announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency clearance and review for a reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for the OPM Form 1300, Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program Online Application and Resume Builder. Approval of this request is necessary to facilitate the timely nomination of PMF applicants to the PMF Program. This also serves as the 60 Day Notice for review for full clearance.

Ås a result of Executive Order 13318 and OPM regulations on the PMF Program issued on May 19, 2005 (70 FR 28775), effective June 20, 2005, eligible graduate students interested in applying to the PMF Program must be nominated by their accredited graduate school's Dean, Chairperson, or Academic Program Director (otherwise referred to as the Nomination Official). In addition, per OMB's approval of the OPM Form 1300 for the PMF Class of 2006 on September 31, 2005, several contingencies were requested. One of those contingencies was for OPM to commit to developing future systems/ system changes that would streamline the application process for those seeking Federal jobs.

The following significant changes have been made to the application and nomination process: (1) The PMF Program has recently migrated from an in-house online application and resume builder system to a vacancy announcement approach via USAJOBS; and (2) the nomination process was modified to create a PMF Nomination Form (which OPM proposes to become the new OPM Form 1300), which will serve as a fax-back form for the Nomination Official to fill-out and fax to OPM. Applicants will be directed to a vacancy announcement on USAJOBS and asked to upload their resume. Upon submission of their application, a Nomination Form will generate for the applicant to hand-carry to their school's Nomination Official for possible nomination to the PMF Program. If at any stage the applicant is found ineligible or ultimately not selected as a Finalist, he/she would still have the flexibility to apply to other Federal opportunities on USAJOBS.

We estimate 2,500 to 3,000 applications will be received and processed in the 2006/2007 open season for PMF applications. During the 2005/ 2006 open season OPM received approximately 2,982 applications, leading to 2,755 nominations by colleges and universities. Using the new OPM Form 1300 (PMF Nomination Form) we estimate Nomination Officials

will need one-half hour to receive, review, and render a decision for nomination. The annual estimated burden for Nomination Officials to select nominees is 1,500 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions on the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey at (202) 606-2150 fax (202) 418-3251, or e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include your complete mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal for emergency review should be received within 10 calendar days from the date of this publication. We are requesting OMB to take action within 5 calendar days from the close of this Federal Register Notice, on the request for emergency review. Comments on this proposal for 60 day review should be received within 60 days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Presidential Management Fellows Program, ATTN: Rob Timmins, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 1425, Washington, DC 20415; E-mail: pmf@opm.gov; and Brenda Aguilar, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Office of Personnel Management.

Dan G. Blair,

Deputy Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

September 29, 2006.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under

section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of September, 2006. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch (tel. 202-551-5850). 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 October 24, 2006, 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, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

For Further Information Contact: Diane L. Titus at (202) 551-6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-4041.

SEI Absolute Return Master Fund, L.P. [File No. 811-21350]

SEI Absolute Return Fund, L.P. [File No. 811-21351]

Summary: Each applicant, a closedend investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicants have never made a public offering of their securities and do not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

Filing Dates: The applications were filed on July 20, 2006, and amended on September 21, 2006 and September 27, 2006.

Applicants' Address: One Freedom Valley Dr., Oaks, PA 19456.

Evergreen American Retirement Trust [File No. 811-5434]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On or about December 22, 1997, applicant transferred its assets to Evergreen American Retirement Fund, a newly created series of Evergreen Equity Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed

on September 21, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 200 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116.

AmSouth Funds [File No. 811-5551]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On September 23, 2005, each of applicant's series transferred its assets to one of the following corresponding funds: Pioneer Value Fund, Pioneer Short Term Income Fund, Pioneer Money Market Trust, Pioneer Fund, Pioneer Bond Fund, Pioneer Mid Cap Value Fund, Pioneer Series Trust II, Pioneer Tax Free Income Fund, Pioneer Series Trust I, Pioneer Series Trust IV and Pioneer Ibbotson Asset Allocation Series, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$5,510,356 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by AmSouth Asset Management Inc., applicant's investment adviser, Pioneer Investment Management, Inc., the acquiring fund's investment adviser, and AmSouth Bancorporation, the parent company of applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 10, 2006, and amended on September 21, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 3435 Stelzer Rd., Columbus, OH 43219.

Mason Street Funds, Inc. [File No. 811–7961]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 24, 2006, a series of applicant, Mason Street Index 400 Stock Fund, transferred its assets to a series of Federated Index Trust, based on net asset value. On March 31, 2006, applicant's remaining series transferred their assets, based on net asset value, to corresponding series of the following funds: American Century Mutual Funds, Inc., American Century Investment Trust, American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc., American Century Quantitative Equity Funds, Inc., American Century World Mutual Funds, Inc., American Century Strategic Asset Allocations, Inc., American Century Municipal Trust and Federated Index Trust. Expenses of \$2,496,358 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mason Street Advisors, LLC, applicant's investment adviser, American Century Companies, Inc., and Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, or one or more of their

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 29, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 720 East Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202.

UBS Aspen Fund, L.L.C. [File No. 811–9581]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 30, 2006, applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$59,316 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by PFPC Inc., applicant's administrator.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 24, 2006.

Applicant's Address: c/o UBS Financial Services Inc., 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

Analysts Investment Trust [File No. 811–7778]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On November 30, 2005, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$1,550 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Equity Analysts, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 14, 2006, and amended on September 12, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 7750 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45326.

AXP Stock Series, Inc. [File No. 811–498]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 7, 2006, applicant transferred its assets to RiverSource Large Cap Series, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of \$59,494 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by RiverSource Investments, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on July 7, 2006, and amended on September 8, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 901 Marquette Ave. South, Suite 2810, Minneapolis, MN 55402–3268.

Matterhorn Growth Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–3054]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On February 28,

2006, applicant transferred its assets to CSI Equity Fund, a series of The World Funds, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of \$81,443 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant and the acquiring fund

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 5, 2006, and amended on August 1, 2006 and September 8, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 301 Oxford Valley Rd., Suite 802B, Yardley, PA 19067.

The Treasurer's Fund, Inc. [File No. 811–5347]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 27, 2005, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$36,290 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Gabelli Fixed Income, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on January 5, 2006, and amended on September 25, 2006.

Applicant's Address: c/o Gabelli Fixed Income, LLC, One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580–1422.

DB Hedge Strategies Fund LLC [File No. 811–10561]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant is not presently making a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering. Applicant has one remaining shareholder, which is an affiliate of the investment adviser, and will continue to operate as a private investment fund in reliance on section 3(c)(1) of the Act.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on March 9, 2006, and amended on September 28, 2006.

Applicant's Address: DB Investment Managers, Inc., 345 Park Ave., New York, NY 10154.

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

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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