

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take and Import to the USA; The applicants propose to collect skin and blubber biopsy samples of minke, humpback and Arnoux's beaked whales. The applicants would address the following basic hypotheses that require collecting of genetic and blubber samples from biopsies. They will investigate the stock structure of whales that inhabit the nearshore waters of the AP which requires genetic information contained in skin samples. These samples can be processed and compared against voucher samples from breeding populations in the Pacific Ocean to determine the population structure of animals feeding in Antarctic waters. Likewise, the sex of individual whales can be determined from genetic markers from the skin samples. Knowing the ratios of males: females can provide information about the growth and structure of the cetacean communities. In order to understand the diet of different marine mammals and if/how these change spatially or over the course of a season, we can compare the stable isotope signatures in blubber to those of their known prey items. This common analysis is potent and can greatly inform studies on the feeding behavior of whales in the region. The applicants would use standard dart-biopsy methods that have been used for more than 2 decades and are proven to be both humane and appropriate. A small sterilized stainless steel tip would be attached to the end of a customized crossbow bolt that has a flotation stopper engineered on to it. When the dart hits the whale, it penetrates the outermost skin and collects a ~10x5 mm sample of both skin and blubber. These samples are placed in sterilized cryovials and kept in -20C freezers until they are shipped frozen back to our labs for analysis. All samples would be collected by investigators with significant experience in the process.

Location

Antarctic Peninsula between Marguerite Bay and the Gerlache Strait, inshore waters.

Dates

January 15, 2014 to December 31 2014.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2014-12; Order No. 1905]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning a contract with Australia Post for the delivery of inbound Air CP and Express Mail Services (EMS). This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* December 20, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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I. Introduction

On December 11, 2013, the Postal Service filed Notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5, that it has entered into a successor negotiated service agreement (Agreement) with Australia's foreign postal operator, Australia Postal Corporation (Australia Post).¹ The Postal Service seeks to have the inbound portion of the Agreement, which concerns delivery of inbound Air CP² and Express Mail Services (EMS) in the United States, included within the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 (MC2010-34) product on the competitive product list. Notice at 3.

II. Contents of Filing

The Postal Service's filing consists of the Notice, financial workpapers, and

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Functionally Equivalent Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with a Foreign Postal Operator (Australian Postal Corporation), December 11, 2013 (Notice).

² "CP" is an abbreviation used to identify or reference international parcel post (from the French phrase *colis postaux*, "postal package").

four attachments.³ Attachment 1 is a copy of the Agreement. Attachment 2 is the certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2). Attachment 3 is a copy of Governors' Decision No. 10-3. Attachment 4 is an application for non-public treatment of material.

The Agreement's intended effective date is January 1, 2014. Notice at 3. The Agreement is set to expire two years after the effective date, subject to termination pursuant to contractual terms. *Id.* at 3-4.

The Postal Service states that the Agreement is the successor to the 2012 Australia Post Agreement approved in Order No. 956.⁴ It also identifies the 2012 Australia Post Agreement as the baseline agreement for purposes of determining functional equivalence. Notice at 2. It asserts that the Agreement fits within applicable Mail Classification Schedule language included in Governors' Decision No. 10-3. *See id.* at 3, Attachment 3. The Postal Service identifies differences between the Agreement and the 2012 Australia Post Agreement, such as revisions to existing articles, but asserts that these differences do not detract from a finding of functional equivalency.⁵ *Id.* at 5-6. In addition, it states that both agreements incorporate the same cost attributes and methodology, thereby making the relevant cost and market characteristics similar, if not the same. *Id.* at 6.

III. Commission Action

Notice of establishment of docket. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2014-12 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice. The Commission appoints John P. Klingenberg to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filing in the above-captioned docket is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642 and the requirements of 39 CFR parts 3015 and 3020. Comments are due no later than December 20, 2013. The public portions of this filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>). Information on obtaining

³ The financial workpapers and Attachments 1 and 3 were filed in redacted and unredacted versions.

⁴ Notice at 2; Docket No. CP2012-1, Order Concerning an Additional Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements With Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, November 9, 2011 (Order No. 956).

⁵ *See, e.g.*, in Article 1, the addition of two new purposes for the Agreement, and in Article 22, the time frame in which the parties will meet to discuss renewal prior to expiration. Notice, Attachment 1 at 1-2, 22.

access to sealed material appears in 39 CFR part 3007.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2014-12 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, John P. Klingenberg is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments are due no later than December 20, 2013.

