

information proposals submitted by the Panama Canal Commission in conjunction with a revision of its navigation regulations (35 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter C), and assigned this collection OMB Number 3207-0001 with an expiration date of December 31, 1984. Prior to the expiration of the collection, PCC requested another extension and received OMB approval through March 31, 1988. PCC continued requesting approval in subsequent expiration years and received extensions through August 31, 1991, September 30, 1994 and September 30, 1997. The forms required by those regulations, which make up the collection of information, are used to collect, from vessels arriving in the Panama Canal waters, information required to assure the vessels are in compliance with Panama Canal Commission shipping and navigation regulations. The information collected will be used for economic analyses, traffic forecasting, identification, tonnage calculation, billing, safety and sanitation purposes.

Description of Respondents: Canal users.

Frequency of Response: When arriving in Panama Canal waters.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,487.

Estimated Total Hours per Response: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 32,974.

Jacinto Wong,

Chief Information Officer, Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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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 (Public Law 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 for Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), is used by OPM to pay refunds of retirement contributions when the information is

not included on the SF 3106, Application for Refund for 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.

Approximately 5000 RI 95-4 forms will be completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 30 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 2,500 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

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: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Management Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review and Request for Comments on Federal Wage System Data Collection Forms

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 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 data collection forms. The Establishment Information Form, the Wage Data Collection Form, and the Wage Data Collection Continuation Form are wage survey forms developed by OPM and used by two lead agencies, the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Data collectors survey 21,200 businesses annually to determine the level of wages paid by private sector establishments for representative jobs common to both private industry and the Federal Government. Each survey collection

requires 1-4 hours of respondent burden, resulting in a total yearly burden of 75,800 hours. The lead agencies use this information to establish rates of pay for Federal Wage System employees. For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or email to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal must be received within 30 calendar days after September 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Donald J. Winstead, Assistant Director for Compensation Policy, Human Resources Systems Service, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7H31, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATION COORDINATION CONTACT: Angela Graham Humes, Wage Systems Division, (202) 606-2848.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia H. Paige, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR part 213 on July 25, 1997 (62 FR 40124). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between July 1, 1997, and July 31, 1997, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

The following Schedule A authorities were established during July 1997.

Department of the Treasury

Not to exceed 20 positions in the Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement). Employment under this authority may not exceed 4 years, and no new appointments may be made after July 31, 2001. Effective July 17, 1997.

Department of Defense

Positions at grades GS-3 through GS-12 within any Department of Defense agency or office with National Security responsibilities when filled by National Security Education Program scholarship and fellowship recipients. Appointments under this authority may not exceed 4 years. Effective July 28, 1997.

The following Schedule A authorities were revoked during July 1997.

Department of Commerce

One position of Administrative Assistant, GS-301-8, in the Office of Economic Affairs. New appointments may not be made after March 30, 1979. Effective July 21, 1997.

Not to exceed 20 professional and scientific positions at grades GS-9 through GS-12 filled by participants in the ASA research trainee program. Employment of any individual under this authority may not exceed 2 years. Effective July 21, 1997.

Subject to prior approval of OPM, which shall not be contingent upon a showing of inadequate housing facilities, meteorological aid positions at the following stations in Alaska: Barrow, Bethal, Kotzebue, McGrath, Northway, and St. Paul Island. Effective July 21, 1997.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during July 1997.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during July 1997.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective July 24, 1997.

Department of Agriculture

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning. Effective July 7, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Civil Rights. Effective July 18, 1997.

Director for Public Outreach to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective July 30, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective July 30, 1997.

Department of the Army (DOD)

Special Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army (International Affairs). Effective July 30, 1997.

Department of Defense

International Counterdrug Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Drug Enforcement Policy and Support). Effective July 2, 1997.

Nine positions of Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant for White House Liaison. Effective July 7, 1997.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant for White House Liaison. Effective July 25, 1997.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary (Office of Postsecondary Education). Effective July 3, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Advisor to the Secretary. Effective July 10, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Intergovernmental and Interagency Coordination. Effective July 17, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Effective July 24, 1997.

Director, White House Initiative on Hispanic Education to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective July 24, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 24, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Counselor to the Secretary. Effective July 25, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Services. Effective July 28, 1997.

Department of Energy

Director, Office of Scheduling and Logistics to the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Management. Effective July 2, 1997.

Deputy Director, Scheduling and Logistics to the Director, Scheduling and Logistics. Effective July 2, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Scheduling and Logistics. Effective July 2, 1997.

