

Advertising Association of America, <http://www.aaaa.org>; and Scenic America, <http://www.scenic.org>.

Since the adoption of the HBA and the implementing regulations, there have been substantial changes in relevant practices, technologies, and local conditions. As a result, many of those affected by the OAC program see an increasing gap between current Federal law and regulations and the needs of States, local communities, advertisers, sign owners, owners of properties on which signs are located, interest groups, and the traveling public.

The U.S. Institute and the FHWA initiated the neutral assessment of the OAC program to identify issues that cause controversy, gather the perspectives of various stakeholders on those issues, and identify potential methods for addressing conflicts in order to improve program results. Assessment activities, carried out by the U.S. Institute and its contractor, The Osprey Group, commenced following publication of the **Federal Register** notice described above.

Over several months, the assessment team obtained diverse perspectives through interviews, focus groups, and public listening sessions, supplemented by public comment letters filed in the docket. Substantial input was received and was considered by the assessment team when it prepared its OAC program assessment report.

The assessment report identifies a broad range of attitude/relationship, organization, and substantive OAC program issues. Among these are regulatory approaches to new billboard technology; control of sham businesses and sham zoning that permit erection of billboards in non-commercial and industrial areas; future of non-conforming signs; vegetation control in the vicinity of billboards; consistency in administration of regulations and enforcement; future of the 1958 bonus program, enacted prior to the HBA, by PL 85-381, to control outdoor advertising through bonus payments to States that elected to enter into agreements to meet the stricter requirements; increased FHWA flexibility in enforcement mechanisms for failure to maintain effective control; update of Federal-State Agreements that govern States' OAC obligations; Highway Beautification Act scope associated with highways not within the National Highway System; and evaluation of organizational structures and commitments to the OAC program.

Conclusion

The U.S. Institute's report and the comments submitted in response to this

notice will provide valuable information to the FHWA and other stakeholders, helping them to better understand the issues surrounding the OAC program and develop effective means to address some of the controversial topics.

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 131; 20 U.S.C. 5601 *et seq.*)

Issued on: February 26, 2007.

Christopher L. Helms,

Executive Director, Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

J. Richard Capka,

Federal Highway Administrator.

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NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

Fee Rate

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 25 CFR 514.1(a)(3), that the National Indian Gaming Commission has adopted preliminary annual fee rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.059% (.00059) for tier 2 for calendar year 2007. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 CFR part 518, the preliminary fee rate on class II revenues for calendar year 2007 shall be one-half of the annual fee rate, which is 0.0295% (.000295).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kwame Mainoo, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202) 632-7066 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) established the National Indian Gaming Commission which is charged with, among other things, regulating gaming on Indian lands.

The regulations of the Commission (25 CFR part 514), as amended, provide for a system of fee assessment and payment that is self-administered by gaming operations. Pursuant to those regulations, the Commission is required to adopt and communicate assessment rates; the gaming operations are required to apply those rates to their revenues, compute the fees to be paid, report the revenues, and remit the fees to the Commission on a quarterly basis.

The regulations of the Commission and the preliminary rate being adopted today are effective for calendar year 2007. Therefore, all gaming operations within the jurisdiction of the Commission are required to self administer the provisions of these regulations, and report and pay any fees that are due to the Commission by March 31, 2007.

Dated: February 22, 2007.

Philip N. Hogen,

Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ITAC-11)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of a partially opened meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ITAC-11) will hold a meeting on Monday, March 19, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and opened to the public from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2007, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, Trade Information Center, Training Room A.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Hellstern, DFO for ITAC-11 at (202) 482-3222, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the opened portion of the meeting the following agenda items will be considered.

- Updates on Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee Export Promotion Programs, particularly trade financing.
- Government Procurement through International Development Banks.
- Overview of the Recent U.S. Commercial Service Export Promotion Programs, particularly those that assist small businesses in areas of concern expressed by ITAC-11: Foreign

government procurement opportunities and trade finance.

Tiffany M. Moore,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.
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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection:

Pay Rate Report; OMB 3220-0097.

Under Section 2(a) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, the daily benefit rate for unemployment and sickness benefits depends on the claimant's last daily rate of pay in the base year. The procedures pertaining to the use of a claimant's daily pay rate in determining the daily benefit rate are prescribed in 20 CFR part 330.

The RRB utilizes Form UI-1e, Request for Pay Rate Information, to obtain information from a claimant about their last railroad employer and pay rate, when it is not available from other RRB records. Form UI-1e also explains the possibility of receiving a higher daily benefit rate if claimants report their daily rate of pay for railroad work in the base year. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes no changes to Form UI-1e. The completion time for Form UI-1e is estimated at 5 minutes per response. The RRB estimates that 350 Form UI-1e's are completed annually.

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an e-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-27740; 812-13345]

NASDAQ-100 Trust, Series 1, *et al.*; Notice of Application

February 27, 2007.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 4(2), 22(d), 24(d) and 26(a)(2)(C) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act; under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the Act; and under 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 to permit (a) Nasdaq-100 Trust, Series 1 ("Trust"), a unit investment trust whose portfolio consists of the component stocks of the Nasdaq-100 Index ("Index"), to issue shares ("Nasdaq-100 Shares") that are only redeemable in large aggregations; (b) secondary market transactions in Nasdaq-100 Shares to occur at negotiated prices; (c) dealers to sell Nasdaq-100 Shares to purchasers in the secondary market unaccompanied by a prospectus when prospectus delivery is not required by the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"); (d) the Trust, rather than the Sponsor (defined below), to bear certain expenses associated with the maintenance of the Trust; (e) certain "affiliated persons" of the Trust to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the Trust in connection

with the purchase and redemption of Nasdaq-100 Shares; and (f) the Trust to reimburse the Sponsor for payment of an annual licensing fee to The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq").

APPLICANTS: The Trust, PowerShares Capital Management LLC ("PowerShares," together with its successor in interest¹ and with any person, directly or indirectly, controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, PowerShares, "Sponsor"), and ALPS Distributors, Inc. ("Distributor").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on November 20, 2006. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief 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 March 19, 2007, 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 who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicants: H. Bruce Bond, PowerShares Capital Management LLC, 301 West Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jaea F. Hahn, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6870, or Janet M. Grossnickle, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-551-5850).

Applicants' Representations

1. The Trust is a unit investment trust ("UIT") organized under the laws of the

¹ "Successors in interest" means any entity or entities that result from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization.