For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Catherine Haney**,

Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2008.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Matters To Be Considered

Week of February 11, 2008

Monday, February 11, 2008

1 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Week of February 18, 2008—Tentative

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

10:30 a.m. Meeting with the National Academies Radiation Source Use and Replacement Study Committee (Closed—Ex. 1)

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

9:30 a.m. Periodic Meeting on New Reactor Issues, Part 1 (Public Meeting) (Contact: Donna Williams, 301–415–1322)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—http://www.nrc.gov.

1:25 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative)

 a. Final Rule—10 CFR Part 73
 "Safeguards Information Protection Requirements" (RIN 3150—AH57)

 (Tentative)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—http://www.nrc.gov.

1:30 p.m. Periodic Meeting on New Reactor Issues, Part 2 (Public Meeting) (Contact: Donna Williams, 301–415–1322)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—http://www.nrc.gov.

Week of February 25, 2008—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of February 25, 2008.

Week of March 3, 2008-Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of March 3, 2008.

Week of March 10, 2008—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of March 10, 2008.

Week of March 17, 2008—Tentative

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

9:30 a.m. Briefing by Independent External Panel to Identify Vulnerabilities in the U.S. NRC's Materials Licensing Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: Aaron T. McCraw, 301–415–1277)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—http://www.nrc.gov.

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* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings, call (recording)—(301) 415–1292. Contact person for more information: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415–1662.

Additional Information

Affirmation of "Final Rule—10 CFR Part 73 'Safeguards Information Protection Requirements' (RIN 3150–AH57)" tentatively scheduled on February 11, 2008, at 12:55 p.m. has been tentatively rescheduled on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 1:25 p.m.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/policy-

making/schedule.html.

The NRC provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these public meetings, or need this meeting notice or the transcript or other information from the public meetings in another format (e.g. braille, large print), please notify the NRC's Disability Program Coordinator, Rohn Brown, at 301–492–2279, TDD: 301–415–2100, or by e-mail at REB3@nrc.gov. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301–415–1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: February 7, 2008.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Construction and Operation of a Mail Processing Facility in Aliso Viejo, CA

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Postal Service intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed construction and operation of a mail processing facility in Aliso Viejo, Orange County, California. The public is invited to participate in the project scoping process, to review and comment on the draft EIS, and to attend public meetings.

DATES: Please submit written scoping comments by March 9, 2008. This notice is the first step in the EIS process. A separate notice of availability will be issued when the draft EIS is available for public review.

To solicit public comments, a public scoping hearing will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on February 27, 2008, at the Wood Canyon Elementary School, 23431 Knollwood Avenue, Aliso Viejo, California; (949) 448–0012.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments, request copies of the draft EIS or final EIS when available, or for more information, contact Emmy Andrews, Pacific Facilities Service Office, United States Postal Service, 395 Oyster Point Boulevard, Suite 225, South San Francisco, CA 94080–0300; (650) 615–7200

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emmy Andrews, 650–615–7200.

supplementary information: To comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Postal Service intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed construction and operation of a mail processing facility on a 25-acre parcel owned by the Postal Service at 50 Liberty, Aliso Viejo, Orange County, California. The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, 40

CFR parts 1500–1508, the Postal Service regulations for implementing NEPA, 32 CFR part 775, and the Postal Service Facilities Environmental Guide (Handbook RE–6, November 2004).

The proposed project will improve regional mail handling logistics, expand delivery point processing capabilities and provide more efficient mail delivery services in southern Orange County.

The proposed facility would be approximately 342,726 square feet and would contain state-of-the-art automated mail processing systems. The facility would be constructed over an 18-month period during normal daytime hours Monday through Saturday. It would include a workroom, administrative space, and employee facilities, such as restrooms and break rooms. Grading of the site would be required to achieve a uniform site elevation. In addition to the facility, the site would include two gated access roads and parking areas for tractor/ trailers and employee vehicles. Other site improvements include a retaining wall along the northern edge of the site, fencing, sidewalks and curbs, outdoor lighting, a facility sign, and landscaping. Existing trees and other vegetation on the western and northern edges would remain, as would vegetation along the steeply graded eastern and southern parts of the site.

