

Petitions to Intervene; Request for Suspension of Proceeding; Requests for Access to Confidential Documents and for Additional Time to Submit Issues" be held on March 6, and one less than on week's notice to the public.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smi/schedule.htm>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: March 8, 2001.

David Louis Gamberoni,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Meeting: April 13, 2001—Arlington, VA

Discussion of using multiple lines of evidence to increase confidence in the performance assessments of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel; what approaches might be taken to develop those multiple lines of evidence; and the degree to which those lines of evidence might be independent of performance assessment.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, on Friday, April 13, 2001, an ad hoc panel of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) will meet in Arlington, VA, to discuss the ways in which multiple lines of evidence might be used to increase confidence in the performance assessments of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel. The meeting is open to the public. An opportunity for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Department of Energy (DOE) related to civilian radioactive waste management.

The meeting will be held at the Arlington Hilton Hotel; 950 North

Stafford Street; Arlington, VA 22203. The telephone number for the hotel is 703-528-6000; the fax number is 703-812-5127. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.; it is scheduled to end at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting will begin with a presentation by a representative of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management in DOE on work already completed or under way to develop multiple lines of evidence. Members of the Board's *ad hoc* panel, several experts from DOE, and three outside consultants retained by the Board will then make short presentations of their views on how multiple line of evidence might be developed and used to increase confidence in the performance assessments of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository. The rest of the meeting will be devoted to informal discussion of various issues associated with developing multiple lines of evidence.

A block or rooms has been reserved at the Arlington Hilton Hotel. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. For more information, contact the NWTRB, Dr. Daniel Metlay, Senior Professional Staff; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495; (e-mail) metlay@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, evaluates the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy related to managing the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its suitability as the location of a potential repository for the permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Dated: March 8, 2001.

William D. Barnard,

Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-447 OMB Control No. 3235-0504]

Request For Public Comment

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and

Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 19b-4(e) and Form 19b-4(e).

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 collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 19b-4(e) permits a self-regulatory organization ("SRO") to immediately list and trade a new derivative securities product so long as such product is in compliance with the criteria of Rule 19b-4(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"). However, in order for the Commission to maintain an accurate record of all new derivative securities products traded through the facilities of SROs and to determine whether an SRO has properly availed itself of the permission granted by Rule 19b-4(e), it is necessary that the SRO maintain, on-site, a copy of Form 19b-4(e) under the Act. Rule 19b-4(e) requires SROs to file a summary form, Form 19b-4(e), and thereby notify the Commission, within five business days after the commencement of trading a new derivative securities product. In addition, the Commission reviews SRO compliance with Rule 19b-4(e) through its routine inspections of the SROs.

The collection of information is designed to allow the Commission to maintain an accurate record of all new derivative securities products traded through the facilities of SROs and to determine whether an SRO has properly availed itself of the permission granted by Rule 19b-4(e).

The respondents to the collection of information are self-regulatory organizations (as defined by the Act), including national securities exchanges and national securities associations.

Ten respondents file an average total of 100 responses per year, which corresponds to an estimated annual response burden of 100 hours. At an average cost per burden hour of \$47.50, the resultant total related cost of compliance for these respondents is \$4,750 per year (100 burden hours multiplied by \$47.50/hour=\$4,750).

Written comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate

of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be 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.

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

Dated: March 6, 2001.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-24889; File No. 812-12372]

Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, et al.

March 9, 2001.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order of approval under Section 26(b) and order of exemption under Sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act").

Applicants: Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America ("Allianz Life"), Allianz Life Variable Account A ("Allianz Account A"), Allianz Life Variable Account B ("Allianz Account B"), Preferred Life Insurance Company of New York ("Preferred Life") and Preferred Life Variable Account C ("Preferred Life Account C"). Allianz Life and Preferred Life are collectively referred to as "Insurance Company Applicants." Allianz Account A, Allianz Account B and Preferred Life Account C are collectively referred to as "Separate Account Applicants," and together with the Insurance Company Applicants are referred to as "Applicants."

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION: The Applicants request an order of approval to permit the substitution of shares of the Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust's (the "Trust") Templeton Pacific Growth Securities Fund (the "Pacific Growth Fund" or the "Replaced Fund") with shares of the

Trust's Templeton International Securities Fund (the "International Fund" or the "Substituting Fund") and to permit certain in-kind redemptions and purchases of the portfolio securities of these funds and the combination of subaccounts in connection with the substitution.

Filing Date: Applicants filed an application on December 21, 2000. Applicants represent that they will file an amended and restated application during the notice period to conform to the representations set forth herein.

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 March 28, 2001, 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., 20549-0609. Applicants, c/o Joan E. Boros, Jorden Burt Boros Cicchetti & Johnson, LLP, 1025 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW., Suite 400 East, Washington, DC 20007-0806, and c/o Lynn Stone, Blazzard, Grood & Hasenauer, P.C., 943 Post Road East, P.O. Box 5108, Westport, Connecticut 06881.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harry Eisenstein, Senior Counsel, or Keith Carpenter, Branch Chief, Division of Investment Management, Office of Insurance Products, at (202) 942-0670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application is available for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. (202) 942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. Allianz Life was organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota in 1896. Allianz Life offers fixed and variable life insurance and annuities and group life, accident and health insurance. Allianz Life is licensed to do direct business in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Allianz Life is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Allianz Versicherungs AG Holding.

2. Preferred Life was organized under the laws of the state of New York. Preferred Life offers annuities and group life, group accident and health insurance and variable annuity products. Preferred Life is licensed to do business in six states, including New York and the District of Columbia. Preferred Life is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Allianz Versicherungs AG Holding.

3. Allianz Account A is a segregated asset account of Allianz Life. Allianz Account A was established by Allianz Life on May 31, 1985, under Minnesota insurance laws. Allianz Account A is used to fund certain life insurance policies issued by Allianz Life. Allianz Account A is divided into several subaccounts, each of which invests in and reflects the investment performance of a specific underlying registered investment company or portfolio thereof. Allianz Account A is registered as a unit investment trust under the 1940 Act.

4. Allianz Account B is a segregated asset account of Allianz Life. Allianz Account B was established by Allianz Life on May 31, 1985, under Minnesota insurance laws. Allianz Account B is used to fund certain variable annuity contracts issued by Allianz Life. Allianz Account B is divided into several subaccounts, each of which invests in and reflects the investment performance of a specific underlying registered investment company or portfolio thereof. Allianz Account B is registered as a unit investment trust under the 1940 Act.

5. Preferred Life Account C is a segregated asset account of Preferred Life. Preferred Life Account C was established by Preferred Life on February 26, 1988 under New York insurance laws. Preferred Life Account C is used to fund certain variable annuity contracts issued by Preferred Life. Preferred Life Account C is divided into several subaccounts, each of which invests in and reflects the investment performance of a specific underlying registered investment company or portfolio thereof. Preferred Account C is registered as a unit investment trust under the 1940 Act.

6. The segregated asset accounts support certain variable annuity contracts and variable life policies (collectively, the "Contracts") issued by the Insurance Company Applicants. Under the Contracts, the Insurance Company Applicants reserved the right to substitute one of the variable investment options with another variable investment option after