SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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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 this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form 6–K (17 CFR 249.306) is a disclosure document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) that must be filed by a foreign private issuer to report material information promptly after the occurrence of specified or other important corporate events that are disclosed in the foreign private issuer’s home country. The purpose of Form 6–K is to ensure that U.S. investors have access to the same information that foreign investors do when making investment decisions. Form 6–K is a public document and all information provided is mandatory. Form 6–K takes approximately 8.7 hours per response and is filed by approximately 34,794 issuers annually. We estimate 73% of the 8.7 hours per response (6,525 hours) is prepared by the issuer for a total annual reporting burden of 227,031 hours (6,525 hours per response * 34,794 responses). The remaining burden hours are reflected as a cost to the foreign private issuers.

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The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufta.Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: May 19, 2017.
Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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[Investment Company Act Release No. 32540; 812–14213]

The Mexico Equity & Income Fund, Inc. and Pichardo Asset Management, S.A. de C.V.

May 18, 2017.
AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) for an exemption from section 19(b) of the Act and rule 19b–1 under the Act to permit a registered closed-end investment company to make periodic distributions of long-term capital gains more frequently than permitted by section 19(b) or rule 19b–1.

APPLICANTS: The Mexico Equity & Income Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”), a non-diversified closed-end investment company registered under the Act and organized as a corporation under the laws of Maryland and Pichardo Asset Management, S.A. de C.V. (the “Adviser”) (together with the Fund, the “Applicants”), registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, organized as a corporation under the laws of Mexico, and serving as investment adviser to the Fund.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on September 23, 2013 and amended on December 2, 2013, March 21, 2016, August 2, 2016, and December 5, 2016.

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 June 12, 2017, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to Rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, 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.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura L. Solomon, Senior Counsel at (202) 551–6915, or David J. Marcinkus, 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.

Summary of the Application
1. Section 19(b) of the Act generally makes it unlawful for any registered investment company (“fund”) to distribute long-term capital gains more often than once every twelve months. Rule 19b–1 under the Act limits the number of capital gains dividends, as defined in section 852(b)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (“Code,” and such dividends, “distributions”), that a fund may make with respect to any one taxable year to one, plus a supplemental distribution made pursuant to section 855 of the Code not exceeding 10% of the total amount distributed for the year, plus one additional capital gain dividend made in whole or in part to avoid the excise tax under section 4982 of the Code.
2. Applicants believe that the Fund’s stockholders may prefer an investment vehicle that provides for more frequent capital gains distributions and a consistent cash flow. Applicants propose that the Fund be permitted to adopt a distribution policy pursuant to which the Fund would distribute periodically to its stockholders a fixed monthly percentage of the market price of the Fund’s common stock at a particular point in time or a fixed monthly percentage of net asset value at a particular time or a fixed monthly