

effective during the transition period will not be available to these existing NCOA and FASTforward® MLC licensees.

The above transition examples illustrate how license fees would be handled when a current licensee applies for an NCOA^{Link} category that is the equivalent to its current licensee status. However, current NCOA and FASTforward® MLC licensees may apply for any license category which they may be qualified for and if approved, by paying the applicable new license fee. Detailed qualification criteria for each category of NCOA^{Link} licensee is available from the Move Update Department—NCOA^{Link} Group, National Customer Support Center at (800) 589-5766.

Authorized NCOA^{Link} Software Interface Developer

Software developers may apply to provide NCOA^{Link} interface software products to the mailing industry. If approved and after the execution of an NCOA^{Link} developer's license agreement along with the receipt of an initial year \$5,000.00 license fee, the Postal Service will provide the interface developer with a Software Developer's Kit (SDK) to be used in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the license agreement. The license fee includes testing and certification of a single platform. Additional platform certifications or any subsequent testing due to performance failures noted during the testing will be assessed at an additional \$1,000.00 fee. After the NCOA^{Link} interface software has been tested and approved by the Postal Service it will be officially certified for the specific software platform tested. In subsequent years the developer's license may be renewed for a \$1,000.00 fee which includes testing and certification of a single platform. Additional platform certifications or any subsequent testing due to performance failures noted during the testing will continue to be assessed at an additional \$1,000.00 fee. The Postal Service must certify the interface developer's NCOA^{Link} software before the interface developer may use, sell, or permit third parties to use the program.

Commercial Sale of NCOA^{Link} Interface Software

Software developers must execute a separate commercial sale license agreement with the Postal Service in order to market its NCOA^{Link} software to any third parties. This license authorizes sales and/or distribution activity of the developer's NCOA^{Link} software interface for a period of one

year for an annual license fee of \$25,000.00. This fee provides unlimited distribution to Postal Service authorized NCOA^{Link} applicants and/or licensees within the terms and conditions of the license agreement. An interface developer that has performed in accordance with the license agreement may re-apply to sell its NCOA^{Link} software for additional one-year terms at the applicable license fee and terms set by the Postal Service. An interface developer must advise its potential customers that its NCOA^{Link} software cannot be used by a party who is not or cannot be licensed by the Postal Service to use the NCOA^{Link} product.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27689]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

June 24, 2003.

Notice is hereby given that the following filings have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by July 18, 2003 to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After July 18, 2003, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Energy East Corp. (70-10119)

Energy East Corp. ("Energy East"), located at P.O. Box 12904 Albany, New York 12212-2904, a registered holding company under the Act, has filed an application under section 13(b) and rules 88, 90, and 91 under the Act. Energy East proposes to organize a second wholly owned subsidiary service company called Energy East Shared Services Corporation ("Shared Services") that will be a Delaware corporation.

Currently, Energy East has a Commission authorized service company for the Energy East holding company system, Energy East Management Corporation ("EEMC"). EEMC has a national and regional focus for its activities and will be principally engaged in general management and providing strategic services to the Energy East System after Shared Services is approved. EEMC's services will then include: overall corporate supervision of the Energy East system, strategic advice, investor relations, corporate finance, corporate governance and related activities associated with maintaining a public holding company that is a regional energy services provider, such as corporate financial consolidation and reporting.

In contrast, the second service company, Shared Services, proposes to provide the Energy East system with a variety of administrative and operations services. The services provided by Shared Services would be provided to the public utility subsidiary companies, listed below ("Utility Subsidiaries"), but a limited number of services in the human resources area such as payroll processing will be provided to EEMC and Energy East, where appropriate and consistent with the economical and efficient performance of services at cost. Shared Service's services may include: supply chain; information technology; accounting; human resources; customer service; payroll; engineering; regulatory services; and numerous other day today operating and administrative services that all Utility Subsidiaries require to operate. Energy East states that it is possible, that as functions are transitioned to Shared Services some services may be performed, for a limited period of time, by Utility Subsidiary personnel until the positions are formally transferred to Shared Services. To the extent that rule 87(a)(3) does not apply, Energy East requests, on behalf of the Utility Subsidiaries, authority for the Utility Subsidiaries to provide services to Shared Services.

