

these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee at U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5H27, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-9400.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Sheldon Friedman,**

*Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Board of Governors; Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 9 a.m.

**PLACE:** Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Tuesday, December 7, at 9 a.m. (Closed)

1. Financial Matters.
2. Pricing.
3. Strategic Issues.
4. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.
5. Governors' Executive Session—Discussion of prior agenda items and Board Governance.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Julie S. Moore, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza,

SW., Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

**Julie S. Moore,**

*Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Request for Public Comment on the Draft National Nanotechnology Initiative Strategy for Nanotechnology-Related Environmental, Health, and Safety Research

**AGENCY:** White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

**ACTION:** Notice: Request for Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** With this notice, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology Subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Council request comments from the public regarding the draft National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) Strategy for Nanotechnology-Related Environmental, Health, and Safety Research (hereafter referred to as "draft NNI EHS strategy"). The draft NNI EHS strategy is posted at <http://strategy.nano.gov>. Comments of approximately one page or less in length (4,000 characters) are requested. This request will be active from December 6, 2010, to January 6, 2011.

**DATES:** Comments are invited beginning December 6, 2010, and must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on January 6, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Respondents are encouraged to register online at the NNI Strategy Portal at <http://strategy.nano.gov> to post their comments (4,000 characters or less) as a response to the request for public comment. Alternatively, comments of one page in length or less may be submitted via e-mail to: [nnistrategy@ostp.gov](mailto:nnistrategy@ostp.gov). Any information you provide to us may be posted online. Therefore, do *not* send any information that might be considered proprietary, personal, sensitive, or confidential.

**Overview:** The National Nanotechnology Initiative Strategy for Nanotechnology-Related Environmental, Health, and Safety Research or "NNI EHS Strategy" helps to facilitate achievement of the National Nanotechnology Initiative vision by laying out guidance for agency leaders, program managers, and the research community regarding planning and

implementation of nanotechnology EHS R&D investments and activities.

The NNI is a U.S. Government R&D program of 25 agencies working together toward the common challenging vision of a future in which the ability to understand and control matter at the nanoscale leads to a revolution in technology and industry that benefits society. The combined, coordinated efforts of these agencies have accelerated discovery, development, and deployment of nanotechnology towards agency missions and the broader national interest. Established in 2001, the NNI involves nanotechnology-related activities by the 25 member agencies, 15 of which have requested budgets for nanotechnology R&D for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011.

The NNI is managed within the framework of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), the Cabinet-level council that coordinates science and technology across the Federal government and interfaces with other sectors. The Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the NSTC coordinates planning, budgeting, program implementation, and review of the NNI. The NSET Subcommittee is composed of senior representatives from agencies participating in the NNI (<http://www.nano.gov>). The NSET Subcommittee and its Nanotechnology Environmental and Health Implications (NEHI) Working Group provide leadership in establishing the NNI environmental, health, and safety research agenda and in communicating data and information related to the environmental and health aspects of nanotechnology between NNI agencies and with the public. NNI activities support the development of the new tools and methods required for the research that will enable risk analysis and assist in regulatory decision-making.

The NSET Subcommittee has solicited multiple streams of input to inform the development of this latest NNI EHS Strategy. Independent reviews of the NNI by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and the National Research Council of the National Academies have made specific recommendations for improving the NNI EHS strategy. A series of four NNI workshops took place in 2009-2010 to solicit input for this strategy: 1. Human & Environmental Exposure Assessment of Nanomaterials (details at <http://www.nano.gov/html/meetings/exposure/>), 2. Nanomaterials and the Environment & Instrumentation, Metrology, and Analytical Methods (details at <http://www.nano.gov/html/>)

meetings/environment/), 3. Nanomaterials and Human Health & Instrumentation, Metrology, and Analytical Methods (details at <http://www.nano.gov/html/meetings/humanhealth/>), and 4. Capstone: Risk Management Methods & Ethical, Legal, and Societal Implications of Nanotechnology (details at <http://www.nano.gov/html/meetings/capstone/>). Additional input has come from the NNI Strategic Planning Stakeholders Workshop (details at <http://www.nano.gov/html/meetings/NNISPWorkshop/>) as well as in responses to a Request for Information published in the **Federal Register** on July 6, 2010, and comments posted online in response to challenge questions from July 13–August 15, 2010, at the NNI Strategy Portal (<http://strategy.nano.gov>).

