

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust. On or about August 10, 1993, applicant registered under the Act and filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act"). Applicant's registration statement was not declared effective, and applicant has made no public offering of its shares.

2. On August 2, 1994, applicant requested that its registration statement under the 1933 Act be withdrawn. The registration statement was declared withdrawn on August 4, 1994.

3. Application has never issued or sold shares of which it is the issuer. Applicant has no shareholders, liabilities, or assets. Applicant is not a party to any litigation or administrative proceeding.

4. Applicant is not engaged, and does not propose to engage, in any business activities other than those necessary for the winding-up of its affairs.

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.
Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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[Investment Company Act Release No. 21655; 811-7728]

Van Kampen Merritt Texas Municipal Opportunity Trust; Notice of Application

January 4, 1996.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

APPLICANT: Van Kampen Merritt Texas Municipal Opportunity Trust.

RELEVANT ACT SECTION: Section 8(f).

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on December 27, 1995.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's

Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on January 29, 1996, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, 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 SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicant, One Parkview Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane L. Titus, Paralegal Specialist, at (202) 942-0584, or H.R. Hallock, Jr., Special Counsel, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust. On or about May 18, 1993, applicant registered under the Act and filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act"). Applicant's registration statement was not declared effective, and applicant has made no public offering of its shares.

2. On April 18, 1994, applicant requested that its registration statement under the 1933 Act be withdrawn. Applicant's registration statement was declared withdrawn on May 16, 1994.

3. Applicant has never issued or sold shares of which it is the issuer. Applicant has no shareholders, liabilities, or assets. Applicant is not a party to any litigation or administrative proceeding.

4. Applicant is not engaged, and does not propose to engage, in any business activities other than those necessary for the winding-up of its affairs.

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.
Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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[Investment Company Act Release No. 21656; 811-7022]

Van Kampen Merritt Trust for Insured Municipals II; Notice of Application

January 4, 1996.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

APPLICANT: Van Kampen Merritt Trust for Insured Municipals II.

RELEVANT ACT SECTION: Section 8(f).

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on December 27, 1995.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on January 29, 1996, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, 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 SEC's Secretary.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant is a closed-end, diversified management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust. On or about July 16, 1992, applicant registered under the Act and filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act"). Applicant's registration statement was not declared effective, and applicant has made no public offering of its shares.

2. On July 7, 1993, applicant requested that its registration statement under the 1933 Act be withdrawn. The registration was declared withdrawn on July 12, 1993.

3. Applicant has never issued or sold shares of which it is the issuer. Applicant has no shareholders, liabilities, or assets. Applicant is not a party to any litigation or administrative proceeding.

4. Applicant is not engaged, and does not propose to engage, in any business activities other than those necessary for the winding-up of its affairs.

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc., Special Committee 165; Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Services

Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee 165 meeting to be held January 25-26, 1996, starting at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will be as follows:

- (1) Welcome and Introductions;
- (2) Approval of the Summary of the Previous Meeting;
- (3) Chairman's Remarks;
- (4) Overview of New Developments Relevant to SC-165 (Presentations on Required Communications Performance (RCP) Are Being Planned): a. RTCA Technical Management Committee Actions; b. EUROCAE; c. Industry, Users, Government;
- (5) Review of Working Group Activities: a. WG1 (AMSS Avionics Equipment MOPS); b. WG3 (System/Service Performance Criteria); c. WG5 (AMS(R)S Satcom Voice); d. WG6 (HF Data Link);
- (6) Other Business;
- (7) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone) or (202)

833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 5, 1996.

Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement; Commercial Expendable Launch Vehicle Operations

AGENCY: Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST-1), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 27, 1995, the former Office of Commercial Space Transportation, now the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (OCST), published a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register [60 FR 58430] announcing its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will address the environmental impact of commercial expendable launch vehicle operations. OCST invited comments from interested individuals or organizations concerning the process and scope of the EIS. The Notice of Intent previously established December 27th, 1995, as the deadline for comments. The comment period is now extended from December 27th, 1995, until February 9, 1996, to provide additional opportunity for comment.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Docket Clerk, Docket No. OST-95-852, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room PL-401, Washington D.C. 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Nikos Himaras, The Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Licensing and Safety Division, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. (202) 366-2929.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 4, 1996.

Frank C. Weaver,

Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Renegotiation Board Interest Rate; Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contracts Disputes Act

Although the Renegotiation Board is no longer in existence, other Federal Agencies are required to use interest rates computed under the criteria established by the Renegotiation Act of 1971 (Pub. L. 92-41). For example, the Contracts Disputes Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-563) and the Prompt Payment Act (Pub. L. 97-177) provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to Public Law 92-41 (85 Stat. 97) for the Renegotiation Board (31 U.S.C. 3902).

Therefore, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the above mentioned sections, the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the purpose of said sections, for the period beginning January 1, 1996 and ending on June 30, 1996, is 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ % per centum per annum.

Dated: January 3, 1996.

John Kilcoyne,

Acting Deputy, Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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Internal Revenue Service

[Delegation Order No. 239 (Rev. 1)]

Delegation of Authority

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: The Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, amends Delegation Order 239 to clarify that the Taxpayer Ombudsman is delegated the authority to issue Taxpayer Assistance Orders ("TAO") to intervene on behalf of taxpayers and take positive action with respect to taxpayer cases.

The Commissioner further amends Delegation Order 239 to direct the Ombudsman to prepare an annual report of the most serious problems taxpayers face when conducting business with the IRS and to suggest administrative and legislative solutions to these problems, if applicable.

Finally, Delegation Order 239 is further amended to give the Ombudsman the authority to establish a system to track the response of IRS officials to the administrative problems identified in the Ombudsman's annual report.