Questions concerning the NRC's LPDR program or the availability of agency documents at LPDRs should be addressed to Ms. Jona L. Souder, LPDR Program Manager, Freedom of Information/Local Public Document Room Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, telephone number (800) 638–8081.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of January, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Russell A. Powell,

Chief, Freedom of Information/Local Public Document Room Branch, Office of Information Resources Management.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 24b–1

SEC File No. 270–205

OMB Control No. 3235–0194

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'') has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on the following rule:

Rule 24b–1 (17 CFR 240.24b–1) requires a national securities exchange to keep and make available for public inspection a copy of its registration statement and exhibits filed with the Commission, along with any amendments thereto.

There are eight national securities exchanges that spend approximately one half hour each complying with this rule, for an aggregate total compliance burden of four hours per year. The staff estimates that the average cost per respondent is $63 per year, calculated as one half hour of clerical time ($7) plus copying ($12) plus storage ($44), resulting in a total cost of compliance for the respondents of $504.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 and Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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Liberty Term Trust, Inc.—1999; Notice of Application

January 14, 1997.

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

ACTION: Notice of Application for Exemption under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the ''Act'').

APPLICANT: Liberty Term Trust, Inc.—1999 (the ''Trust'').

RELEVANT ACT SECTIONS: Order requested under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act for an exemption from section 12(d)(1)(F)(ii) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order that would exempt the Trust, a closed-end management investment company, from the 1.5% sales load limitation of section 12(d)(1)(F)(ii).

FILING DATE: The application was filed on October 17, 1996 and amended on November 21, 1996. Applicant has agreed to file an additional amendment, the substance of which is incorporated herein, during the notice period.

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 February 10, 1997, and should be accompanied by proof of service on 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 who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicant: S. Elliott Cohan, Esq., Federated Investors Tower, Pittsburgh, PA 15222–3779.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David W. Grim, Staff Attorney, at (202) 942–0571, or Mercer E. Bullard, Branch Chief, 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 at the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

Applicant's Representations

1. The Trust is registered under the Act as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. Federated Advisers (the ''Adviser''), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Federated Investors (''Federated''), serves as investment adviser to the Trust.

2. The investment objective of the Trust is to return (*i.e.*, provide a liquidating value equal to) at least $10 per share (the initial public offering price per share) to investors on or shortly before December 31, 1999, while providing high monthly income. The Trust seeks to return at least $10 per Share to investors on or shortly before December 31, 1999, by preserving capital through active management of its portfolio of high quality debt securities and through its investments in municipal securities, including municipal zero coupon securities. The Trust seeks to achieve high monthly income by investing in high quality debt securities—primarily mortgage-backed securities issued or guaranteed by the United States Government, its agencies, or instrumentalities—and by actively managing the Trust's assets in relation to market conditions, interest rate changes, and the remaining terms of the Trust.

3. The Trust conducted its initial public offering in April 1992, pursuant to which the price of its shares (''Shares'') included underwriting discounts and commissions of 5.0%. The Trust's shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ''LTT.'' As of November 8, 1996, the Trust had a net asset value per Share of $8.57 and a per share closing price of $7⅞, reflecting a discount to net asset value of 8.1%. A combination of mortgage prepayments in 1993 and a bear market in fixed income securities in 1994 caused the Trust and other limited-life close-end investment

companies (''Term Trusts'') investing in mortgage-backed and other fixed incomes securities to realize significant losses. Although the Trust realized portfolio gains from the strong performance of the bond market during the second half of 1995, the Trust and the Adviser anticipate that the Trust may not fully recover previously realized losses. Accordingly, without some modifications to the Trust's current investment strategy, applicants believe that it will be difficult to provide a liquidating value of at least $10 per share to investors by December 1999. The Trust has taken a number of steps to improve the likelihood that it will be able to satisfy this portion of its investment objective, including open market repurchases of its shares, as permitted by section 23 of the Act. To argument these measures, the Trust wishes to have additional flexibility to invest a greater portion of its assets in securities issued by other closed-end management investment companies that (i) are trading at a discount to net asset value (''NAV''); (ii) are Term Trusts with similar investment objectives; and (iii) have undertaken to liquidate on or before December 31, 2002. In accordance with the Trust's investment restrictions and policies as set forth in its registration statement, the Trust proposes to allocate its assets among one or more such closed-end investment companies (each an ''Underlying Fund'' and collectively the ''Underlying Funds'') according to the following defined limits: (i) limit investment in the securities of any one Underlying Fund to not more than 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of such Underlying Fund; (ii) limit investment in the securities of any one Underlying Fund to not more than 25% of the value of the total assets of the Trust; and (iii) limit investment in the securities of all Underlying Funds to not more than 65% of the value of the total assets of the Trust.

