

per registration statement). The Commission estimates that the hour burden for preparing and filing a post-effective amendment on Form N-6 is 67.5 hours. The total annual hour burden for preparing and filing post-effective amendments is 28,957.5 hours (429 post-effective amendments annually times 67.5 hours per amendment). The frequency of response is annual. The total annual hour burden for Form N-6, therefore, is estimated to be 34,349.25 hours (5,391.75 hours for initial registration statements plus 28,957.5 hours for post-effective amendments).

The Commission estimates that the cost burden for preparing an initial Form N-6 filing is \$23,440 per portfolio and the current cost burden for preparing a post-effective amendment to a previously effective registration statement is \$8,523 per portfolio. The Commission estimates that, on an annual basis, 7 portfolios will be referenced in an initial Form N-6 and 429 portfolios will be referenced in a post-effective amendment of Form N-6. Thus, the total cost burden allocated to Form N-6 would be \$3,820,447.

The information collection requirements imposed by Form N-6 are mandatory. Responses to the collection of information will not be kept confidential. 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. 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.

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 Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-

Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available

From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Form N-4; SEC File No. 270-282; OMB Control No. 3235-0318.

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 (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

The collection of information is entitled: "Form N-4 (17 CFR 239.17b) under the Securities Act of 1933 and (17 CFR 274.11c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, registration statement of separate accounts organized as unit investment trust." Form N-4 is the form used by insurance company separate accounts organized as unit investment trusts that offer variable annuity contracts to register as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) and/or to register their securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). Section 5 of the Securities Act (15 U.S.C. 77e) requires the filing of a registration statement prior to the offer of securities to the public and that the registration statement be effective before any securities are sold, and Section 8 of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-8) provides for the registration of investment companies. Pursuant to Form N-4, separate accounts organized as unit investment trusts that offer variable annuity contracts provide investors with a prospectus and a statement of additional information covering essential information about a separate account. Section 5(b) of the Securities Act requires that investors be

provided with a prospectus containing the information required in a registration statement prior to or at the time of sale or delivery of securities.

The purpose of Form N-4 is to meet the filing and disclosure requirements of the Securities Act and the Investment Company Act and to enable filers to provide investors with information necessary to evaluate an investment in a security. The information required to be filed with the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability and dissemination of the information.

The estimated annual number of filings on Form N-4 is 124 initial registration statements and 1,127 post-effective amendments. The estimated average number of portfolios per filing is one, both for initial registration statements and post-effective amendments on Form N-4. Accordingly, the estimated number of portfolios referenced in initial Form N-4 filings annually is 124 and the estimated number of portfolios referenced in post-effective amendment filings on Form N-4 annually is 1,127. The estimate of the annual hour burden for Form N-4 is approximately 278.5 hours per initial registration statement and 197.25 hours per post-effective amendment, for a total of 256,834.75 hours ((124 initial registration statements × 278.5 hours) + (1,127 post-effective amendments × 197.25 hours)).

The current estimated annual cost burden for preparing an initial Form N-4 filing is \$22,319 per portfolio and the current estimated annual cost burden for preparing a post-effective amendment filing on Form N-4 is \$21,155 per portfolio. The Commission estimates that, on an annual basis, 124 portfolios will be referenced in initial Form N-4 filings and 1,127 portfolios will be referenced in post-effective amendment filings on Form N-4. Thus, the estimated total annual cost burden allocated to Form N-4 would be \$26,609,241 ((124 × \$22,319) + (1,127 × \$21,155)).

Providing the information required by Form N-4 is mandatory. Responses will not be kept confidential. 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. 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.

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 Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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Extension:

Rule 206(4)-3; SEC File No. 270-218; OMB Control No. 3235-0242.

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") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 206(4)-3 (17 CFR 275.206(4)-3) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, which is entitled "Cash Payments for Client Solicitations," provides restrictions on cash payments for client solicitations. The rule requires that an adviser pay all solicitors' fees pursuant to a written agreement. When an adviser will provide only impersonal advisory services to the prospective client, the

rule imposes no disclosure requirements. When the solicitor is affiliated with the adviser and the adviser will provide individualized advisory services to the prospective client, the solicitor must, at the time of the solicitation or referral, indicate to the prospective client that he is affiliated with the adviser. When the solicitor is not affiliated with the adviser and the adviser will provide individualized advisory services to the prospective client, the solicitor must, at the time of the solicitation or referral, provide the prospective client with a copy of the adviser's brochure and a disclosure document containing information specified in rule 206(4)-3. Amendments to rule 206(4)-3, adopted in 2010 in connection with rule 206(4)-5, specify that solicitation activities involving a government entity, as defined in rule 206(4)-5, are subject to the additional limitations of rule 206(4)-5. The information rule 206(4)-3 requires is necessary to inform advisory clients about the nature of the solicitor's financial interest in the recommendation so the prospective clients may consider the solicitor's potential bias, and to protect clients against solicitation activities being carried out in a manner inconsistent with the adviser's fiduciary duty to clients. Rule 206(4)-3 is applicable to all Commission-registered investment advisers. The Commission believes that approximately 4,159 of these advisers have cash referral fee arrangements. The rule requires approximately 7.04 burden hours per year per adviser and results in a total of approximately 29,279 total burden hours ($7.04 \times 4,159$) for all advisers.

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information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB number.

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Rule 30e-2, SEC File No. 270-437, OMB Control No. 3235-0494.

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Rule 30e-2 (17 CFR 270.30e-2) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) ("Investment Company Act") requires registered unit investment trusts ("UITs") that invest substantially all of their assets in shares of a management investment company ("fund") to send their unitholders annual and semiannual reports containing financial information on the underlying company. Specifically, rule 30e-2 requires that the report contain all the applicable information and financial statements or their equivalent, required by rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act (17 CFR 270.30e-1) to be included in reports of the underlying fund for the same fiscal period. Rule 30e-1 requires that the underlying fund's report contain, among other things, the information that is required to be included in such reports by the fund's registration statement form under the Investment Company Act. The purpose of this requirement is to apprise current shareholders of the