

contribution toward the requisite 5.5 percent of the Postal Service's institutional costs. *Id.*, Attachment D at 1. Mr. Nicoski contends that there will be no issue of subsidization of market dominant products by competitive products as a result of the instant contract. *Id.*

Instant contract. The Postal Service included a redacted version of the instant contract with the Request. *Id.*, Attachment B. It is scheduled to become effective on the day the Commission issues all necessary regulatory approvals. *Id.*, Attachment B at 3. The contract will expire 3 years from the effective date unless, among other things, either party terminates the agreement with 30 days written notice to the other party. *Id.* The Postal Service represents that the instant contract is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.*, Attachment E.

The Postal Service filed much of its supporting materials, including the unredacted version of the instant contract, under seal. *Id.*, Attachment F. It maintains that the unredacted version of the instant contract, and supporting documents establishing compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR 3015.5 should remain confidential. Request at 1. The Postal Service asks the Commission to protect customer-identifying information from public disclosure indefinitely. *Id.*

II. Notice of Filings

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2012-25 and CP2012-33 to consider the Request and the instant contract, respectively.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in these dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR 3015.5, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than June 25, 2012. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Natalie Rea Ward to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2012-25 and CP2012-33 to consider the matters raised in each docket.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Natalie Rea Ward is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the

interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than June 25, 2012.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Parcel Select and Parcel Return Service Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List. **DATES:** June 20, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Reed, 202-268-3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on June 13, 2012, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Parcel Select & Parcel Return Service Contract 4 to Competitive Product List*.

Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2012-25, CP2012-33.

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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:

Rule 10f-3; SEC File No. 270-237; OMB Control No. 3235-0226.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information discussed below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Section 10(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") prohibits a registered investment company ("fund") from purchasing any security during an underwriting or selling syndicate if the fund has certain relationships with a principal underwriter for the security.¹ Congress enacted this provision in 1940 to protect funds and their shareholders by preventing underwriters from "dumping" unmarketable securities on affiliated funds.

Rule 10f-3 permits a fund to engage in a securities transaction that otherwise would violate Section 10(f) if, among other things: (i) Each transaction effected under the rule is reported on Form N-SAR; (ii) the fund's directors have approved procedures for purchases made in reliance on the rule, regularly review fund purchases to determine whether they comply with these procedures, and approve necessary changes to the procedures; and (iii) a written record of each transaction effected under the rule is maintained for six years, the first two of which in an easily accessible place.² The written record must state: (i) From whom the securities were acquired; (ii) the identity of the underwriting syndicate's members; (iii) the terms of the transactions; and (iv) the information or materials on which the fund's board of directors has determined that the purchases were made in compliance with procedures established by the board.

Rule 10f-3 also conditionally allows managed portions of fund portfolios to purchase securities offered in otherwise off-limits primary offerings. To qualify for this exemption, rule 10f-3 requires that the subadviser that is advising the purchaser be contractually prohibited from providing investment advice to any other portion of the fund's portfolio and consulting with any other of the fund's advisers that is a principal underwriter or affiliated person of a principal underwriter concerning the fund's securities transactions.

These requirements provide a mechanism for fund boards to oversee compliance with the rule. The required recordkeeping facilitates the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 80a-10(f).

² 17 CFR 270.10f-3.

Commission staff's review of rule 10f-3 transactions during routine fund inspections and, when necessary, in connection with enforcement actions.

The staff estimates that approximately 300 funds engage in a total of approximately 3,700 rule 10f-3 transactions each year.³ Rule 10f-3 requires that the purchasing fund create a written record of each transaction that includes, among other things, from whom the securities were purchased and the terms of the transaction. The staff estimates⁴ that it takes an average fund approximately 30 minutes per transaction and approximately 1,850 hours⁵ in the aggregate to comply with this portion of the rule.

The funds also must maintain and preserve these transactional records in accordance with the rule's recordkeeping requirement, and the staff estimates that it takes a fund approximately 20 minutes per transaction and that annually, in the aggregate, funds spend approximately 1,233 hours⁶ to comply with this portion of the rule.