4. Because the Trust is obligated to liquidate and distribute cash to its shareholders in December 1999, the Adviser, as matter of prudent portfolio management, generally will invest Trust assets in securities with maturities consistent with the 1999 termination date. Accordingly, as the average maturity of the Trust's portfolio shortens, the opportunity to realize capital appreciation from fluctuations in the value of portfolio securities diminishes. Moreover, while a portion of the Trust's assets have been invested in zero coupon municipal securities which, over time, should increase in value through accretion, it is not expected that the Trust will experience a significant increase in NAV from these portfolio investments to offset previously realized portfolio losses. In order to bring the Trust's NAV per share closer to $10 over time, the Trust would like to invest a substantial portion of its assets in securities issued by other Term Trusts. Since the Trust will only be buying securities of closed-end investment companies that are trading at a discount from NAV, the Trust will realize a profit if and when the discount decreases or disappears. Furthermore, the Trust will only invest in securities issued by Term Trusts that have terms expiring on or before December 31, 2002, since the Adviser expects each Underlying Fund's discount to decrease due to market factors and/or as such fund's term nears its end. If the discount decreases for any of the Underlying Funds, the Trust will realize portfolio gains, thus resulting in an increase in its NAV.

Applicant's Legal Analysis

1. Section 12(d)(1)(A) of the Act provides that no registered investment company may acquire securities issued by another investment company if such securities represent more than 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of the acquired company, more than 5% of the value of the total assets of the acquiring company, or if securities issued by the acquired company and all other investment companies have an aggregate value in excess of 10% of the value of the total assets of the acquiring company.

2. Section 12(d)(1)(F) provides that section 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by a registered investment company if immediately after the purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding stock of the acquired company is owned by the acquiring company and the acquiring company does not impose a sales load of more than 1.5% on its shares after January 1, 1971. In addition, no acquired company is obligated to honor any acquiring company redemption request in excess of 1% of the acquired company's securities during any period of less than 30 days, and the acquiring company must vote its acquired company shares either in accordance with instructions from its shareholders or in the same proportion as all other shareholders of the acquired company. Because the Trust incurred underwriting discounts and commissions in excess of 1.5% during its initial public offering, applicant seeks relief from the 1.5 during its initial public offering, applicant seeks relief from the 1.5% sales load limitation of section 12(d)(1)(F)(ii).

3. Applicant states that section 12(d) of the Act is intended to prevent the unregulated pyramiding of investment companies and the negative effects which are perceived to arise from such pyramiding. Applicant submits that these abuses include (a) undue influence by a fund holding company over its underlying funds; (b) the threat of large scale redemptions of the securities of the underlying investment companies; (c) unnecessary duplication of costs (such as sales charges, advisory fees, and administrative costs); and (d) unnecessary complexity. Applicant asserts that the proposed arrangement will not give rise to these dangers.

4. Applicant submits that the potential problems of pyramiding of voting control will be eliminated because, as a condition to the granting of the order, the Trust will comply with the requirements of section 12(d)(1)(F) (other than the sales load limitation therein), which requires the Trust to exercise voting rights with respect to any securities acquired in the manner prescribed by subsection (E) of section 12(d)(1). Subsection (E) requires that a fund holding company exercise voting rights in the portfolio securities only by passing them through to its security holders or voting such units in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of the securities. Applicants believe that, under these conditions, orderly management of the Underlying Funds will not be threatened or disrupted.

5. Applicant argues that the concern of large-scale redemptions is not present under the proposed arrangement for several reasons. First, applicant notes that the Trust will invest only in closed-end companies, which do not stand ready to redeem their units at net asset value as do open-end investment companies and are not required to have cash on hand to cover redemptions by unitholders. Therefore, applicant believes that there is no danger of large-scale redemptions and a resulting liquidity crisis with respect to closed-end investment companies. Moreover, applicant states that the Trust itself is a closed-end fund, so its liquidity needs will be minimal.

