

questions) will populate a new investigative request and the respondent will be allowed to update their information and certify the data. The numerous benefits offered by e-QIP to Federal agency customers have resulted in its rapid adoption across the government. Currently there are over 3,800 e-QIP Federal agency users at over 50 different Federal agencies, to include every major cabinet department, servicing a worldwide community of respondents. At any given time there are approximately 69,000 active investigative requests in e-QIP and since October 1, 2004 over 200,000 cases have been successfully scheduled for investigation. The built-in flexibility of e-QIP allows its data collection capabilities to be utilized by other ISPs for various portions of their investigative workload.

At the beginning of FY05, e-QIP received between 300 and 500 cases per week. Presently, e-QIP receives anywhere from 5,000 to 10,000 cases per week, a significant increase in usage in a nine-month time frame. Future enhancements of e-QIP include a re-designed agency user menu for version 2.0, the addition of the common financial form (SF-714), and the automation of revised versions of the SF 85, SF 85P, SF 85PS, and SF 86. Additionally, as of April 1, 2006, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Commerce (DOC), the Department of Defense (DOD), the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) will use e-QIP, in some capacity, to collect security clearance application information from respondents and transmit them to OPM.

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DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Extension: Rules 17Ad-6 and 17Ad-7; SEC
File No. 270-151; OMB Control No.
3235-0291.

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 a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rules 17Ad-6 and 17Ad-7: Recordkeeping Requirements for Transfer Agents

Rule 17Ad-6 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-6) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78b *et seq.*) 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 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-7) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78b *et seq.*) 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 785 registered transfer agents will spend a total of 392,500 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 \$19,625,000.

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; or send an e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, or send an e-mail to PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: May 22, 2006.

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