

3. Applicants represent that the Substitution will be effected at net asset value in conformity with Section 22(c) and 22(g) of the 1940 Act and Rule 22c-1 thereunder. The Substitution may be effected primarily for cash, but also may involve partial redemptions in-kind of securities ("Related Transactions"). The use of in-kind redemptions in conformity with Section 22(g) of the 1940 Act would alleviate the impact of the brokerage fees and expenses upon GWL&A or the investment adviser or sub-adviser of the Substituted Portfolio, as these entities will bear all expenses related to the Substitution. The Related Transactions will be effected to the extent consistent with the investment objectives and any applicable diversification requirements.

4. GWL&A or the investment adviser of the Substituted Portfolio will assume the transfer and custodial expenses and legal and accounting fees incurred with respect to the Substitution. Participants will not incur any fees or charges as a result of the transfer of account values from any portfolio. Applicants represent that there will be no increase in the Contract or Separate Account fees and charges after the Substitution.

Applicants further represent that the Substitution is designed to avoid any adverse federal tax impact to the Contract owners or participants.

5. Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act authorizes the Commission to exempt any person, security, or transaction for any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions from the provisions of the 1940 Act, if and to the extent that such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the 1940 Act.

6. Section 17(a)(1) of the 1940 Act prohibits any affiliated person, or an affiliate of an affiliated person, of a registered investment company, from selling any security or other property to such registered investment company. Section 17(a)(2) of the 1940 Act prohibits any affiliated person from purchasing any security or other property from such registered investment company.

7. Section 17(b) of the 1940 Act authorizes the Commission to issue an order exempting a proposed transaction from Section 17(a) if: (a) The terms of the proposed transaction are fair and reasonable and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned; (b) the proposed transaction is consistent with the policy of each registered investment company concerned; and (c) the proposed

transaction is consistent with the general purposes of the 1940 Act.

8. Applicants request an order pursuant to Sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the 1940 Act exempting the Related Transactions from the provisions of Sections 17(a) of the 1940 Act.

9. Applicants represent that the terms of the Substitution are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned. The Substitution will be effected at the net asset value of the securities involved and the interests of Contract owners will not be diluted. In-kind redemptions will alleviate some of the expenses involved with the Substitution and only will be used to the extent they are consistent with the investment objectives and applicable diversification requirements of the affected portfolios.

10. The Applicants represent that the Substitution and the Related Transactions are consistent with the policies of each investment company involved and the general purposes of the 1940 Act, and comply with the requirements of both Section 6(c) and 17(b).

Conclusion

Applicants assert that, for the reasons summarized above, the requested order approving the Substitution and Related Transactions should be granted.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

Time Change/Agency Meeting

The time for the closed meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., has been changed to 4:00 p.m. (previously announced in 62 FR 10303, March 6, 1997).

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following closed meeting during the week of March 17, 1997.

A closed meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has

certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a) (4), (8), (9)(i) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Hunt, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions.

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

Opinions.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alternations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: March 11, 1997.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated Relating to SEC Transaction Fees

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on February 18, 1997, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The CHX has designated this proposal as one constituting a change to a due, fee, or other charge under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, which renders the rule effective upon receipt of this filing. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organizations Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to codify in its fee schedule the CHX's collection of SEC transaction fees assessed pursuant

to Section 31 of the Act,¹ as authorized by CHX Article XV, Rule 4.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the CHX included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Congress recently enacted the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996 ("Improvement Act") and the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997 ("Appropriations Act"), which together require national securities associations to pay SEC transaction fees for transactions in certain OTC securities.

As a result of the Improvement Act and Appropriations Act, the SEC has amended Rule 31-1² to eliminate the current exemption from SEC transaction fees for transactions in OTC securities occurring on the CHX (as a national securities exchange) that are either listed on the CHX or are traded on the CHX pursuant to unlisted trading privileges ("OTC/UTP Securities"). Thus, effective January 1, 1997, the CHX is required to pay to the Commission a transaction fee for sales of OTC/UTP Securities transacted on the CHX.³ Additionally, pursuant to the Improvement Act, effective October 1, 1997, these fees, as well as the traditional SEC transaction fees on exchange-registered securities that are not OTC/UTP Securities, will become payable to the SEC twice a year, as opposed to once a year as required by existing Section 31 of the Act.

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to codify the imposition of SEC transaction fees in the Exchange's fee schedule.

2. Statutory Basis

The CHX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁴ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and issuers and persons using its facilities.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange and therefore has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and subparagraph (e) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submission should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington D.C. Copies of such filing

also will be available for inspection and copying at the Exchange. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CHX-97-04 and should be submitted by April 4, 1997.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection Requests and Submissions for OMB Review

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget as well as information collection packages submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for clearance.

I. The Social Security Administration publishes a list of information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection(s) listed below requires extension of the current OMB approval(s):

1. 0960-0462—You Can Make Your Payments by Credit Cards. The information on Forms SSA-4588 & SSA-4589 will be used to update the individual's social security record to reflect that a payment has been made on their overpayment and to effectuate payment through the appropriate credit card company.

Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

2. 0960-0323—Third Party Liability Information Statement. Form SSA-8019 is used by the Social Security Administration to gather information or to make changes in existing information about third party insurance (other than Medicare or Medicaid), which could be responsible for payment for a beneficiary's medical care.

Number of Respondents: 65,400.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78ee.

² 17 CFR 240.31-1.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 38073 (December 23, 1996), 61 FR 68590 (December 30, 1996).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).