

agency. The SEC developed the inventory per the guidance issued on January 17, 2017, by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP's guidance is available at https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2017/service_contract_inventories.pdf.

The Service Contract Inventory Analysis for FY2020 provides information based on the FY 2020 Inventory. Please note that the SEC's FY 2020 Service Contract Inventory data is now included in government-wide inventory available on <https://www.acquisition.gov>. The government-wide inventory can be filtered to display the inventory data for the SEC. The SEC has posted the FY 2020 SCI Analysis and its FY 2021 plans for analyzing data on the SEC's homepage at <https://www.sec.gov/about/secreports.shtml> and <https://www.sec.gov/open>.

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Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-155, OMB Control No. 3235-0123]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 17a-5

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

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 ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 17a-5 (17 CFR 240.17a-5) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) is the basic financial reporting rule for brokers and dealers.¹ The rule requires the filing of Form X-17A-5, the Financial and Operational Combined Uniform Single Report ("FOCUS Report"), which was the result of years of study and comments by representatives of the securities industry

through advisory committees and through the normal rule proposal methods. The FOCUS Report was designed to eliminate the overlapping regulatory reports required by various self-regulatory organizations and the Commission and to reduce reporting burdens as much as possible. The rule also requires the filing of annual reports, which include a financial report and a compliance or exemption report as well as reports of an independent public accountant covering the financial report and the compliance or exemption report. In addition, the rule requires a broker-dealer that computes certain capital charges in accordance with Appendix E to Exchange Act Rule 15c3-1 (17 CFR 240.15c3-1e) to file additional monthly or quarterly reports and a supplemental report on management controls concurrently with its annual reports.

The Commission estimates that the total hour burden under Rule 17a-5 is approximately 397,467 hours per year, and the total cost burden is approximately \$31,295,048 per year. Since the last approval of this information collection, the estimated total burden hours per year has increased due to more respondents filing monthly reports rather than quarterly reports under Rule 17a-5; the estimated total cost burden per year has decreased due to more filings being submitted electronically.

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

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by November 6, 2023 to (i) www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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Sherry R. Haywood,
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 17Ad-3(b)

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 17Ad-3(b) (17 CFR 240.17Ad-3(b)), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 17Ad-3(b) requires registered transfer agents to send a copy of the written notice required under Rules 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h) to the chief executive officer of each issuer for which the transfer agent acts when it has failed to turnaround at least 75% of all routine items in accordance with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-2(a), or to process at least 75% of all items in accordance with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-2(b), for two consecutive months. The issuer may use the information contained in the notices: (1) as an early warning of the transfer agent's non-compliance with the Commission's minimum performance standards regarding registered transfer agents; and (2) to become aware of certain problems and poor performances with respect to the transfer agents that are servicing the issuer's issues. If the issuer does not receive notice of a registered transfer agent's failure to comply with the Commission's minimum performance standards, then the issuer will be unable to take remedial action to correct the problem or to find another registered transfer agent. Pursuant to Rule 17Ad-3(b), a transfer agent that has already filed a Notice of Non-Compliance with the Commission pursuant to Rule 17Ad-2 will only be required to send a copy of that notice to issuers for which it acts when that transfer agent fails to turnaround 75% of all routine items or to process 75% of all items for two consecutive months.

The Commission estimates that only one transfer agent will be subject to the third-party disclosure requirements of

¹ Rule 17a-5(c) requires a broker or dealer to furnish certain of its financial information to customers and is subject to a separate PRA filing (OMB Control Number 3235-0199).