An estimated 561 full-time employees spread over three work shifts would staff the facility. Typical facility activities would include unloading unsorted mail from delivery tractor/trailers, automated mail processing, loading delivery-sequenced mail onto delivery tractor/trailers, and general administration. The facility would operate continuously, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It would generate an estimated 74 tractor/trailer round trips during each 24-hour period.

Alternatives that will be evaluated by the Postal Service in the EIS include the above-described proposed action and a "No Action" alternative. Under the "No Action" alternative, the mail processing facility would not be constructed. The Postal Service may consider other alternatives in the EIS, including variations on the size or functions of the proposed facility, alternate locations for the proposed facility, and other reasonable alternatives identified during the public scoping process.

The Postal Service is seeking public input on the scope of environmental issues and the range of alternatives to be addressed in the EIS. To assist with this scoping effort, copies of an environmental assessment and draft supplemental environmental assessment previously prepared for this project are

available at the Aliso Viejo Library, 1 Journey (949–360–1730). Those documents are also available electronically at http://www.alisoviejoeis.com. All comments previously received on the environmental assessment are being considered during development of the EIS.

Neva R. Watson,

Attorney, Legislative. [FR Doc. E8–2581 Filed 2–11–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7710–12–P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 28144; 812–13427]

Pioneer Bond Fund, et al.; Notice of Application

February 5, 2008.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order pursuant to (a) section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 18(f) and 21(b) of the Act; (b) section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act for an exemption from section 12(d)(1) of the Act; (c) sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(3) of the Act; and (d) section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d–1 thereunder to permit certain joint transactions.

Summary of the Application: Applicants request an order that would permit certain registered open-end management investment companies to participate in a joint lending and borrowing facility.

Applicants: Pioneer Bond Fund, Pioneer Diversified High Income Trust, Pioneer Emerging Markets Fund, Pioneer Equity Income Fund, Pioneer Equity Opportunity Fund, Pioneer Europe Select Equity Fund, Pioneer Floating Rate Trust, Pioneer Fund, Pioneer Fundamental Growth Fund, Pioneer High Income Trust, Pioneer High Yield Fund, Pioneer Ibbotson Asset Allocation Series, Pioneer Independence Fund, Pioneer International Equity Fund, Pioneer International Value Fund, Pioneer Mid Cap Growth Fund, Pioneer Mid Cap Value Fund, Pioneer Money Market Trust, Pioneer Municipal High Income Trust, Pioneer Municipal High Income Advantage Trust, Pioneer Principal Protected Trust, Pioneer Real Estate Shares, Pioneer Research Fund, Pioneer Select Growth Fund, Pioneer Select Value Fund, Pioneer Series Trust I,

Pioneer Series Trust II, Pioneer Series Trust III, Pioneer Series Trust IV, Pioneer Series Trust V, Pioneer Series Trust VI, Pioneer Series Trust VII, Pioneer Short Term Income Fund, Pioneer Small Cap Value Fund, Pioneer Strategic Income Fund, Pioneer Municipal and Equity Income Trust, Pioneer Tax Free Income Fund, Pioneer Value Fund, and Pioneer Variable Contracts Trust (each, a "Trust" and collectively, the "Trusts"), and Pioneer Investment Management, Inc. ("PIM").

Filing Dates: The application was filed on September 24, 2007, and amended on January 16, 2008.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on March 3, 2008 and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, 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 by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. Applicants, 60 State Street, Boston, MA 02109–1820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lewis B. Reich, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551–6919, or, Nadya Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 551–6821 (Office of Investment Company Regulation, Division of Investment Management).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–0102 (telephone (202) 551–5850).

Applicants' Representations

1. Each Trust is organized as a Delaware statutory trust or Massachusetts business trust and is either an open-end or closed-end management investment company registered under the Act.¹ Each Trust

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¹ Applicants request that the order also apply to any existing or future registered management investment company that is part of the same "group of investment companies" as the Trusts, as defined in section 12(d)(1)(G)(ii) of the Act (included in the term "Trusts"). All entities that currently intend to