6. With regard to layering of fees and expenses, applicant states that the Trust is an already existing closed-end fund, and therefore the concern of an excessive sales load is not present. Applicant submits that the Trust is seeking relief from the 1.5% sales load limitation of section 12(d)(1)(F) since the initial public offering of the Trust's shares, completed in April 1992,

included underwriting discounts and commissions of 5.0%. Applicant states that the initial public offering of the Shares was conducted in compliance with all applicable rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (''NASD''). Applicant note that, in particular, the underwriting terms and arrangements were reviewed and approved by the NASD pursuant to section 44 of Article III of the NASD's Rules of Fair Practice (recodified as rule 2740 of the Conduct Rules) governing corporate financing.

7. Furthermore, applicant states that the Trust will only invest in securities issued by closed-end investment companies that are traded on the open market. Applicant states that therefore, no front-end sales loads, contingent deferred sales charges, 12b–1 fees, or other distribution fees or redemption fees will be charged in connection with the purchase or sale of any of the Underlying Funds by the Trust. Applicant states that, although the Trust will likely incur brokerage commissions in connection with its open market purchases of securities of closed-end investment companies, these commissions will not differ from commissions otherwise incurred in connection with the purchase or sale of comparable portfolio securities. In addition, applicant states that, by purchasing the securities of closed-end investment companies in the secondary market, the Trust avoids the payment of any underwriting spreads common during the initial offering of such shares.

8. Applicant states that the Adviser would continue to charge the Trust an annual investment advisory fee in an amount equal to 0.45% of the average weekly net asset value of the Trust. Applicant states that such fee would be for services that are in addition to and not duplicative of the investment advisory services that are being furnished to the Underlying Funds. Applicant states that, the Adviser anticipates that it will devote significant resources to evaluating and monitoring individual portfolio securities, as well as the overall portfolio structure, of Term Trusts in which it invests or considers for investment, to ensure the appropriateness of such investments and their consistency with the Trust's investment objective. Thus, while shareholders of the Trust would indirectly bear their proportional share of the advisory fees and administrative expenses charged to the Underlying Funds, applicant does not believe that there would be the duplication of fees.

9. Applicant believes that the concern about undue complexity is not present under the proposed arrangement because the Trust agrees, as a condition to relief, that it will not knowingly invest in any Underlying Fund that, at the time of acquisition, acquires securities of any other investment company in excess of the limits contained in section 12(d)(1)(A). Under this condition, applicant represents that it will determine whether a prospective Underlying Fund is a ''fund of funds'' at the time of acquisition. However, applicant states that, if an Underlying Fund subsequently acquires securities of other investment companies in excess of the limits of section 12(d)(1), the Trust will not be required to divest itself of its holdings. Applicant argues that because the Underlying Funds are unaffiliated with the Trust, the Trust cannot bind or control the Underlying Funds.

10. Section 12(d)(1)(J) provides that the SEC may exempt any person or transaction from any provision of section 12(d)(1) if and to the extent such exemption is consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors. Applicant submits that, under the circumstances and conditions of the application, the requested exemption is in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors.

Applicant's Conditions

Applicant agrees that the order granting the requested relief shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The Trust will comply with section 12(d)(1)(F) in all respects except for the sales load limitation of section 12(d)(1)(F)(ii).

2. The Trust will not knowingly acquire securities of an Underlying Fund which, at the time of acquisition, owns securities of any other investment company in excess of the limits contained in section 12(d)(1)(A) of the Act.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Delta Clearing Corp.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Amendment of Fees Charged for Options

January 10, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),[1] notice is hereby given that on December 11, 1996, Delta Clearing Corp. (''DCC'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by DCC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend DCC's fee schedule for the clearance of options on U.S. Government Securities.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, DCC included statements concerning the purpose of and statutory basis for the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. DCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.[2]

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend DCC's fee schedule for the clearance of options on U.S. Treasury Securities as follows:

Options maturity	Fee
Overnight up to 14 days.	$5 per option contract per participant.
15 days up to 90 days.	$10 per option contract per participant.

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] The Commission has modified parts of these statements.