

are functionally equivalent because they share similar cost and market characteristics. *Id.* at 4. It notes that the pricing formula and classification established in Governors' Decision No. 08–10 ensure that each Global Plus 2C contract meets the criteria of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and related regulations. *Id.* The Postal Service also indicates that the pricing formula relied on for Global Plus 2C contracts is included in Governors' Decision No. 11–6. *Id.* The Postal Service further asserts that the functional terms of the two agreements are the same and the benefits are comparable. *Id.* at 4.

The Postal Service states that prices may differ, depending on when an agreement is signed, due to updated costing information. *Id.* at 5. It also identifies other differences in contractual terms, but asserts that the differences do not affect either the fundamental service being offered or the fundamental structure of the Agreement.³ *Id.* at 7.

Effective date; term. The Agreement includes a scheduled effective date of January 14, 2013, however, given its filing date (January 11, 2013) and advance notice requirements,⁴ the Agreement can take effect no sooner than January 26, 2013, assuming regulatory approval.

The Agreement is expected to be in effect for approximately 1 year. Termination is linked to either the date prior to the date in January 2014 that Canada Post Corporation takes action on price changes for certain domestic products⁵ or, in the event of inaction, January 31, 2014. *Id.*

III. Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2013–42 for consideration of matters raised in the Notice. Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Agreement is consistent with the requirements of 39 CFR 3015.5 and the policies of sections 3632, 3633, and 3642. Comments are due no later than January 24, 2013. The public portions of the Postal Service's filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Information on how to obtain access to nonpublic material appears at 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission appoints Allison J. Levy to represent the interests of the

general public (Public Representative) in this case.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2013–42 for consideration of matters raised in the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission designates Allison J. Levy to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments are due no later than January 24, 2013.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Rules 6a–1 and 6a–2, Form 1.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) (“PRA”), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 6a–1 (17 CFR 240.6a–1), Rule 6a–2 (17 CFR 240.6a–2), and Form 1 (17 CFR 249.1) under The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act” or “Act”). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for extension and approval.

The Exchange Act sets forth a regulatory scheme for national securities exchanges. Rule 6a–1 under the Act generally requires an applicant for initial registration as a national securities exchange to file an application with the Commission on Form 1. An exchange that seeks an exemption from registration based on limited trading volume also must apply

for such exemption on Form 1. Rule 6a–2 under the Act requires registered and exempt exchanges: (1) To amend the Form 1 if there are any material changes to the information provided in the initial Form 1; and (2) to submit periodic updates of certain information provided in the initial Form 1, whether such information has changed or not. The information required pursuant to Rules 6a–1 and 6a–2 is necessary to enable the Commission to maintain accurate files regarding the exchange and to exercise its statutory oversight functions. Without the information submitted pursuant to Rule 6a–1 on Form 1, the Commission would not be able to determine whether the respondent met the criteria for registration or exemption set forth in Sections 6 and 19 of the Act. Without the amendments and periodic updates of information submitted pursuant to Rule 6a–2, the Commission would have substantial difficulty determining whether a national securities exchange or exempt exchange was continuing to operate in compliance with the Act.

Initial filings on Form 1 by new exchanges are made on a one-time basis. The Commission estimates that it will receive approximately three initial Form 1 filings per year and that each respondent would incur an average burden of 47 hours to file an initial Form 1 at an average internal labor cost per response of approximately \$13,105. Therefore, the Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file the initial Form 1 would be 141 hours (one response/respondent × three respondents × 47 hours/response) and an internal labor cost of \$39,315 (one response/respondent × three respondents × \$13,105/response).

There currently are seventeen entities registered as national securities exchanges and two exempt exchanges, for a total of 19 exchanges. The Commission estimates that each registered or exempt exchange files four amendments or periodic update to Form 1 per year, incurring an average burden of 25 hours to comply with Rule 6a–2. The Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file amendments and periodic updates to the Form 1 pursuant to Rule 6a–2 is 1900 hours (19 respondents × 25 hours/response × four responses/respondent per year) and an internal labor cost of \$510,720 (19 respondents × \$6,720/response × four responses/respondent per year).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

³ The list includes, among other things, the non-inclusion of a particular service, the addition and revision of articles, and related renumbering of articles. See *id.* at 5–8.

⁴ Pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5.

⁵ The products are domestic Lettermail, Incentive Lettermail, Admail, and/or Publications Mail products. Notice, Attachment 1 at 9.

Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate 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 OMB 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 OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: January 15, 2013.

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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Extension:

Rule 15a-4.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) ("PRA"), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 15a-4 (17 CFR 240.15a-4) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act"). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 15a-4 permits a natural person member of a securities exchange who terminates his or her association with a registered broker-dealer to continue to transact business on the exchange while the Commission reviews his or her application for registration as a broker-dealer filed on Form BD if the exchange files a statement ("Statement") indicating that there do not appear to be any grounds for disapproving the application.

The total annual hourly burden imposed by Rule 15a-4 is approximately 8.46 hours, based on approximately 2 responses (2 Respondents × 1 Statement/Respondent), each requiring approximately 4.23 hours to complete.

The Commission uses the information disclosed by applicants in Form BD: (1) To determine whether the applicant meets the standards for registration set forth in the provisions of the Exchange Act; (2) to develop a central information resource where members of the public may obtain relevant, up-to-date information about broker-dealers, municipal securities dealers and government securities broker-dealers, and where the Commission, other regulators and SROs may obtain information for investigatory purposes in connection with securities litigation; and (3) to develop statistical information about broker-dealers, municipal securities dealers and government securities broker-dealers. Without the information disclosed in Form BD, the Commission could not effectively implement policy objectives of the Exchange Act with respect to its investor protection function. The Statement submitted by the exchange assures the Commission that the applicant, in the opinion of the exchange, is qualified to transact business on the exchange during the time that the applications are reviewed.

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 estimate 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.

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Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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Extension:

Rule 605 of Regulation NMS.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) ("PRA"), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 605 of Regulation NMS ("Rule 605") (17 CFR 242.605),¹ under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a, *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act"). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval. Rule 605, formerly known as, Rule 11Ac1-5, requires market centers to make available to the public monthly order execution reports in electronic form. The Commission believes that many market centers retain most, if not all, of the underlying raw data necessary to generate these reports in electronic format. Once the necessary data is

¹ Regulation NMS, adopted by the Commission in June 2005, redesignated the national market system rules previously adopted under Section 11A of the Exchange Act. Rule 11Ac1-5 under the Exchange Act was redesignated Rule 605 of Regulation NMS. No substantive amendments were made to Rule 605 of Regulation NMS. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496 (June 29, 2005).