

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service**

[INTL-941-86 and INTL-655-87]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing notice of proposed rulemaking, INTL-941-86, and temporary regulation, INTL-655-87 (TD 8178), Passive Foreign Investment Companies (§§ 1.1294-1T and 1.1297-3T).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 14, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Allan Hopkins, (202) 622-6665, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Passive Foreign Investment Companies.

OMB Number: 1545-1028.

Regulation Project Number: INTL-941-86 (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking) and INTL-655-87 (Temporary regulation).

Abstract: These regulations specify how U.S. persons who are shareholders of passive foreign investment companies (PFICs) make elections with respect to their PFIC stock.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 275,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 112,500.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: July 31, 2008.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UTAH RECLAMATION MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Project (LDWP), Duchesne and Uintah Counties, UT**

AGENCY: Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: On May 22, 2008, the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Commission) selected the Proposed Action presented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS),

Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Project (LDWP), April 2008. The Record of Decision (ROD) for that action is available as described below. The LDWP is required to mitigate for impacts of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project and to fulfill other commitments to the Ute Indian Tribe made as part of the Central Utah Project. The U.S. Department of the Interior—Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, and the Commission were joint-lead agencies for the FEIS, and the Ute Indian Tribe was the lead planning partner. The LDWP FEIS addresses potential impacts related to construction and operation of features proposed for the LDWP and incorporates responses to public comments received on the Draft EIS. Based on the information and analyses in the FEIS and other relevant information, the Commission determined the Proposed Action responds best to LDWP needs and purposes and does so in an environmentally sound manner with least potential for adverse effects on social and economic resources.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and/or FEIS can be obtained at the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 230 South 500 East, Suite 230, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84102-2045. They may also be viewed on the internet via the following Web address: <http://www.mitigationcommission.gov/news.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Mingo, Planning Coordinator at (801) 524-3168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The LDWP will fulfill certain environmental mitigation commitments of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project. The Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System is a key component of the Bonneville Unit, collecting water from the Upper Duchesne River and its tributaries and storing it in Strawberry Reservoir for delivery westward to the Wasatch Front in Utah. As a result, wetlands and wildlife habitats along the Duchesne River have been adversely impacted. Substantial wetland impacts occurred on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation lands of the Ute Indian Tribe. The LDWP has been planned in conjunction with the Ute Indian Tribe and is intended to fulfill a longstanding commitment to mitigate for these impacts on Ute Indian tribal wetland wildlife resources and to provide additional wetland/wildlife benefits to the Ute Indian Tribe. The Proposed Action would create, restore, and otherwise enhance riparian wetland habitats along or near the Duchesne

River in Utah as partial mitigation for these Bonneville Unit impacts. Approximately 4,807 acres of land composed of 3,215 acres of Ute Indian Tribal trust lands, and 1,592 acres of fee lands to be acquired by the Federal Government, would be acquired and developed into three cohesive wetlands management units. A portion of the water currently managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Ute Indian Tribe under the existing Uinta Indian Irrigation Project would be utilized, along with water that may be acquired with fee land acquisitions, to create, restore and enhance wetlands throughout the LDWP area. Lands acquired in fee title (except lands acquired by eminent domain) would be transferred to the Ute Indian Tribe. All LDWP lands (leased Tribal trust and acquired lands) would be managed for project purposes by the Ute Indian Tribe under management agreements with the Joint Lead Agencies to achieve the prescribed wetlands-associated fish and wildlife benefits, and for other wetland/wildlife related tribal benefits. A Notice of Intent to initiate public scoping and prepare a Draft EIS for the LDWP was published in the **Federal Register** on April 25, 2001 (66 FR 20827). Scoping was accomplished by means of three public meetings convened in Ft. Duchesne, Roosevelt and Salt Lake City, Utah in May 2003. Joint Lead Agencies filed the DEIS with the EPA on November 17, 2003. Notice of Availability of the DEIS was announced in the **Federal Register** on November 24, 2003 (68 FR 65943). Three public meetings were held in Ft. Duchesne, Roosevelt and Salt Lake City, Utah in December 2003, to receive public comment on the DEIS. Comments received during the public comment period from November 17, 2003 to February 17, 2004, were considered in preparation of the FEIS.

Dated: August 4, 2008.

Mark A. Holden,

Projects Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held on September 15-16, 2008, at

the DoubleTree Hotel Albuquerque, 201 Marquette, NW., Albuquerque, New Mexico. On September 15, the session will convene at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. On September 16, the session will convene at 8 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless veterans and provide advice on the most appropriate means of offering assistance to homeless veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On September 15, the Committee will review the responses to the recommendations contained in the 2008 Annual Report of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans (which was submitted to the Secretary in the spring of 2008). The Committee will also receive briefings from VA and other federal departments on programs and activities affecting homeless veterans. On September 16, the Committee will continue to receive informational presentations and will begin its discussion of recommendations to be included in the upcoming annual report.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Pete Dougherty, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 461-7401. No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues affecting homeless veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Homeless Veterans Programs Office (075D), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: August 8, 2008.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-

463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans will hold a meeting on September 24-25, 2008, at the Residence Inn by Marriott, 1199 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on issues that are unique to veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the 1990-1991 period of the Gulf War.

On September 24, the Committee will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. This session will focus on the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) with emphasis on the Gulf War Registry and outreach activities, a review of the priority groups for health care enrollment, and a panel discussion on clinical care research, guidelines and practices.

In the afternoon of September 24, the Committee will meet in closed session at the Washington, DC VA Medical Center (VAMC). The Committee will be meeting with clinicians and individual patients receiving services at the VAMC. The session will be closed to protect the privacy of the patients and to minimize possible interference with the delivery of medical services at the VAMC. Closing the meeting is in compliance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

On September 25, the Committee will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will focus on activities by the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), particularly those activities conducted by VBA's Compensation and Pension Service. This will include discussions concerning the disability compensation system, the chronology of VBA responses to Gulf War issues including its actions responding to statutory changes, and VBA's outreach to Gulf War veterans.

Public comments will be received on September 24, from 11:15 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. and on September 25, from 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Individuals wishing to speak must register not later than September 17, 2008, by contacting Lelia Jackson at (202) 461-5758 or by e-mail at lelia.jackson@va.gov, and by submitting 1-2 page summaries of their comments for inclusion in the official record. Public comments will be limited to five minutes each. A sign-in sheet will be available each day. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to the Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.