Energy East holds direct or indirect interests in the following Utility

Subsidiaries, each of which is wholly owned by companies within the Energy East system:

- New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, a New York corporation and a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of RGS Energy Group, Inc., which purchases, transmits and distributes electricity and purchases, transports and distributes natural gas in parts of New York;

- RG&E, a New York corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of RGS, which generates, purchases, transmits and distributes electricity and purchases, transports and distributes natural gas in parts of New York;

- The Southern Connecticut Gas Company, a Connecticut corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Connecticut Energy, which is engaged in the retail distribution and transportation of natural gas in parts of Connecticut;

- Central Maine Power Company, a Maine corporation and a public utility holding company exempt from all provisions of the Act except Section 9(a)(2), by order issued under Section 3(a)(2), the common stock of which is wholly-owned by CMP Group, which is primarily engaged in purchasing, transmitting and distributing electricity in Maine;

- Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation, a Connecticut corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CTG Resources, which is primarily engaged in the retail distribution and transportation of natural gas to parts of Connecticut; and

- The Berkshire Gas Company, a Massachusetts corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berkshire Energy, which is engaged in the sale and distribution of natural gas in western Massachusetts;

- Maine Natural Gas Corporation, a Maine corporation which distributes gas in Maine and which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy East Enterprises, Inc., a Maine corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy East and a public utility holding company exempt from all provisions of the Act except Section 9(a)(2), by order issued under section 3(a)(1) of the Act.

Energy East also owns indirect interests in the following public utility companies: MEPCo, a Maine corporation, which owns and operates a 345kV transmission interconnection between Maine and New Brunswick, Canada international border at Orient, Maine. Central Maine Power presently owns a 78.3% voting interest in MEPCo with the remaining interests owned by two other Maine utilities; NORVARCO, a Maine corporation, which holds a

50% general partnership interest in Chester SVC Partnership, a general partnership which owns a static var compensator located in Chester, Maine, adjacent to MEPCo's transmission interconnection. NORVARCO is presently a wholly-owned subsidiary of Central Maine Power.

Shared Services will be a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Energy East. Shared Services capitalization will consist of 200 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share. Initially, Shared Services working capital needs will be met through intercompany borrowings from Energy East pursuant to rule 52(b). Shared Services proposes to provide the companies in the Energy East system with a variety of administrative and operations services. Shared Services' activities would be conducted in accordance with service agreements ("Service Agreements") that Shared Services will enter into with each of the companies that it serves.

The presidents of each of the Utility Subsidiaries will serve on the Board of Directors of Shared Services, in addition to other persons as may be elected from time to time. Shared Services will be staffed by employees who will be transferred over time from other Energy East system companies or who will be hired externally. The decision to move positions from the Utility Subsidiaries to Shared Services will be made function by function and position by position with a view towards maximizing system wide efficiency. Energy East, states the determinative factor whether a position is moved to the Shared Services payroll will be whether the employee in that position would spend the majority of his or her time on group-wide activities (and allocate his/her time between a number of companies) or company-specific activities (and allocate virtually all of his/her time to a single company). If the former, that position would generally be transferred to Shared Services. As a general rule, the individual system companies will continue to perform services that can benefit from individualized application at the company level, with Shared Services performing functions that can be more economically and efficiently performed in a centralized manner. To the extent that employees of system companies other than Shared Services are collecting data or information for use by Shared Services, management will provide the necessary direction to other system company employees and oversight as to the functions they perform to ensure proper coordination and efficient integration of the Energy East system.

The Service Agreements will provide methodologies to ensure that all client companies pay to Shared Services the cost of all services, computed in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations (including, but not limited to rules 90 and 91) under the Act and appropriate accounting standards. Where more than one client company is involved in, or has received benefits from, a service performed by Shared Services, the Service Agreements will provide that client companies will pay their fairly allocated pro rata share in accordance with the methods set out in appendices to the Service Agreements. Thus, charges for all services provided by Shared Services to Energy East system companies will be on an "at cost" basis as determined under rules 90 and 91 under the Act.

Shared Services will maintain its accounts, cost-accounting procedures and other records in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts for Mutual Service Companies and Subsidiary Service Companies utilizing, however, the chart of accounts specified in the FERC Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees (18 CFR part 101). Shared Services will file annual reports on Form U-13-60 in accordance with rule 94, commencing with the report for calendar year 2003.

No material change in the organization of Shared Services, the methods of allocating cost to associate companies, or in the scope or character of the services to be rendered by Shared Services, subject to section 13 of the Act, or any rule, regulation or order, shall be made unless and until Shared Services shall first have given the Commission written notice of the proposed change not less than 60 days prior to the proposed effectiveness of any such change. If, upon the receipt of any such notice, the Commission shall notify Shared Services within the 60-day period that a question exists as to whether the proposed change is consistent with the provisions of section 13 of the Act, or of any rule, regulation or order, then the proposed change shall not become effective unless and until Shared Services shall have filed with the Commission an appropriate declaration regarding such proposed change and the Commission shall have permitted such declaration to become effective.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-26080; File No. 812-12938]

Western-Southern Life Assurance Company, et al.; Notice of Application

June 25, 2003.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order pursuant to Section 26 (c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") approving certain substitutions of securities.

