

Registered management investment companies are required to send reports to stockholders at least twice annually. In addition, under the recently adopted amendments to rule 30b2-1, each registered investment company is required to file with the Commission new form N-CSR, certifying the financial statements.<sup>3</sup> The annual burden of filing the reports is included in the burden estimate for Form N-CSR; however, we are requesting one burden hour remain in inventory for administrative purposes.

The burden estimate for rule 30b2-1 is made solely for the purposes of the Act and is not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency'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 R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20549.

Dated: January 26, 2006.

**Nancy M. Morris,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>3</sup> See Release No. 34-47262, IC-25914, Jan. 27, 2003 (68 FR 5384 [Feb. 3, 2003]). (Amending rule 30b2-1(a) under the Investment Company Act; adopting Form N-CSR). In addition, the Commission amended new rule 30a-2 to require both Forms N-CSR and N-SAR to include the certification required by section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. No certified shareholder report on Form N-CSR is required with respect to a report to shareholders that is not required under rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act [17 CFR 270.30e-1], e.g., voluntary quarterly reports. These reports to shareholders continue to be filed with the Commission as they were prior to the 2003 amendments. Rule 30b2-1(b) [17 CFR 270.30b2-1(b)].

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copy Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:  
Rule 34b-1; File No. 270-305; OMB Control No. 3235-0346.

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

- Rule 34b-1 (17 CFR 270.34b-1) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Sales Literature Deemed to be Misleading.

Rule 34b-1 under the Investment Company Act governs sales material that accompanies or follows the delivery of a statutory prospectus ("sales literature"). Rule 34b-1 deems to be materially misleading any investment company sales literature, required to be filed with the Commission by section 24(b) of the Investment Company Act [15 U.S.C. 80a-24(b)],<sup>1</sup> that includes performance data unless it also includes the appropriate uniformly computed data and the legend disclosure required in advertisements by rule 482 under the Securities Act of 1933 [17 CFR 230.482]. Requiring the inclusion of such standardized performance data in sales literature is designed to prevent misleading performance claims by funds and to enable investors to make meaningful comparisons among fund performance claims.

The Commission estimates that 4,500 respondents file approximately 37,000 responses with the Commission, which include the information required by rule 34b-1. The burden from rule 34b-1 requires slightly more than 2.4 hours per response resulting from creating the information required under rule 34b-1.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sales literature addressed to or intended for distribution to prospective investors shall be deemed filed with the Commission for purposes of section 24(b) of the Investment Company Act upon filing with a national securities association registered under section 15A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that has adopted rules providing standards for the investment company advertising practices of its members and has established and implemented procedures to review that advertising. See Rule 24b-3 under the Investment Company Act [17 CFR 270.24b-3].

<sup>2</sup> The estimated burden per response is 2.9 hours for 686 responses and 2.4 hours for the remaining,

The total burden hours for rule 34b-1 are 89,143 per year in the aggregate (37,000 responses × 2.4092702 hours per response). Estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

The collection of information under rule 34b-1 is mandatory. The information provided under rule 34b-1 is not kept confidential. 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.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to: [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov); and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: January 30, 2006.

**Nancy M. Morris,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of February 13, 2006:

An Open Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium, Room L-002, and a Closed Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 10 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary 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.

giving a more exact weighted average burden per response of approximately 2.4092702.