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

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 30830; File No. 812-14090]

Wells Fargo Funds Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

December 13, 2013.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f-2 under the Act, as well as from certain disclosure requirements.

SUMMARY: *Summary of Application:* Applicants request an order that would permit them to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements with Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors (as defined below) and non-affiliated sub-advisors without shareholder approval and would grant relief from certain disclosure requirements.

APPLICANTS: Wells Fargo Funds Trust, Wells Fargo Master Trust, and Wells Fargo Variable Trust (each, a "Trust" and together, the "Trusts"); and Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC ("Funds Management").

DATES: *Filing Dates:* The application was filed on November 1, 2012, and amended on April 11, 2013, September 27, 2013, November 13, 2013, and December 12, 2013.

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 January 7, 2014, 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 Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicants, 525 Market Street, 12th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Marcinkus, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6882, or David P. Bartels, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

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 by calling (202) 551-8090.

Applicants' Representations

1. Each Trust is organized as a Delaware trust and is registered with the Commission as an open-end management investment company under the Act. Each Trust may offer one or more series of shares (each, a "Series" and collectively the "Series") with its own distinct investment objectives, policies and restrictions.¹ Currently, the Trusts offer 135 Series. Funds Management is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and is registered with the Commission as an investment

¹ Certain Series of the Wells Fargo Master Trust (the "Master Trust," and each such series of Master Trust, a "Master Fund") are held by certain Series of Wells Fargo Funds Trust ("Funds Trust") in a master-feeder structure pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(E) of the Act. Such series of Funds Trust as well as any future Series and any other investment company or series thereof that is advised by the Advisor (as defined below) may invest substantially all of their assets in a Master Fund pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(E) of the Act (each a "Feeder Fund"). No Feeder Fund will engage any sub-advisors other than through approving the engagement of one or more of the Master Fund's sub-advisors.

adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act").

2. Applicants request an order to permit the Advisor,² subject to the approval of the board of trustees of each applicable Trust (each a "Board"), including a majority of the trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Series or the Advisor as defined in section 2(a)(19) of the Act (the "Independent Trustees"), to, without obtaining shareholder approval: (i) Select Sub-Advisors³ to manage all or a portion of the assets of a Series and enter into Sub-Advisory Agreements (as defined below) with the Sub-Advisors, and (ii) materially amend Sub-Advisory Agreements with the Sub-Advisors.⁴ Applicants request that the relief apply to the named applicants, as well as to any future Series and any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company or series thereof that is advised by the Advisor, uses the multi-manager structure described in the application, and complies with the terms and conditions set forth in the application (each, a "Subadvised Series").⁵ The

² The term "Advisor" includes (i) Funds Management and (ii) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with, Funds Management or its successors that serves as investment adviser to the Series. For purposes of the requested order, "successor" is limited to an entity that results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization.

³ A "Sub-Advisor" for a Series is (a) an indirect or direct "wholly-owned subsidiary" (as such term is defined in the Act) of the Advisor for that Series; (b) a sister company of the Advisor for that Series that is an indirect or direct "wholly-owned subsidiary" (as such term is defined in the Act) of the same company that, indirectly or directly, wholly owns the Advisor (each of (a) and (b), a "Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor" and collectively, the "Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisors"), or (c) not an "affiliated person" (as such term is defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Act) of the Series, any Feeder Fund invested in one or more Master Funds, the applicable Trust, or the Advisor, except to the extent that an affiliation arises solely because the Sub-Advisor serves as a sub-advisor to a Series (each, a "Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor").

⁴ Shareholder approval will continue to be required for any other sub-advisor changes (not otherwise permitted by rule or other action of the Commission or staff) and material amendments to an existing Sub-Advisory Agreement with any sub-advisor other than a Non-Affiliated Sub-Advisor or Wholly-Owned Sub-Advisor (all such changes referred to as "Ineligible Sub-Advisor Changes").

⁵ All registered open-end investment companies that currently intend to rely on the requested order are named as applicants. All Series that currently are, or that currently intend to be, Subadvised Series (as defined below) are identified in the application. Any entity that relies on the requested order will do so only in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the application. If the name of any Subadvised Series contains the name of a Sub-Advisor (as defined below), the name of the Advisor (as defined below) that serves as the primary adviser to the Subadvised Series, or a trademark or trade name that is owned by or