

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.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency'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.

Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: February 4, 2003.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

#### Extension:

Form U-3A-2, SEC File No. 270-83, OMB Control No. 3235-0161;

Form U-13-60, SEC File No. 270-79, OMB Control No. 3235-0153.

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") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Part 259.402 [17 CFR 259.402] under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 79, *et seq.*, requires that public utility holding companies that are exempt from regulation under the Act file an annual financial statement on Form U-3A-2.

Rule 2 under the Act, which implements Section 3 of the Act requires the information collection prescribed by Form U-3A-2. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections for Form U-3A-2 is 227.5 hours (91 responses  $\times$  2.5 hours = 227.5 hours).

Part 259.313 [17 CFR 259.313] under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 79, *et seq.*, generally mandates standardized accounting and record keeping for mutual and subsidiary service companies of registered holding companies and the filing of annual financial reports on Form U-13-60.

Rules 93 and 94 under the Act, which implement Section 13 of the Act, require the information collection prescribed by Form U-13-60. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections for Form U-13-60 is 877.5 hours (65 responses  $\times$  13.5 hours = 877.5 hours).

The estimate of average burden hours are made for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or representative survey or study of the costs of complying with the requirements 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 Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: February 5, 2003.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 25928; 812-12366]

### Oppenheimer Select Managers, *et al.*; Notice of Application

February 6, 2003.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f-2 under the Act, as well as certain disclosure requirements.

*Summary of Application:* Applicants request an order that would permit them