The draft NNI EHS Strategy complements the 2010 NNI Strategic Plan by setting forth the NNI strategy for nanotechnology-related environmental, health, and safety (EHS) research. It describes the NNI vision and goals for Federal EHS research and presents the current NNI EHS research portfolio. The EHS strategy includes a description of the NNI EHS research investment by research need, the state of the science, and an analysis of the gaps and barriers to achieving that research as part of the NNI's adaptive management of this strategy. This strategy updates and replaces the NNI EHS Strategy of February 2008. The NNI EHS Strategy aims to ensure the responsible development of nanotechnology by providing guidance to the Federal agencies that produce the scientific information for risk management, regulatory decision-making, product use, research planning, and public outreach. The core research areas providing this critical information are measurement, human exposure assessment, human health, and the environment in order to inform risk assessment and risk management.

Your comments on this draft of the plan must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on January 6, 2011. Please reference page and line numbers as appropriate, and keep your responses to 4,000 characters or less. You may also e-mail your responses, no more than one page in length, to [nnistrategy@ostp.gov](mailto:nnistrategy@ostp.gov). Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Federal government to form a binding contract or issue a grant. Information obtained as a result of this notice may be used by the Federal government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. Any information you provide to us may be posted online. Therefore, do *not* send

any information that might be considered proprietary, personal, sensitive, or confidential.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any questions about the content of this notice should be sent to [NNIStrategy@ostp.gov](mailto:NNIStrategy@ostp.gov). Questions and responses may also be sent by mail (please allow additional time for processing) to the address: Office of Science and Technology Policy, ATTN: NNI EHS Strategy Comments, Executive Office of the President, 725 17th Street Room 5228, Washington, DC, 20502. Phone: (202) 456–7116, Fax: (202) 456–6021.

**Ted Wackler,**

*Deputy Chief of Staff.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC–29521; File No. 812–13780]

### American United Life Insurance Company, et al.; Notice of Application

November 30, 2010.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for an order pursuant to Section 26(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”), the substitution of securities.

**APPLICANTS:** American United Life Insurance Company (“AUL”), AUL American Unit Trust (“AUL Account”). AUL and the AUL Account are together referred to herein as the “Applicants.”

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** The AUL account is used to fund variable annuity contracts issued by AUL (“Contracts”). Applicants request an order to permit the substitution of units issued by the Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund Small Company Growth Portfolio (the “Substituted Portfolio” or “VVIF”), for units issued by the Vanguard Explorer Fund (the “Removed Portfolio” or “VEF”), a fund currently available as an investment option under certain Contracts.

**FILING DATE:** The application was filed on June 8, 2010 and amended and restated applications were filed on September 2, and October 15, 2010.

**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 SEC by 5:30 p.m. on December 27, 2010 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 notification by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–0609. Applicants: c/o Richard M. Ellery, Esq., American United Life Insurance Company, One American Square, Indianapolis, Indiana 46282. Copies to: Frederick H. Sherley, Esq., Dechert LLP, 100 North Tryon Street, Suite 4000, Charlotte, NC 28202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Scott, Senior Counsel, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management, SEC, at (202) 551–6763, or Zandra Bailes, Branch Chief, at (202) 551–6975.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application; the complete application may be obtained via the Commission’s Web site by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at <http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm>, or obtained for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, or by calling: (202) 551–8090.

*Applicants’ Representations:*

1. AUL is an Indiana stock insurance company. AUL is the depositor and sponsor of the AUL Account, a separate investment account established under Indiana law.

2. The AUL Account is used to fund variable annuity contracts issued by AUL (each, a “Contract”).<sup>1</sup> The income, gains or losses of the AUL Account are credited to or charged against the assets of the AUL Account without regard to other income, gains or losses of AUL. AUL owns the assets in the AUL Account and is required to maintain sufficient assets in the AUL Account to meet all AUL Account obligations under the Contracts. AUL may transfer to its general account assets that exceed anticipated obligations of the AUL Account. All obligations arising under the Contracts are general corporate

<sup>1</sup> The registration statement relating to these contracts is incorporated by reference into the application, to the extent necessary to support and supplement the descriptions and representations set forth in the application.