

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

#### *Upon Written Request, Copies Available*

*From:* U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

#### *Extension:*

Rule 17a-22; SEC File No. 270-202; OMB Control No. 3235-0196.

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") is soliciting comments on the collection of information provided for in the following rule: Rule 17a-22 (17 C.F.R. 240.17a-22) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17a-22 requires all registered clearing agencies to file with the Commission three copies of all materials they issue or make generally available to their participants or other entities with whom they have a significant relationship. The filings with the Commission must be made within ten days after the materials are issued or made generally available. When the Commission is not the clearing agency's appropriate regulatory agency, the clearing agency must file one copy of the material with its appropriate regulatory agency.

The Commission is responsible for overseeing clearing agencies and uses the information filed pursuant to Rule 17a-22 to determine whether a clearing agency is implementing procedural or policy changes. The information filed aides the Commission in determining whether such changes are consistent with the purposes of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. Also, the Commission uses the information to determine whether a clearing agency has changed its rules without reporting the actual or prospective change to the Commission as required under Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act.

The respondents to Rule 17a-22 are registered clearing agencies. The frequency of filings made by clearing agencies pursuant to Rule 17a-22 varies but on average there are approximately 200 filings per year per active clearing agency. There are four active registered clearing agencies. The Commission staff estimates that each response requires approximately .25 hour (fifteen

minutes), which represents the time it takes for a staff person at the clearing agency to properly identify a document subject to the rule, print and makes copies, and mail that document to the Commission. Thus, the total annual burden for all active clearing agencies is 200 hours (4 clearing agencies multiplied by 200 filings per clearing agency multiplied by .25 hours) and a total of 50 hours (800 responses multiplied by .25 hours, divided by 4 active clearing agencies) per year are expended by each respondent to comply with the rule.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Thomas Bayer, Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an e-mail to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: March 16, 2011.

**Cathy H. Ahn,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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Rule 102, SEC File No. 270-409, OMB Control No. 3235-0467.

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Rule 102 prohibits distribution participants, issuers, and selling security holders from purchasing activities at specified times during a distribution of securities. Persons otherwise covered by these rules may seek to use several applicable exceptions such as exclusion for actively traded reference securities and the maintenance of policies regarding information barriers between their affiliates.

There are approximately 895 respondents per year that require an aggregate total of 1,795 hours to comply with this rule. Each respondent makes an estimated 1 annual response. Each response takes on average approximately 2.006 hours to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 1,795 burden hours. The total compliance cost for the respondents is approximately \$102,261.15, resulting in a cost of compliance for the respondent per response of approximately \$114.26 (*i.e.*, \$102,261.15/895 responses). These are internal labor costs and there are no other costs.

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