The Commission reserves the right to redact personal information which may infringe on an individual's privacy rights from documents filed in this proceeding.

Intervention. Persons, other than Petitioner and respondent, wishing to be heard in this matter are directed to file a notice of intervention. See 39 CFR 3001.111(b). Notices of intervention in this case are to be filed on or before September 6, 2011. A notice of intervention shall be filed using the Internet (Filing Online) at the Commission's Web site unless a waiver is obtained for hardcopy filing. See 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(a).

*Further procedures.* By statute, the Commission is required to issue its

decision within 120 days from the date it receives the appeal. See 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5). A procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service or other participants to submit information or memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. As required by the Commission rules, if any motions are filed, responses are due 7 days after any such motion is filed. See 39 CFR 3001.21.

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service shall file the applicable administrative record regarding this appeal no later than August 25, 2011.

- 2. Any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this notice is due no later than August 25, 2011.
- 3. The procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.
- 4. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James Waclawski is designated officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public.
- 5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice and order in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,

Acting Secretary.

#### PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

| August 10, 2011    | Filing of Appeal.   |
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| August 25, 2011    | Deadline for the Postal Service to file the applicable administrative record in this appeal.  |
| August 25, 2011    | Deadline for the Postal Service to file any responsive pleading.  |
| September 6, 2011  | Deadline for notices to intervene (see 39 CFR 3001.111(b)).   |
| September 14, 2011 | Deadline for Petitioner's Form 61 or initial brief in support of petition (see 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)).   |
| October 4, 2011    | Deadline for answering brief in support of the Postal Service (see 39 CFR 3001.115(c)).   |
| October 19, 2011   | Deadline for reply briefs in response to answering briefs (see 39 CFR 3001.115(d)).   |
| October 26, 2011   | Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument; the Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings (see 39 CFR 3001.116). |
| November 25, 2011  | Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)).   |

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. A2011-43; Order No. 799]

#### **Post Office Closing**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document informs the public that an appeal of the closing of the Stoy, Illinois post office has been filed. It identifies preliminary steps and provides a procedural schedule. Publication of this document will allow the Postal Service, petitioners, and others to take appropriate action.

DATES: Administrative record due (from Postal Service): August 25, 2011; deadline for notices to intervene: September 6, 2011. See the Procedural Schedule in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for other dates of interest.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically by accessing the "Filing Online" link in the banner at the top of the Commission's Web site (http://www.prc.gov) or by directly accessing the Commission's Filing Online system at https://www.prc.gov/prc-pages/filing-online/login.aspx. Commenters who

cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as the source for case-related information for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820 (case-related information) or *DocketAdmins@prc.gov* (electronic filing assistance).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(d), on August 10, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the post office in Stoy, Illinois. The petition was filed by Lisa L. McKinley (Petitioner) and is postmarked August 1, 2011. The Commission hereby institutes a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5) and establishes Docket No. A2011-43 to consider Petitioner's appeal. If Petitioner would like to further explain her position with supplemental information or facts, Petitioner may either file a Participant Statement on PRC Form 61 or file a brief with the Commission no later than September 14,

Categories of issues apparently raised. Petitioner contends that: (1) The Postal Service failed to consider whether or not it will continue to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(iii)); and (2) the Postal Service failed to adequately consider the economic savings resulting from the closure (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(iv)).

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above, or that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues. The deadline for the Postal Service to file the applicable administrative record with the Commission is August 25, 2011. See 39 CFR 3001.113. In addition, the due date for any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this Notice is August 25, 2011.

Availability; Web site posting. The Commission has posted the appeal and supporting material on its Web site at http://www.prc.gov. Additional filings in this case and participants' submissions also will be posted on the Commission's Web site, if provided in electronic format or amenable to conversion, and not subject to a valid protective order. Information on how to use the Commission's Web site is available online or by contacting the Commission's Webmaster via telephone

at 202–789–6873 or via electronic mail at *prc-webmaster@prc.gov*.

The appeal and all related documents are also available for public inspection in the Commission's docket section. Docket section hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday, except on Federal government holidays. Docket section personnel may be contacted via electronic mail at prcdockets@prc.gov or via telephone at 202–789–6846.

Filing of documents. All filings of documents in this case shall be made using the Internet (Filing Online) pursuant to Commission rules 9(a) and 10(a) at the Commission's Web site, http://www.prc.gov, unless a waiver is obtained. See 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(a). Instructions for obtaining an account to file documents online may be found on the Commission's Web site or by contacting the Commission's docket section at prc-dockets@prc.gov or via telephone at 202–789–6846.

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Further procedures. By statute, the Commission is required to issue its decision within 120 days from the date it receives the appeal. See 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5). A procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service or other participants to submit information or memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. As required by the Commission rules, if any motions are filed, responses are due 7 days after any such motion is filed. See 39 CFR 3001.21.

It is ordered:

- 1. The Postal Service shall file the applicable administrative record regarding this appeal no later than August 25, 2011.
- 2. Any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this notice is due no later than August 25, 2011.
- 3. The procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.

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- 5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice and order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission. **Ruth Ann Abrams**, *Acting Secretary*.

### PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 29752; File No. 812–13773]

Northern Trust Investments, N.A., et al.; Notice of Application

August 10, 2011.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d), and 22(e) 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 12(d)(1)(J) for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and 12(d)(1)(B) of the Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order that would permit (a) series of certain open-end management investment companies to issue shares ("Shares") redeemable in large aggregations only ("Creation Units"); (b) secondary market transactions in Shares to occur at negotiated market prices; (c) certain series to pay redemption proceeds, under certain circumstances, more than seven days after the tender of Shares for redemption; (d) certain affiliated persons of the series to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the series in connection with the purchase and redemption of Creation Units; and (e) certain registered management investment companies and unit investment trusts outside of the same group of investment companies as the series to acquire Shares. The order would supersede a prior order (the "Prior Order").¹

Applicants: Northern Trust Investments, Inc. (the "Adviser"), FlexShares Trust (the "Trust") and Foreside Fund Services, LLC (the "Distributor").

**DATES:** Filing Dates: The application was filed on May 14, 2010, and amended on November 3, 2010, and August 2, 2011. 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 application 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 September 2, 2011, 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, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NETS Trust, et al., Investment Company Act Release Nos. 28166 (Feb. 25, 2008) (notice) and 28195 (Mar. 17, 2008) (order).