In addition, fund boards must, no less than quarterly, examine each of these transactions to ensure that they comply with the fund's policies and procedures. The information or materials upon which the board relied to come to this determination also must be maintained and the staff estimates that it takes a fund 1 hour per quarter and, in the aggregate, approximately 1,200 hours⁷ annually to comply with this rule requirement.

The staff estimates that reviewing and revising as needed written procedures for rule 10f-3 transactions takes, on average for each fund, two hours of a compliance attorney's time per year.⁸ Thus, annually, in the aggregate, the staff estimates that funds spend a total of approximately 600 hours⁹ on monitoring and revising rule 10f-3 procedures.

³ These estimates are based on staff extrapolations from filings with the Commission.

⁴ Unless stated otherwise, the information collection burden estimates are based on conversations between the staff and representatives of funds.

⁵ This estimate is based on the following calculation: (0.5 hours × 3,700 = 1,850 hours).

⁶ This estimate is based on the following calculations: (20 minutes × 3,700 transactions = 74,000 minutes; 74,000 minutes/60 = 1,233 hours).

⁷ This estimate is based on the following calculation: (1 hour per quarter × 4 quarters × 300 funds = 1,200 hours).

⁸ These averages take into account the fact that in most years, fund attorneys and boards spend little or no time modifying procedures and in other years, they spend significant time doing so.

⁹ This estimate is based on the following calculation: (300 funds × 2 hours = 600 hours).

Based on an analysis of fund filings, the staff estimates that approximately 775 fund portfolios enter into subadvisory agreements each year.¹⁰ Based on discussions with industry representatives, the staff estimates that it will require approximately 3 attorney hours to draft and execute additional clauses in new subadvisory contracts in order for funds and subadvisers to be able to rely on the exemptions in rule 10f-3. Because these additional clauses are identical to the clauses that a fund would need to insert in their subadvisory contracts to rely on rules 12d3-1, 17a-10, and 17e-1, and because we believe that funds that use one such rule generally use all of these rules, we apportion this 3 hour time burden equally to all four rules. Therefore, we estimate that the burden allocated to rule 10f-3 for this contract change would be 0.75 hours.¹¹ Assuming that all 775 funds that enter into new subadvisory contracts each year make the modification to their contract required by the rule, we estimate that the rule's contract modification requirement will result in 581 burden hours annually.¹²

The staff estimates, therefore, that rule 10f-3 imposes an information collection burden of 5,665 hours.¹³ This estimate does not include the time spent filing transaction reports on Form N-SAR, which is encompassed in the information collection burden estimate for that form.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burdens of the collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burdens of the collections 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.

¹⁰ Based on information in Commission filings, we estimate that 44.4 percent of funds are advised by subadvisers.

¹¹ This estimate is based on the following calculation (3 hours ÷ 4 rules = .75 hours).

¹² These estimates are based on the following calculations: (0.75 hours × 775 portfolios = 581 burden hours).

¹³ This estimate is based on the following calculation: (1,850 hours + 1,233 hours + 1,200 hours + 600 hours + 581 hours + 201 hours = 5,665 total burden hours).

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.

Dated: June 14, 2012.

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 30103; File No. 812-14008]

Versus Capital Multi-Manager Real Estate Income Fund LLC and Versus Capital Advisors; Notice of Application

June 14, 2012.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 18(c) and 18(i) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 23(c)(3) of the Act for an exemption from rule 23c-3 under the Act, and for an order pursuant to section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain registered closed-end management investment companies to issue multiple classes of shares and to impose asset-based distribution fees and early withdrawal charges ("EWCs").

APPLICANTS: Versus Capital Multi-Manager Real Estate Income Fund LLC ("Initial Fund") and Versus Capital Advisors LLC ("Adviser").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on February 23, 2012, and amended on April 30, 2012 and June 8, 2012.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief 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 July 9, 2012 and should be accompanied by proof of service on the 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