

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: Rule 19d-3; SEC File No. 270-245; OMB Control No. 3235-0204

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 collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 19d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), prescribes the form and content of applications to the Commission by persons desiring stays of final disciplinary sanctions and summary action of self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") for which the Commission is the appropriate regulatory agency. The Commission uses the information provided in the application filed pursuant to Rule 19d-3 to review final actions taken by SROs including: (1) Disciplinary sanctions; (2) denials of membership, participation or association; and (3) prohibitions on or limitations of access to SRO services.

It is estimated that approximately 15 respondents will utilize this application procedure annually, with a total burden of 270 hours, for all respondents to complete all submissions. This figure is based upon past submissions. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 19d-3 is 18 hours. The average cost per hour, to complete each submission, is approximately \$101. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for all respondents is \$27,270. (15 submissions × 18 hours × \$101 per hour).

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 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 R. Corey Booth, Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: March 16, 2004.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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Extension: Rule 19h-1; SEC File No. 270-0247; OMB Control No. 3235-0259.

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Rule 19h-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") prescribes the form and content of notices and applications by self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") regarding proposed admissions to, or continuances in, membership, participation or association with a member of any person subject to a statutory disqualification.

The Commission uses the information provided in the submissions filed pursuant to Rule 19h-1 to review decisions of SROs to permit the entry into or continuance in the securities business of persons who have committed serious misconduct. The filings submitted pursuant to the Rule also permit inclusion of an application to the Commission for consent to associate with a member of an SRO notwithstanding a Commission order barring such association.

The Commission reviews filings made pursuant to the Rule to ascertain whether it is in the public interest to

permit the employment in the securities business of persons subject to statutory disqualification. The filings contain information that is essential to the staff's review and ultimate determination on whether an association or employment is in the public interest and consistent with investor protection.

It is estimated that approximately 5 respondents will make submissions pursuant to this rule annually, with a total burden of 200 hours, based upon past submissions. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to complete a submission pursuant to Rule 19h-1 is 8 hours. The average cost per hour for completion of a submission is approximately \$101. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for the respondents is \$20,200. (25 responses × 8 hours per response × \$101 per hour).

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.

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