

Part 257 generally mandates the preservation, and provides for the destruction, of books and records of registered public utility holding companies subject to Rule 26 under the Act and service companies subject to Rule 93. Part 257 prescribes which records must be maintained for regulatory purposes and which media methods may be used to maintain them. Further, it sets a schedule for destroying particular documents or classes of documents.

The Commission estimates that there is an associated recordkeeping burden of 25 hours in connection with the record preservation programs administered by registered holding companies under part 257 (25 recordkeepers \times 1 hour = 25 burden hours).

The estimates of average burden hours are made for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) 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.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Directory, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: August 7, 2001.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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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 17a-5 and Form X-17A-5, SEC File No. 270-155, OMB Control No. 3235-0123.

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 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is the basic reporting rule for brokers and dealers, and Form X-17A-5, the Financial and Operational Combined Uniform Single Report, is the basic document for reporting the financial and operational condition of securities brokers and dealers.

The staff estimates that approximately 7,230 respondents respond to this collection of information 33,870 times annually, with a total burden of 12 hours for each response, based upon past submissions. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 17a-5 is 406,440 hours. The average cost per hour is \$113. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for the respondents is \$45,927,720.

Rule 17a-5 does not contain record retention requirements. Compliance with the rule is mandatory. Responses are kept confidential pursuant to paragraph 17a-5(a)(3). 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.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20549; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Extension

Rule 17a-5(c); SEC File No. 270-199; OMB Control No. 3235-0199

Rule 17a-7; SEC File No. 270-147; OMB Control No. 3235-0131

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Rule 17a-5(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") requires certain broker-dealers who carry customer accounts to provide statements of financial condition to their customers. It is estimated that approximately 659 broker and dealer respondents with approximately 97,600,000 customer accounts incur an average burden of 542,222 hours per year to comply with this rule.

Rule 17a-5(c) does not contain record retention requirements. Compliance with the rule is mandatory. Responses are not confidential.

Rule 17a-7 requires non-resident brokers or dealers registered or applying for registration pursuant to Section 15 of the Act to maintain—in the United States—complete and current copies of books and records required to be maintained under any rule adopted under the Act. Alternatively, Rule 17a-7 provides that the non-resident broker or dealers may sign a written undertaking to furnish the requisite books and records to the Commission upon demand.

There are approximately 72 non-resident brokers and dealers. Based on the Commission's experience in this area, it is estimated that the average amount of time necessary to preserve the books and records as required by Rule 17a-7 is one hour per year. Accordingly, the total burden is 72 hours per year.

There are no individual record retention periods in Rule 17a-7. Compliance with the rule is mandatory. However, non-resident brokers and dealers may opt to provide the records upon request of the Commission rather than store it in the United States.