60069 Trial Clerk to the Chief Judge. Effective February 18, 2009.

Section 213.3327 Department of Veterans Affairs

- DVGS60038 Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective February 23, 2009.
- DVGS60013 Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective February 25, 2009.

Section 213.3331 Department of Energy

- DEGS00703 Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective February 03, 2009.
- DEGS00702 Advisor to the Secretary to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective February 04, 2009.
- DEGS00710 Deputy Press Secretary to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective February 04, 2009.
- DEGS00709 Special Assistant and Scheduler to the Secretary to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective February 05, 2009.
- DEGS00711 Deputy Director of Public Affairs to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective February 05, 2009.
- DEGS00712 Press Secretary to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective February 05, 2009.
- DEGS00713 Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective February 05, 2009.
- DEGS00704 Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective February 10, 2009.
- DEGS00714 Special Assistant to the White House Liaison. Effective February 13, 2009.
- DEGS00715 White House Liaison to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective February 13, 2009.
- DEGS00716 Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective February 13, 2009.
- DEGS00717 Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective February 19, 2009.
- DEGS00718 Economic Recovery Advisor to the Assistant Secretary (Electricity Delivery and Energy

Reliability). Effective February 25, 2009.

- DEGS00719 Press Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective February 25, 2009.
- DEGS00720 Lead Advance Representative to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective February 26, 2009.
- DEGS00721 Chief Speechwriter to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective February 27, 2009.
- DEGS00722 Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective February 27, 2009.
- DEGS00724 Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance to the Secretary, Department of Energy. Effective February 27, 2009.

Section 213.3332 Small Business Administration

- SBGS00675 Special Assistant to the Administrator. Effective February 06, 2009.
- SBGS00677 Confidential Assistant to the Administrator. Effective February 11, 2009.
- SBGS00678 Special Assistant to the Administrator. Effective February 20, 2009.
- SBGS00680 Assistant Administrator for the Office of Communications and Public Liaison. Effective February 27, 2009.

Section 213.3379 Commodity Futures Trading Commission

- CTOT00005 Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner to a Commissioner. Effective February 18, 2009.
- CTOT00082 Chief of Staff to the Chairperson. Effective February 18, 2009.

Section 213.3382 National Endowment for the Arts

NAGS00075 Director, Office of Government Affairs to the Chairman National Endowment for the Arts. Effective February 03, 2009.

Section 213.3384 Department of Housing and Urban Development

- DUGS60054 Director of Press Relations to the Chief of Staff. Effective February 26, 2009.
- DUGS60199 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective February 27, 2009.
- DUGS60240 Speechwriter to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective February 27, 2009.

Section 213.3394 Department of Transportation

DTGS60358 Special Assistant for Scheduling and Advance to the

Director for Scheduling and Advance. Effective February 11, 2009.

- DTGS60375 White House Liaison to the Chief of Staff. Effective February 11, 2009.
- DTGS60357 Special Assistant to the White House Liaison and Scheduling and Advance to the Director for Scheduling and Advance. Effective February 17, 2009.

Section 213.33 National Labor Relations Board

NLGS06891 Attorney-Advisor (Chief of Staff) to the Chairman. Effective February 18, 2009.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

### Kathie Ann Whipple,

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

# Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Rule 27e–1 and Form N–27E–1, SEC File No. 270–486, OMB Control No. 3235– 0545.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 350l *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "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.

Section 27(e) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") (15 U.S.C. 80a–27(e)) provides in part that a registered investment company issuing a periodic payment plan certificate,<sup>1</sup> or any depositor or underwriter for such company (collectively "issuer"), must notify in writing "each certificate holder who has missed three payments or more, within thirty days following the expiration of fifteen months after the issuance of the certificate, or, if any such holder has missed one payment or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As discussed below, the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act banned the issuance or sale of new periodic payment plans, effective October 2006.

more after such period of fifteen months but prior to the expiration of eighteen months after the issuance of the certificate, at any time prior to the expiration of such eighteen month period, of his right to surrender his certificate \* \* \* and inform the certificate holder of (A) the value of the holder's account \* \* \*, and (B) the amount to which he is entitled \* \* \*".

Section 27(e) authorizes the Commission to "make rules specifying the method, form, and contents of the notice required by this subsection." Rule 27e-1 (17 CFR 270.27e-1) under the Act, entitled "Requirements for Notice to Be Mailed to Certain Purchasers of Periodic Payment Plan Certificates Sold Subject to Section 27(d) of the Act," provides instructions for the delivery of the notice required by section 27(e).

Rule 27e–1(f) prescribes Form N–27E– 1 (17 CFR 274.127e–1), which sets forth the language the issuing registered investment company or its depositor or underwriter must use "to inform certificate holders of their right to surrender their certificates pursuant to Section 27(d)." The instructions to the form require that a notice containing the language on the form be sent to certificate holders on the sender's letterhead. The issuer is not required to file with the Commission a copy of the Form N–27E–1 notice.

The Form N-27E-1 notice to certificate holders who have missed certain payments is intended to encourage certificate holders, in light of the potential for further missed payments, to weigh the anticipated costs and benefits associated with continuing to hold their certificates. The disclosure assists certificate holders in making careful and fully informed decisions about whether to continue investing in periodic payment plan certificates.

Effective October 27, 2006, the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act banned the issuance or sale of new periodic payment plans. Accordingly, the staff estimates that there is no longer any information collection burden associated with rule 27e-1 and Form N-27E-1. For administrative purposes, however, we are requesting approval for an information collection burden of one hour per year. This estimate of burden hours is not derived from a comprehensive or necessarily even a representative study of the cost of the Commission's rules and forms.

Complying with the collection of information requirements of rule 27e–1 is mandatory for issuers of periodic payment plans or their depositors or underwriters in the event holders of plan certificates miss certain payments within eighteen months after issuance. The information provided pursuant to rule 27e–1 will be provided to third parties and, therefore, will not be kept confidential. The Commission is seeking OMB approval, because 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.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information 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 Charles Boucher, Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: *PRA Mailbox@sec.gov.* 

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Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Technical Modifications

March 23, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2009, the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by FICC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons. FICC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b–4(f)(4) thereunder <sup>3</sup> so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FICC proposes to amend the rules of its Government Securities Division ("GSD") and Mortgage-Backed Securities Division ("MBSD") in order to make them consistent with the rules of the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC"), an affiliated clearing agency.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FICC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FICC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### 1. Payment of Fines

Prior to this rule change, GSD Rule 37, Section 8, provided that a member must pay a fine assessed by FICC within 30 calendar days of notification that the fine has been assessed. There was no corresponding provision in MBSD's or NSCC's rules.

Consistent with FICC's project to harmonize its rules with those of affiliated clearing agencies that have common members, FICC proposes to delete GSD Rule 37, Section 8, and to adopt the language used in NSCC Rule 17 by stating that fines shall be payable at such time and in such manner as determined by FICC. Initially, such fines will be collected through the GSD monthly billing process after notification to the member, which is consistent with the manner and timing

<sup>1 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).