APPLICANTS: Western-Southern Life Assurance Company ("Western-Southern"), Separate Account 1 of Western-Southern ("Western-Southern Separate Account 1"), Separate Account 2 of Western-Southern ("Western-Southern Separate Account 2," together with Western-Southern Separate Account 1, the "Western-Southern Separate Accounts"), Integrity Life Insurance Company ("Integrity"), Separate Account I of Integrity ("Integrity Separate Account I"), Separate Account II of Integrity ("Integrity Separate Account II," together with Integrity Separate Account I, the "Integrity Separate Accounts"), National Integrity Life Insurance Company ("National Integrity"), Separate Account I of National Integrity ("National Integrity Separate Account I"), Separate Account II of National Integrity ("National Integrity Separate Account II," together with National Integrity Separate Account I, the "National Integrity Separate Accounts"), Columbus Life Insurance Company (Columbus Life" and together with Western-Southern, Integrity and National Integrity, the "Insurance Companies" and each individually, an "Insurance Company") and Separate Account 1 of Columbus Life ("Columbus Life Separate Account 1," and together with the Western-Southern Separate Accounts, the Integrity Separate Accounts and the National Integrity Separate Accounts, the "Separate Accounts") (collectively, the "Applicants").

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order approving the substitution of shares of (i) the

Touchstone Money Market Fund for shares of the Fidelity VIP Money Market Portfolio and (ii) the Putnam VT International Equity Fund (formerly the Putnam VT International Growth Fund) for the Touchstone International Equity Fund (each a "Substitution" collectively the "Substitutions").

FILING DATE: The application was filed on March 4, 2003 and was amended and restated on June 19, 2003.

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 Secretary of the Commission 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 18, 2003 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 may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants: G. Stephen Wastek, Esq., Integrity Life Insurance Company, 515 West Market Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Elisabeth A. Dahl, Esq., Western-Southern Life Assurance Company, 400 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 and Robert N. Hickey, Esq., Sullivan & Worcester LLP, 1666 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Yuna Peng, Attorney, at (202) 942-0676, or Lorna J. MacLeod, Branch Chief, at 202-942-0670, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549 (tel. (202) 942-8090).

Applicant's Representations

1. Western-Southern is a stock life insurance company organized under the laws of the State of Ohio. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company ("WSLIC"). WSLIC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Western-Southern Mutual Holding Company, a mutual holding company organized under the laws of the State of Ohio in 2000.

2. Integrity is a stock life insurance company organized under the laws of Ohio. Integrity is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of WSLIC.

3. National Integrity is a stock life insurance company organized under the laws of New York. National Integrity is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Integrity and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of WSLIC.

4. Columbus Life is a stock life insurance company organized under the laws of the State of Ohio. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of WSLIC.

5. Western-Southern Separate Account 1 was established under Ohio law in 1992. Western-Southern Separate Account 1 is registered under the Act as a unit investment trust and is used to fund variable annuity contracts issued by Western-Southern. Two variable annuity contracts funded by Western-Southern Separate Account 1 are affected by this application.

6. Western-Southern Separate Account 2 was established under Ohio law in 1994. Western-Southern Separate Account 2 is registered under the Act as a unit investment trust and is used to fund variable annuity contracts issued by Western-Southern. One variable annuity contract funded by Western-Southern Separate Account 2 is affected by this application.

7. Integrity Separate Account I was established under Ohio law in 1986. Integrity Separate Account I is registered under the Act as a unit investment trust and is used to fund variable annuity contracts issued by Integrity. Three variable annuity contracts funded by Integrity Separate Account I are affected by this application.

8. Integrity Separate Account II was established under Ohio law in 1992. Integrity Separate Account II is registered under the Act as a unit investment trust and is used to fund variable annuity contracts issued by Integrity. One variable annuity contract funded by Integrity Separate Account II is affected by this application.

9. National Integrity Separate Account I was established under New York law in 1992. National Integrity Separate Account I is registered under the Act as a unit investment trust and is used to fund variable annuity contracts issued by National Integrity. Three variable annuity contracts funded by National Integrity Separate Account I are affected by this application.

10. National Integrity Separate Account II was established under New York law in 1992. National Integrity Separate Account II is registered under the Act as a unit investment trust and is used to fund variable annuity