

organizations and experts in the fields of labor relations or pay policy. The Council makes recommendations to the President's Pay Agent (the Secretary of Labor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management) about the locality pay program for General Schedule employees under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code. The Council's recommendations cover the establishment or modification of locality pay areas, the coverage of salary surveys, the process of comparing Federal and non-Federal rates of pay, and the level of comparability payments that should be paid.

At this meeting, the Council will consider whether any changes should be recommended in locality pay area boundaries and may also consider which geographic locations should be surveyed for locality pay purposes and other aspects of the locality pay program. The Council will review the new metropolitan statistical areas announced by the Office of Management and Budget in June 2003, new commuting pattern data, and other information related to establishing or modifying locality pay area boundaries. The Council will meet again later this fall to continue this review and formulate its recommendations for locality pay areas, methodology, and rates for 2005. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: September 3, 2003, at 1 p.m.

Location: Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 5303 (Pendleton Room), Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald J. Winstead, Deputy Associate Director for Pay and Performance Policy, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7H31, Washington, DC 20415-8200. Phone (202) 606-2838; FAX (202) 606-0824; or e-mail at pay-performance-policy@opm.gov.

For the President's Pay Agent

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

NAME OF AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, August 20, 2003, at 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Commission conference room, 1333 H Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Decision in Docket No. MC2003-2, Experimental Parcel Return Services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Rate Commission, Suite 300, 1333 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20268-0001, 202-789-6820.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

Steven W. Williams,
Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting

Governors Vote To Close August 11, 2003, Meeting

By telephone vote on August 11, 2003, a majority of the Governors contacted and voting, the Governors voted to close to public observation a meeting held via teleconference. The Governors determined that prior public notice was not possible.

ITEM CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.

GENERAL COUNSEL CERTIFICATION:

The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting was properly closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, William T. Johnstone, at (202) 268-4800.

William T. Johnstone,

Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

Summary: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information of the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s): (1)
Collection title: Application for Spouse

Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-3, AA-3cert.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0042.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 10/31/2003.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 8,500.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 8,500.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 4,297.

(10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Act provides for the payment of annuities to spouses of railroad retirement annuitants who meet the requirements under the Act. The application obtains information supporting the claim for benefits based on being a spouse of an annuitant. The information is used for determining entitlement to and amount of the annuity applied for.

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Extension:

Form F-3; OMB Control No. 3235-0256;

SEC File No. 270-251

Form F-7; OMB Control No. 3235-0383;

SEC File No. 270-331

Form F-8; OMB Control No. 3235-0378;

SEC File No. 270-332

Schedule 14D-1F; OMB Control No. 3235-

0376; SEC File No. 270-338

Schedule 14D-9F; OMB Control No. 3235-

0382; SEC File No. 270-339

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Form F-3 is used by foreign issuers to register securities pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933. The information collected is intended to ensure that the information required to be filed by the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information. The information provided is mandatory and all information is made available to the public upon request. Form F-3 it takes approximately 166 hours per response and is filed by approximately 120 respondents for a total burden of 19,920 hours. It is estimated that 25% of the total burden hours (4,980 reporting burden hours) is prepared by the issuer.

Form F-7 may be used to register under the Securities Act securities offered for cash upon exercise of rights that are granted to its existing shareholders of the registrant to purchase or subscribe such securities. The information collected is intended to ensure that the information required to be filed by the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information. The information provided is mandatory and all information is made available to the public upon request. Approximately 5 respondents file Form F-7 and it takes approximately 4 hours per response for a total burden of 20 hours. It is estimated that 25% of the total burden hours (5 reporting burden hours) is prepared by the company.

Form F-8 may be used to register under the Securities Act securities of certain Canadian issuers to be used in exchange offers or business combinations. The information collected is intended to ensure that the information required to be filed by the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information. The information provided is mandatory and all information is made available to the public upon request. Approximately 10 respondents file Form F-8 and it takes approximately 1 hour per response for a total burden of 10 hours. It is estimated that 25% of the total burden hours (2.5 reporting burden hours) is prepared by the company.

Schedule 14D-1F may be used by any person making a cash tender or exchange offer (the "bidder") for securities of any issuer incorporated or organized under the laws of Canada or any Canadian province or territory that is a foreign private issuer, where less than 40% of the outstanding class of such issuer's securities that is the subject of the offer is held by U.S. holders. Schedule 14D-1F is designed to facilitate cross-border transactions in securities of Canadian issuers. The information required to be filed with the Commission is intended to permit verification of compliance with the securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information. The information provided is mandatory and all information is made available to the public upon request. Approximately 5 respondents file Schedule 14D-1F and it takes approximately 2 hours per response for total burden of 10 hours.

Schedule 14D-9F is used by any issuer incorporated or organized under the laws of Canada or any Canadian province or territory that is foreign private issuer (the "subject company"), or by any director or officer of such issuer, where the issuer's is the subject of a cash tender or exchange offer for a class of securities filed on Schedule 14D-1F. The information required to be filed with the Commission is intended to permit verification of compliance with the securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information. The information provided is mandatory and all information is made available to the public upon request. Approximately 5 respondents file Schedule 14D-9F and it takes approximately 2 hours per response for total burden of 10 hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 8, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 26146; 812-12784]

Nations Fund Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

August 11, 2003.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") under (i) section 6(c) of the Act granting an exemption from sections 18(f) and 21(b) of the Act; (ii) section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act granting an exemption from section 12(d)(1) of the Act; (iii) sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act granting an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(3) of the Act; and (iv) section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order that would permit certain registered investment companies to participate in a joint lending and borrowing facility.

APPLICANTS: Nations Funds Trust, Nations Separate Account Trust, Nations Master Investment Trust (collectively, the "Trusts"), and Banc of America Capital Management, LLC ("BACAP").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on February 26, 2002, and amended on August 4, 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 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 September 4, 2003 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 notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC