

modification. This proposal will become effective without further notice on May 17, 1999, unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this proposal should be mailed or delivered to Administration and Records, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 8141, Washington, DC 20260-5243. Copies of all written comments will be available at the above address for public inspection and photocopying between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan M. Aldorfer (202) 268-2938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Privacy Act System of Records USPS 120.151, Personnel Records—Recruiting, Examining, and Appointment Records, collects information for recruiting and recommending appointment of qualified individuals. Such information consists of personal and professional resumes, personal applications, test scores, medical assessments, academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, employment certifications, medical records, and registers of eligibles. System locations include U.S. Postal Service personnel offices, the National Test Administration Center (NTAC), the Minneapolis Integrated Business Systems Solutions Center (MIBSSC), and/or other offices within Postal Service facilities authorized to engage in recruiting or examining activities or to make appointments to positions. This notice expands the system location to include contractor sites.

Selection assessment tests have been developed for use as a management tool to be used in conjunction with other information from the selection process to choose qualified individuals for postal positions. In some instances, the Postal Service will use contractors to perform services relative to assessment, such as scoring tests. For that reason, the system location is expanded to include contractor sites. Any contractor who maintains information collected by this system is made subject to the Privacy Act in accordance with subsection (m) and is required to apply appropriate protections subject to the audit and inspection of the Postal Inspection Service.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11), interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, or arguments on the proposed part of this notice. A report of the proposed system change has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget for their evaluation.

USPS Privacy Act system 120.151 was last published in its entirety in the **Federal Register** on October 26, 1989 (54 FR 43693) and was amended on October 11, 1990 (55 FR 41398-41400). The Postal Service proposes amending the system as shown below:

**USPS 120.151**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Personnel Records—Recruiting, Examining, and Appointment Records, 120.151.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

[CHANGE TO READ:]

U.S. Postal Service personnel offices; the National Test Administration Center (NTAC); the Minneapolis Integrated Business Systems Solutions Center (MIBSSC); other offices within Postal Service facilities authorized to engage in recruiting or examining activities or to make appointments to positions; and contractor sites.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 236, SEC File No. 270-118, OMB Control No. 3235-0095

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 236 under the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") requires issuers wishing to rely upon an exemption from the Securities Act registration for the issuance of fractional shares, script certificates or order forms, in connection with a stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, conversion, merger or similar transaction to furnish specified information to the Commission in writing at least ten days prior to the offering. The information is

needed to provide notice that an issuer is relying on the exemption. Public companies are the likely respondents. An estimated ten submissions are made pursuant to Rule 236 annually, resulting in an estimated annual total burden of 15 hours.

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 Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: March 29, 1999.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Existing Collection Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, D.C. 20549-0007

Extension:

Rule 17f-4 [17 CFR 270.17f-4] SEC File No. 270-232 OMB Control No. 3235-0225.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Section 17(f)<sup>1</sup> of the Investment Company Act of 1940<sup>2</sup> (the "Act")

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 80a-17(f).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 80a.