

Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting will start in open session with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

Dated: June 22, 2000.

John F. Leyden,

Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate, Advisory Committee.

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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 17f-1(c), SEC File No. 270-28, OMB Control No. 3235-0032

Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A, SEC File No. 270-29, OMB Control No. 3235-0037

Rules 17h-1T and 17h-2T, SEC File No. 270-359, OMB Control No. 3235-0410

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 extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 17f-1(b) requires approximately 1,150 entities in the securities industry to register in the Lost and Stolen Securities Program. Registration fulfills a statutory requirement that entities report and inquire about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities. Registration also allows entities in the securities industry to gain access to a confidential database that stores information for the program.

It is estimated that 1,150 entities will register in the Lost and Stolen Securities Program annually. It is also estimated that each respondent will register one time. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the Rule 17f-1(b) is one-half hour. The total burden is 575 hours annually for respondents, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$50. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for respondents is \$28,750.

Rule 17f-1(b) is a reporting rule and does not specify a retention period. The rule requires a one-time registration for reporting institutions. Registering under Rule 17f-1(b) is mandatory to obtain the benefit of a central database that stores information about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities for the Lost and Stolen Securities Program. Reporting institutions required to register under Rule 17f-1(b) will not be kept confidential, however, the Lost and Stolen Securities Program database will be kept confidential.

Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A requires approximately 23,000 entities in the securities industry to report lost, stolen, missing, or counterfeit securities to a central database. Form X-17F-1A facilitates the accurate reporting and precise and immediate data entry into the central database. Reporting to the central database fulfills a statutory requirement that reporting institutions report and inquire about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities. Reporting to the central database also allows reporting institutions to gain

access to the database that stores information for the Lost and Stolen Securities Program.

It is estimated that 23,000 reporting institutions will report that securities are either missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen annually. It is also estimated that each reporting institution will submit this report 56 times each year. The staff estimates that the average amount of time necessary to comply with Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A is five minutes. The total burden is 107,333 hours annually for respondents, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$50. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for respondents is \$5,366,666.

Rule 17f-1(c) is a reporting rule and does not specify a retention period. The rule requires an incident-based reporting requirement by the reporting institutions when securities are discovered missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen. Registering under Rule 17f-1(c) is mandatory to obtain the benefit of a central database that stores information about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities for the Lost and Stolen Securities Program. Reporting institutions required to register under Rule 17f-1(c) will not be kept confidential, however, the Lost and Stolen Securities Program database will be kept confidential.

Rule 17h-1T requires a broker-dealer to maintain and preserve records and other information concerning certain entities that are associated with the broker-dealer. This requirement extends to the financial and securities activities of the holding company, affiliates and subsidiaries of the broker-dealer that are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial or operational condition of the broker-dealer. Rule 17h-2T requires a broker-dealer to file with the Commission quarterly reports and a cumulative year-end report concerning the information required to be maintained and preserved under Rule 17h-1T.

The collection of information required by Rules 17h-1T and 17h-2T are necessary to enable the Commission to monitor the activities of a broker-dealer affiliate whose business activities are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial and operational condition of the broker-dealer. Without this information, the Commission would be unable to assess the potentially damaging impact of the affiliate's activities on the broker-dealer.

There are currently 215 respondents that must comply with Rules 17h-1T and 17h-2T. Each of these 215 respondents require approximately 10 hours per year, or 2.5 hours per quarter,

to maintain the records required under Rule 17h-1T, for an aggregate annual burden of 2,150 hours (215 respondents \times 10 hours). In addition, each of these 215 respondents must make five annual response under Rule 17h-2T. These five responses require approximately 14 hours per responder per year, or 3.5 hours per quarter, for an aggregate annual burden of 3,010 hours (215 respondents \times 14 hours). In addition, there are approximately seven new respondents per year, which must draft an organizational chart required under Rule 17h-1T and establish a system for complying with the rules. The staff estimates that drafting the required organizational chart requires one hour and establishing a system for complying with the rules requires three hours, thus requiring an aggregate of 28 hours (7 new respondents \times 4 hours). The total compliance burden per year is approximately 5,188 burden hours (2,150 + 3,010 + 28).

Rule 17h-1T specifies that the records required to be maintained under the rule must be preserved for a period of not less than three years. There is no specific retention period or record keeping requirement for Rule 17h-2T. The collection of information is mandatory and the information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to these rules are deemed confidential, notwithstanding any other provision of law under Section 17(h)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a(h)(5)) and Section 552(b)(3)(B) of the Freedom of Information Act (15 U.S.C. 552(b)(3)(B)).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Office 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; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: June 26, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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Extension:

Form T-6, SEC File No. 270-344, OMB
Control No. 3235-0391
Form 11-K, SEC File No. 270-101, OMB
Control No. 3235-0082
Form 144, SEC File No. 270-112, OMB
Control No. 3235-0101
Regulation S-B, SEC File No. 270-370,
OMB Control No. 3235-0417

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 extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Form T-6 is a statement of eligibility and qualification for a foreign corporate trustee under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. Form T-6 provides the basis for determining if a trustee is qualified. Form T-6 is filed on occasion and the information required is mandatory. All information is provided to the public upon request. Form T-6 takes approximately 17 burden hours to prepare and is filed by 15 respondents. It is estimated that 25% of the 255 total burden hours (64 hours) would be prepared by the filer.

Form 11-K is the annual report designed for use by employee stock purchase, savings and similar plans to facilitate their compliance with the reporting requirement. Form 11-K is necessary to provide employees with information, including financial information, with respect to the investment vehicle or plan itself. Form 11-K provides the employees with the necessary information to assess the performance of the investment vehicle in which their money is invested. Form 11-K is filed on occasion and the information required is mandatory. All information is provided to the public upon request. Form 11-K takes approximately 30 burden hours to prepare and is filed by 774 respondents for a total of 23,220 annual burden hours.

Form 144 is used to report the sale of securities during any three month period that exceeds 500 shares or other units or has an aggregate sales price in excess of \$10,000. The information requested is mandatory. Form 144

operates in conjunction with Rule 144. If the information collection was not required, the objectives of the rule could be frustrated. All information is provided to the public upon request. Form 144 takes 2 burden hours to prepare and is filed by 18,096 respondents for a total of 36,192 annual burden hours.

Regulation S-B provides an integrated disclosure system for small business issuers that file registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933 and reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The information requested is mandatory. The information collected is intended to ensure the adequacy of information available to investors in the registration of securities. All information is provided to the public upon request. Regulation S-B takes approximately one burden hour to review and is filed by one respondent for a total of one annual burden hour. The one hour associated with Regulation S-B is strictly an administrative reporting burden.

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Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Evergreen Equity Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

June 27, 2000.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the