OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: Form RI 95–4

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 95–4, Marital Information Required of Refund Applicants, is used by OPM to pay refunds of retirement contributions when the information is not included on the SF 3106, Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions (FERS). To pay these benefits, all applicants for refund must provide information to OPM about their marital status and whether any spouse(s) or former spouse(s) have been informed of the proposed refund.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 100 RI 95–4 forms will be completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 30 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 50 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606–8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received February 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—John C. Crawford, Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis and Design, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606–0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Expiring Information Collections: SF 2802 and SF 2802B

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of an information collection, the SF 2802, Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions (Civil Service Retirement System) and SF 2802B, Current/Former Spouse's Notification of Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions. OPM must have the SF 2802 completed and signed before paying a refund of retirement contributions from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund. SF 2802B must be completed in those instances where there is a spouse or former spouse(s) who must be notified of the employee's intent to take a refund from the Fund.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 32,000 SF 2802 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 45 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 24,075 hours. Approximately 28,890 SF 2802B forms are processed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 15 minutes to complete this form. The annual burden is 7,223 hours. The total annual burden is 31,298 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606–8358, or email to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before March 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415–3540.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606–0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: Forms RI 20–7 and RI 30–3

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 20–7, Representative Payee Application, is used by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) to collect information from persons applying to be fiduciaries for annuitants or survivor annuitants who appear to be incapable of handling their own funds or for minor children. RI 30–3, Information Necessary for a Competency Determination, collects medical information regarding the annuitant's competency for OPM's use in evaluating the annuitant's condition.

Approximately 12,480 RI 20–7 forms will be completed annually. Each form requires approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual burden is 6,240 hours. Approximately 250 RI 30–3 forms will be completed annually. Each form requires approximately 1 hour to complete. The total annual burden is 6,490 hours. For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606–8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before February 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349A, Washington, DC 20415

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis and Design, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606–0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revision of an Information Collection: RI 38–115

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 38–115, Representative Payee Survey, is used to collect information about how the benefits paid to a representative payee have been used or conserved for the benefit of the incompetent annuitant.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 4,067 RI 38–115 forms will be completed annually. The form takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. The annual burden is 1,356 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606–8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before February 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349A, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis and Design, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606–0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–43848; File No. SR–BSE–00–04]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Amended, by the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Relating to an Amendment to Its Post Primary Session (''PPS'')

January 16, 2001.

I. Introduction

On March 9, 2000, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. (''BSE'' or ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'' or ''SEC''), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'') [1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] a proposed rule change that would amend existing rules under BSE Chapter IIB, Post 4:00 P.M. Trading, which would allow member firms to accommodate various customer average pricing programs based on the primary market's primary trading session and to permit risk based portfolio programs which are based on the primary market's closing price. On December 2, 2000, the BSE filed an amendment to the proposal.[3] Notice of the proposed rule change, including Amendment No. 1, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2000.[4] The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change, as amended.

II. Description of the Proposal

The Exchange proposes to amend its existing rules under BSE Chapter IIB, Post 4:00 P.M. Trading, to incorporate new language which will permit members and member firms to use the PPS to: (1) Accommodate various customer average pricing programs in issues eligible to trade on the Exchange [5] that are based on the primary market trading session; and (2) permit risk based portfolio programs which are based on the primary market's closing price. In a side letter, the Exchange seeks an exemption from the short sale rule and from certain reporting of transactions requirements for purposes of supporting its risk based portfolio programs described herein.[6]

A. Background

The Exchange initiated its PPS program on January 13, 2000.[7] The program runs from 4:00 p.m. through 4:15 p.m. (EST). Only orders entered after the Exchange's 4:00 p.m. close and designated as ''PPS'' are eligible for participation during this session. All PPS designated orders not executed during the PPS expire at the end of the PPS session and are not carried over to the next PPS session. Orders eligible for the Exchange's primary trading session

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* letter from John Boese, Assistant Vice President, Rule Development and Market Structure, BSE, to Alton Harvey, Office Chief, Office of Market Watch, Division of Market Regulation (''Division''), Commission, dated December 1, 2000 (''Amendment No. 1''). In Amendment No. 1, the BSE made corrections to its rule text and clarified issues regarding the language used in its filing.

[4] Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43685 (December 6, 2000), 65 FR 78227 (December 14, 2000).

[5] Issues eligible to trade are those listed on the Exchange or listed pursuant to unlisted trading privileges.

[6] 17 CFR 240.10a–1 and 17 CFR 240.11Aa3–1. The BSE is requesting an exemption from the short sale rule, Rule 10a–1, and from the reporting of transactions for its risk based portfolio programs under Rule 11Aa3–1. *See* letter from John Boese, Assistant Vice President, Rule Development and Market Structure, BSE, to Larry Bergmann, Senior Associate Director, Division, Commission, dated January 2, 2001. Review of the BSE's request for an exemption from the short sale rules is still pending before the Commission. The Commission is granting the BSE an exemption from Rule 11Aa3–1 for its risk based portfolio programs.

[7] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 41814 (August 31, 1999); 64 FR 48885 (September 8, 1999).