

respondent is estimated to be 10 hours, for a total annual burden of 14,620 hours.

Rule 19a-1 (17 CFR 270.19a-1) under the Act sets forth specific requirements for the information which must be included in statements made pursuant to Section 19(a) by registered management investment companies (funds). The rule requires that the statement indicate what portions of the payment are made from net income, net profits and paid-in capital. When any part of the payment is made from net profits, Rule 19a-1 requires that the statement disclose certain other information relating to the appreciation or depreciation of portfolio securities. If an estimated portion is subsequently determined to be significantly inaccurate, a correction must be made on a statement made pursuant to Section 19(a) or in the first report to shareholders following the discovery of the inaccuracy.

It is estimated that approximately 3,000 funds are subject to the rule each year. It is estimated that compliance with the rule's requirements imposes a total annual burden per fund of approximately 30 minutes. The total annual burden for all funds is estimated at 1,500 hours.

Rule 31a-1 (17 CFR 270.31a-1) under the Act requires registered investment companies, and every underwriter, broker, dealer or investment adviser which is a majority-owned subsidiary of a registered investment company, to maintain and keep current accounts, books and other documents which constitute the record forming the basis for financial statements required to be filed pursuant to Section 30 (15 U.S.C. 80a-29) of the Act and of the auditor's certificates relating thereto. The rule lists specific records to be maintained by registered investment companies. The rule also requires certain underwriters, brokers, dealers, depositors and investment advisers to maintain such records as they are required to maintain under federal securities laws.

It is estimated that Rule 31a-1 imposes an average burden of approximately 5,260 hours annually per investment company. It is further estimated that approximately 5,000 investment companies are subject to the rule each year, so that the total annual burden for all investment companies would be 26,300,000 hours. Most of the records required to be maintained by the rule are the type that generally would be maintained as a matter of good business practice and to prepare the investment company's financial statements.

Written comments are requested on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burdens of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information 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.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549.

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Margaret H. McFarland,
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Extension

Form N-17D-1—SEC File No. 270-231—OMB Control No. 3235-0229.
Rule 18f-1 and Form N-18F-1—SEC File No. 270-187—OMB Control No. 3235-0211.

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 approval of extension on previously approved information collection requirements:

Form N-17D-1 is used by small business investment companies and banks affiliated therewith to report any loan or advance of credit to, or acquisition of securities or property of, a small business concern or any agreement to do any of the foregoing. The annual burden of filling out the form is approximately 5 hours per response.

Rule 18f-1 enables a registered open-end management investment company ("fund") that may redeem its securities

in kind, by making a one-time election, to commit to make cash redemptions pursuant to certain requirements without violating section 18(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Form N-18F-1 provides the Securities and Exchange Commission notification of this election. A response takes approximately one hour. It is estimated that approximately 150 funds file the form annually.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549 and Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Revision

Rule 17a-3—SEC File No. 270-26—OMB Control No. 3235-0033.
Rule 17a-4—SEC File No. 270-198—OMB Control No. 3235-0279.

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 approval of revisions on previously approved collections of information:

Rule 17a-3 requires exchange members, broker and dealers to make and keep current certain records relating to a broker's or dealer's financial