

approved collections of information discussed below.

- Rule 15g-3 Broker or Dealer Disclosure of Quotations and other Information Relating to the Penny Stock Market.

Rule 15g-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") requires that brokers and dealers disclose to customers current quotation prices or similar market information in connection with transactions in penny stocks. It is estimated that approximately 270 respondents incur an average burden of 100 hours annually to comply with the rule.

- Rule 15g-4 Disclosure of compensation to brokers or dealers.

Rule 15g-4 under the Exchange Act requires brokers and dealers effecting transactions in penny stocks for or with customers to disclose the amount of compensation received by the broker-dealer in connection with the transaction. It is estimated that approximately 270 respondents incur an average of 100 hours annually to comply with the rule.

- Rule 15g-5 Disclosure of compensation of associated persons in connection with penny stock transactions.

Rule 15g-5 under the Exchange Act requires brokers and dealers to disclose to customers the amount of compensation to be received by their sales agents in connection with penny stock transactions. This rule was adopted by the Commission to increase the level of disclosure to investors concerning penny stocks generally and specific penny stock transactions. It is estimated that approximately 270 respondents incur an average burden of 100 hours annually to comply with the rule. The total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden will be 27,000 burden hours.

- Rules 17Ad-6 and 17Ad-7 Recordkeeping requirements for transfer agents

Rule 17Ad-6 under the Exchange Act requires every registered transfer agent to make and keep current records about a variety of information, such as: (1) Specific operational data regarding the time taken to perform transfer agent activities (to ensure compliance with the minimum performance standards in Rule 17Ad-2 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-2)); (2) written inquiries and requests by shareholders and broker-dealers and response time thereto; (3) resolutions, contracts or other supporting documents concerning the appointment or termination of the transfer agent; (4) stop orders or notices of adverse claims to the securities; and (5) all canceled registered securities certificates.

Rule 17Ad-7 under the Exchange Act requires each registered transfer agent to retain the records specified in Rule 17Ad-6 in an easily accessible place for a period of six months to six years, depending on the type of record or document. Rule 17Ad-7 also specifies the manner in which records may be maintained using electronic, microfilm, and microfiche storage methods.

These recordkeeping requirements ensure that all registered transfer agents are maintaining the records necessary to monitor and keep control over their own performance and for the Commission to adequately examine registered transfer agents on an historical basis for compliance with applicable rules.

We estimate that approximately 1,000 registered transfer agents will spend a total of 500,000 hours per year complying with Rules 17Ad-6 and 17Ad-7. Based on average cost per hour of \$50, the total cost of compliance with Rule 17Ad-6 is \$25,000,000.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirements under Rule 17Ad-6 is six months to one year. In addition, such records must be retained for a total of two to six years or for one year after termination of the transfer agency, depending on the particular record or document. The recordkeeping requirements under Rules 17Ad-6 and 17Ad-7 are mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

Please note that 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 above information 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 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Deputy Secretary.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Commission, Office of Filings and
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20549.

Extension:

Rule 204-3, SEC File No. 270-42, OMB
Control No. 3235-0047

Rule 203-2 and Form ADV-W, SEC File
No. 270-40, OMB Control No. 3235-
0313

Rule 203-3 and Form ADV-H, SEC File
No. 270-481, OMB Control No. 3235-
0538

Rule 0-2 and Form ADV-NR, SEC File No.
270-241, OMB Control No. 3235-0240

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.

The title for the collection of information is "Rule 204-3 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940." Rule 204-3, the "brochure rule," currently requires an investment adviser to deliver, or offer, to prospective clients a disclosure statement containing specified information as to the business practices and background of the adviser. The brochure assists the client in determining whether to retain, or continue employing, the adviser. Rule 204-3 also currently requires that an investment adviser deliver, or offer, its brochure on an annual basis to existing clients in order to provide them with current information about the adviser. On April 5, 2000, the Commission proposed amendments to rule 204-3 in conjunction with amendments to Form ADV. The proposed amendments to rule 204-3 would require SEC-registered advisers to deliver their brochure and appropriate brochure supplements at the start of the advisory relationship, and to offer to deliver the brochure and brochure supplements annually. The proposed rule amendments also would require that advisers deliver updates to the brochure and brochure supplements to clients whenever information in the brochure becomes materially inaccurate. The updates could take the form of a reprinted brochure or a "sticker" containing the updated information.

The respondents to this information collection would be each investment