

rely on at least one of the exemptive rules annually.⁸ We further assume that the independent directors of approximately one-third (1,336) of those funds would need to make the required determination in order for their counsel to meet the definition of independent legal counsel.⁹ We estimate that each of these 1,336 funds would be required to spend, on average, 0.75 hours annually to comply with the proposed recordkeeping requirement concerning this determination, for a total annual burden of approximately 1,002 hours. Based on this estimate, the total annual cost for all funds of this proposed definition would be approximately \$22,712. To calculate this total annual cost, the Commission staff assumed that two-thirds of the total annual hour burden (668 hours) would be incurred by professionals with an average hourly wage rate of \$27 per hour, and one-third of that annual hour burden (334 hours) would be incurred by clerical staff with an average hourly wage rate of \$14¹⁰ per hour.¹¹

These burden hour estimates are based upon the Commission staff's experience and discussions with the fund industry. The estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. These estimates are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules.

Written comments are invited 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 burdens of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or

⁸ Based on statistics compiled by Commission staff, we estimate that there are approximately 4,500 funds that could rely on one or more of the exemptive rules. Of those funds, we assume that approximately 90 percent (4,050) actually rely on at least one exemptive rule annually.

⁹ We assume that the independent directors of the remaining two-thirds of those funds will choose not to have counsel (but instead rely in some circumstances on counsel who does not represent them), so that no determination by the independent directors would be necessary.

¹⁰ The Commission's estimates concerning the wage rate for professional time and for clerical time are based on salary information for the securities industry compiled by the Securities Industry Association. See Securities Industry Association, *Report on Management and Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry* (September 2001).

¹¹ $(668 \times \$27/\text{hour}) + (334 \times \$14/\text{hour}) = \$22,712.$

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 Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: September 6, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [67 FR 57255, September 9, 2002].

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Tuesday, September 10, 2002, at 10 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional Item.

The following item was added to the Closed Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2002 at 10 a.m.

Formal Order of Investigation.

Commissioner Goldschmid, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the above change and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: September 10, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Tuesday, September 10, 2002, at 10 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional Meeting.

The Securities and Exchange Commission will hold an additional meeting during the week of September 9, 2002: An additional Closed Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2002, at 4 p.m.

Commissioner Goldschmid, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the above change and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 12, 2002, will be: Amicus consideration.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: September 10, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-46467]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Approval of Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. Fingerprinting Plan

September 6, 2002.

On July 12, 2002, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE" or "Exchange") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") an amended fingerprinting plan ("Amended Plan") pursuant to Rule 17f-2(c)¹ under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act").² The Amended Plan³ supersedes and replaces the Exchange's current fingerprinting plan.⁴ The Exchange believes that the Amended Plan will be a significant improvement over the current CBOE fingerprinting plan. It establishes procedures for the electronic capture and submission of fingerprints.

¹ 17 CFR 240.17f-2(c).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.

³ Attached hereto as Exhibit A.

⁴ The Exchange's current fingerprinting plan was approved by the Commission on January 27, 1984. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 20607 (January 27, 1984), 49 FR 4298 (February 3, 1984).