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**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Procedures are detailed in PBGC regulations: 29 CFR part 4902.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Same as notification procedure.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Same as notification procedure.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Subject individual, plan administrators, labor organization officials, firms or agencies providing locator services, and other Federal agencies.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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**POSTAL SERVICE**

**Retirement Plan for Manually Set Postage Meters**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed plan with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service recently completed the first phase of a plan to remove insecure postage meters from the marketplace with the decertification of mechanical postage meters. A plan is herewith proposed for the second phase, which is the retirement of manually reset electronic meters. Upon completion of this phase all meters in service will offer enhanced levels of security, thereby greatly reducing the Postal Service's exposure to meter fraud, misuse, and loss of revenue.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the Manager, Postage Technology Management, U.S. Postal Service, Room 8430, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington DC 20260-2444. Copies of all written comments will be available at the above address for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicholas S. Stankosky, (202) 268-5311.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1996 the Postal Service, in cooperation with all authorized postage meter manufacturers, began a phase-out, or decertification, of all mechanical postage meters because of identified cases of indiscernible tampering and misuse. Postal revenues were proven to

be at serious risk. With the recent completion of this initial effort, 776,000 mechanical meters have been withdrawn from service. Recent advances in postage meter technology offer high levels of security, operational reliability, and flexibility for meter users. As a result, the Postal Service is addressing the next category of meter insecurity, namely electronic meters that are manually set by postal employees. Of the current total installed population of 1,587,000 meters, over 92 percent are remotely set through telephone access to a manufacturer's setting center. Customers have recognized the advantages of remote setting, and as a result the marketplace has moved in a positive direction. The remaining 145,000 manually set electronic meters are to be retired and no longer authorized for use as postage evidencing devices. It is the Postal Service's intent to make this an orderly process minimizing impacts on meter users. A schedule has been devised that gives meter users ample time to make timely and intelligent decisions on replacement meters. The Postal Service proposed plan is as follows:

1. Effective February 1, 2000, new placements of manually reset electronic postage meters ceased. The edict applies to new customers as well as existing meter users. All meter manufacturers were notified of this policy and are complying.

2. Meters must be withdrawn at the expiration of a user's lease, with one exception. The Postal Service will allow a lease extension up to December 31, 2001, for any lease which expires during calendar year 2000. No other lease extensions are permitted by the Postal Service. Manufacturers or users cannot avoid meter retirement by the manipulation of leases.

3. Some users currently have multiple-year leases which expire after June 30, 2001. Any meter covered under such a lease may be used until the lease expires.

4. All retired meters must be withdrawn from active service records immediately upon lease expiration. Manufacturers must process PS Form 3601-C, Postage Meter Activity Report, to withdraw the meter effective the lease expiration date.

5. Retired meters must be physically returned to the manufacturer within 30 business days after lease expiration. The use of a retired meter in the time period between the expiration date and when the meter is returned to the manufacturer may result in the cancellation of the user's meter license.

6. Official notification to users explaining this action will be sent

directly by the Manager, Postage Technology Management, Postal Service Headquarters. No other correspondence will be considered to be official.

7. Any manufacturer correspondence to these meter users must be provided to and reviewed by the Manager, Postage Technology Management prior to distribution.

8. Manufacturers will provide the Postal Service with a complete listing of lease expiration dates including those extended under item 2 above.

9. The meters affected by this rule are:

*Ascom Hasler*

1441  
1446  
SM1441  
SM1446  
16410  
16410TMS  
16413  
16463  
SM16410  
SM16413  
SM16463  
17563  
SM17563  
741  
SM741  
7410  
7413  
SM7410  
SM7413  
7560  
7563  
SM7560  
SM7563

*Neopost*

9212  
9212G  
9248  
9248G  
9252  
9252G  
9257  
9257G  
9258  
9258G  
9252U  
9257U  
9258U  
9258UG  
9267  
9268  
9268G

*Francotyp-Postalia*

7000  
7100  
7200

*Pitney Bowes*

6501  
6502  
6513  
B901

E101  
E102

A final plan will be published after all comments have been received from interested parties and reviewed by the Postal Service.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

#### Extension:

Form T-6, SEC File No. 270-344, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0391  
Form 11-K, SEC File No. 270-101, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0082  
Form 144, SEC File No. 270-112, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0101  
Regulation S-B, SEC File No. 270-370,  
OMB Control No. 3235-0417

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") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Form T-6 is a statement of eligibility and qualification for a foreign corporate trustee under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. Form T-6 provides the basis for determining if a trustee is qualified. All information is provided to the public upon request. Form T-6 takes approximately 17 burden hours to be prepared and is filed by 15 respondents. It is estimated that 25% of the 255 total burden hours (64 hours) would be prepared by the filer.

Form 11-K is the annual report designed for use by employee stock purchase, savings and similar plans to facilitate their compliance with the reporting requirement. Form 11-K is necessary to provide employees with information, including financial information, with respect to the investment vehicle or plan itself. Form 11-K provides the employees in turn with the necessary information to assess the performance of the investment vehicle in which their money is invested. Form 11-K is filed on

occasion and the information required is mandatory. All information is provided to the public upon request. Form 11-K takes approximately 30 burden hours to prepare and is filed by 774 respondents for a total of 23,220 annual burden hours.

Form 144 is used to report the sale of securities during any three month period that exceeds 500 shares or other units or has an aggregate sales price in excess of \$10,000. The information requested is mandatory. Form 144 operates in conjunction with Rule 144. If the information collection was not required, the objectives of the rule could be frustrated. All information is provided to the public upon request. Form 144 takes approximately 2 burden hours to prepare and is filed by 18,096 respondents for a total of 36,192 annual burden hours.

Regulation S-B provides an integrated disclosure system for small business issuers that file registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933 and reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The information requested is mandatory. The information collected is intended to ensure the adequacy of information is available to investors in the registration of securities. All information is provided to the public upon request. Regulation S-B takes approximately one burden hour to review and is filed by one respondent for a total of one annual burden hour. The one hour associated with Regulation S-B is strictly an administrative reporting burden.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: April 19, 2000.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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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 T-1, SEC File No. 270-121, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0110  
Form T-2, SEC File No. 270-122, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0111  
Form T-3, SEC File No. 270-123, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0105  
Form T-4, SEC File No. 270-124, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0107  
Rule 14f-1, SEC File No. 270-127, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0108  
Rule 12d1-3, SEC File No. 270-116, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0109

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 on the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Form T-1 is a statement of eligibility and qualification for corporate trustee under the Trust Indenture Act. Form T-1 is filed on occasion. The information required by form T-1 is mandatory. All information is provided to the public upon request. Form T-1 takes 15 burden hours to prepare and is filed by 180 respondents for a total of 2,700 burden hours.

Form T-2 is a statement of eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of an individual designated to act as trustee. The information required by Form T-2 is mandatory. All information is provided to the public upon request. Form T-2 takes 9 burden hours to prepare and is filed by 36 respondents for a total of 324 burden hours.

Form T-3 is used as an application for qualification of indentures pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act, but only when securities to be issued thereunder are not required to be registered under the Securities Act of 1933. The information required by Form T-3 is mandatory. All information is provided to the public upon request. T-3 takes 43 burden hours to prepare and is filed by 55 respondents for a total of 2,365 burden hours.