Briefing Book Coordinator to the Director, Scheduling and Logistics. Effective July 2, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Scheduling and Logistics. Effective July 2, 1997.

Intergovernmental Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Budget and Policy. Effective July 11, 1997.

Director of Communications to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency

and Renewable Energy. Effective July 17, 1997.

Special Projects Officer to the Director, Office of Public Relations. Effective July 18, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Effective July 28, 1997.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments to the Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing. Effective July 7, 1997.

Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner. Effective July 14, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Empowerment. Effective July 24, 1997.

Secretary's Representative (Great Plains) to the Deputy Secretary. Effective July 31, 1997.

Legal Issues Coordinator to the Deputy General Counsel for Program and Regulations. Effective July 31, 1997.

Associate General Deputy Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Housing. Effective July 31, 1997.

Department of the Interior

Special Assistant to the Director, National Park Service. Effective July 2, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director, National Park Service. Effective July 2, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective July 18, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Surface of Mining. Effective July 24, 1997.

Department of Justice

Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division. Effective July 3, 1997.

Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective July 11, 1997.

Assistant to the Attorney General. Effective July 18, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Chairman, United States Postal Commission. Effective July 21, 1997.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Labor. Effective July 1, 1997.

Director of Scheduling and Advance to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 8, 1997.

Counselor to the Deputy Secretary of Labor. Effective July 11, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Labor. Effective July 21, 1997.

Press Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective July 22, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective July 28, 1997.

Department of State

Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organizations Affairs. Effective July 11, 1997.

Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs. Effective July 11, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Ambassador-at-Large. Effective July 14, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director, Foreign Service Institute. Effective July 29, 1997.

Department of the Treasury

Economist to the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. Effective July 10, 1997.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective July 31, 1997.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Executive Assistant to the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective July 28, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director, National Cemetery System. Effective July 28, 1997.

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for State and Local Relations to the Associate Administrator. Effective July 15, 1997.

Export-Import Bank of the United States

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Chairman. Effective July 22, 1997.

Special Assistant to the President and Chairman, Export Import Bank of the United States. Effective July 29, 1997.

Federal Communications Commission

Special Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Effective July 3, 1997.

Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs to the Chairman. Effective July 11, 1997.

Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective July 18, 1997.

General Services Administration

Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator (Boston, MA). Effective July 24, 1997.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Events Assistant to the Director. Effective July 10, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 22, 1997.

Small Business Administration

Deputy to the Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Economic Development. Effective July 22, 1997.

United States Information Agency

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of International Visitors. Effective July 17, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Voice of America. Effective July 24, 1997.

United States Tax Court

Six positions of Trial Clerk to a Judge. Effective July 17, 1997.

United States Trade and Development Agency

Special Assistant for the Public Affairs and Marketing to the Director, Trade and Development Agency. Effective July 17, 1997.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1943-1958 Comp., P.218. Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

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PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REVIEW COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Physician Payment Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, September 18, 1997 and Friday, September 19, 1997, at the Sheraton City Centre, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be in the New Hampshire One and Two rooms. The meetings are tentatively scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on September 18th and 19th.

Among the topics the Commission will discuss are:

- its work plan for the coming year,
- key provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997,
- access to care for Medicare beneficiaries,
- implementation of practice expense relative values,
- development of resource-based malpractice expense relative values,

- risk adjustment,
- Medicare spending, and
- federal premium contribution.

The Commission will also be briefed by John Eisenberg, M.D. concerning the agenda of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, and Janet Corrigan, Ph.D. concerning the work of the President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality. A panel on the progress of AHCP's Consumer Assessment of Health Plans is also planned.

Final agendas will be mailed on September 12, 1997 and will be available on the Commission's web site (www.pprc.gov) at that time.

ADDRESSES: 2120 L Street, NW.; Suite 200; Washington, DC 20037. The telephone number is 202/653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Johnson, Executive Assistant, at 202/653-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you are not on the Commission mailing list and wish to receive an agenda, please call 202/653-7220 after September 12, 1997.

Lauren LeRoy,

Executive Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 22804; 812-10682]

GE Funds, et al.; Notice of Application

August 29, 1997.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants seek an order to permit certain series of GE Funds to acquire all of the assets and assume certain of the liabilities of certain series of the Investors Trust.

APPLICANTS: GE Funds (the "Company") and Investors Trust (the "Trust").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on May 23, 1997, and amended on August 28, 1997.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be