

validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 24, 2014. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR part 1320.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1900 E. Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: PRA Officer or sent by email to pra@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1900 E. Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: PRA Officer or by email to pra@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) leads Federal agencies in shaping human resources management systems to effectively recruit, develop, manage and retain a high quality and diverse workforce. Customer service surveys are valuable tools to gather information from our customers so we can design and implement new ways to improve our performance to meet their needs. This collection request includes surveys that we currently use or plan to use during the next three years to measure our performance in providing services to meet our customer needs. The survey instruments include direct mail, telephone contact, focus groups and web exit surveys. Our customers include the general public, Federal benefit recipients, Federal agencies and Federal employees. We estimate 911,232 customer service surveys will be completed in the next 3 years. The time estimate varies from 2 minutes to 25 minutes to complete. The estimated burden is 55,587 hours over the next 3 years.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Katherine Archuleta,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Performance Measurement Surveys, OMB Control No. 3206-0253

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on the information collection request (ICR) 3206-0253, Performance Measurement Surveys. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OPM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of OPM's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 24, 2014. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR part 1320.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1900 E. Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: PRA Officer or sent by email to pra@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1900 E. Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: PRA Officer or sent by email to pra@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) leads Federal agencies in shaping human resources management systems to effectively recruit, develop, manage and retain a high quality and diverse workforce. Performance measurement surveys are valuable tools to gather information from our customers so we can design and implement new ways to improve our performance to meet their needs. This collection request includes surveys that we currently use or plan to use during the next three years to measure our performance in providing services to meet our customer needs. The survey instruments include direct mail, telephone contact, focus groups and web exit surveys. Our customers include the general public, Federal benefit recipients, Federal agencies and Federal employees. We estimate 272,100 performance measurement surveys will be completed in the next 3 years. The time estimate varies from 15 minutes to 20 minutes to complete. The estimated burden is 75,575 hours.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Katherine Archuleta,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Program Services Evaluation Surveys, OMB Control No. 3206-0252

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on the information collection request (ICR) 3206-0252, Program Services Evaluation Surveys. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The Office of Management and Budget is

particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OPM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the OPM's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 24, 2014. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR part 1320.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: PRA Officer or sent by email to pra@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: PRA Officer or sent by email to pra@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) leads Federal agencies in shaping human resources management systems to effectively recruit, develop, manage and retain a high quality and diverse workforce. Program services evaluation surveys are valuable tools to gather information from our customers so we can design and implement new ways to improve our programs to meet their needs. This collection request includes surveys that we currently use or plan to use during the next three years to measure our ability to deliver program services to meet our customer needs. The survey instruments include direct mail, telephone contact, focus groups and web exit surveys. Our customers include the general public, Federal benefit recipients, Federal agencies and Federal employees. We estimate 12,300

program services evaluation surveys will be completed in the next 3 years. The time estimate varies from 1 minute to 40 minutes to complete. The estimated burden is 3,755 hours.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Katherine Archuleta,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 30840; File No. 812-14198]

Forethought Variable Insurance Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

December 19, 2013.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act, and under section 6(c) of the Act for an exemption from rule 12d1-2(a) under the Act.

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION:

Applicants request an order that would (a) permit certain series of registered open-end management investment companies to acquire shares of other registered open-end management investment companies and unit investment trusts ("UITs") that are within or outside the same "group of investment companies," as defined in section 12(d)(1)(G)(ii) of the Act, as the acquiring investment companies, and (b) permit certain series of registered open-end management investment companies relying on rule 12d1-2 under the Act to invest in certain financial instruments.

APPLICANTS: Forethought Variable Insurance Trust (the "Trust"), Forethought Investment Advisors, LLC (the "Manager"), and Northern Lights Distributors, LLC (the "Distributor").

DATES: Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 8, 2013, and amended on November 20, 2013.

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 January 13, 2014, 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: The Commission: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090; Applicants: the Trust and the Manager, 300 North Meridian Street, Suite 1800, Indianapolis, IN 46204; the Distributor, 17605 Wright Street, Omaha, NE 68130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Y. Greenlees, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6879, or David P. Bartels, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission's Web site by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the "Company" name box, at <http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm> or by calling (202) 551-8090.

Applicants' Representations

1. The Trust is a Delaware statutory trust, registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company, and is comprised of multiple series, each of which has its own investment objective, policies and restrictions.¹ Shares of the Series are not offered directly to the public. Shares of the Series are offered through separate accounts that are registered as UITs under the Act ("Registered Separate Accounts") or accounts that are exempt from registration under the Act ("Unregistered Separate Accounts," and together with the Registered Separate Accounts, "Separate Accounts") of Forethought Insurance Company (the "Participating Insurance Company") and serve as the underlying funding

¹ Applicants request that the order extend to any future series of the Trust, and any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company and series thereof that are part of the same "group of investment companies," as defined in section 12(d)(1)(G)(ii) of the Act, as the Trust and are, or may in the future be, advised by the Manager or any other investment adviser controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Manager (each, a "Series"). All entities that currently intend to rely on the requested order are named as applicants. Any other entity that relies on the order in the future will comply with the terms and conditions of the application.