

consumers with notice and an opt-out opportunity.

The Commission has estimated that each of the approximately 15,474 Covered Persons having one or more affiliates would require an average one-time burden of 1 hour to review affiliate marketing practices, for a total of 15,474 hours, at a total staff cost of approximately \$3,791,130.

Approximately 2,211 Covered Persons would be required to provide notice and opt-out and would incur an average first-year burden of 6 hours in doing so, for a total estimated first-year burden of 13,266 hours, at a total staff cost of approximately \$2,510,590.50. With regard to continuing notice burdens, each of the approximately 2,211 Covered Persons required to provide notice and opt-out would incur a one-time first-year burden of 2 hours to develop notices for new consumers and an annual burden of 2 hours to deliver the notices and record any opt-outs, at a total staff cost of approximately \$1,673,727. Averaged across the first three years for which compliance would be required, the total average yearly burden would be approximately 12,528 hours and \$7,975,447.50 in staff costs.

Direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Va. VA 22312 or send an e-mail to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov). Comments must be submitted to OMB within 60 days of this notice.

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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 BD/Rule 15b1-1; SEC File No. 270-19; OMB Control No. 3235-0012.

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.

Form BD (17 CFR 249.501) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) is the application form used by firms to apply to the Commission for registration as a broker-dealer. Form BD also is used by firms other than banks and registered broker-dealers to apply to the Commission for registration as a municipal securities dealer or a government securities broker-dealer. In addition, Form BD is used to change information contained in a previous Form BD filing that becomes inaccurate.

The total annual burden imposed by Form BD is approximately 6,808 hours, based on approximately 18,174 responses (335 initial filings + 17,839 amendments). Each initial filing requires approximately 2.75 hours to complete and each amendment requires approximately 20 minutes to complete. There is no annual cost burden.

The Commission uses the information disclosed by applicants in Form BD: (1) To determine whether the applicant meets the standards for registration set forth in the provisions of the Exchange Act; (2) to develop a central information resource where members of the public may obtain relevant, up-to-date information about broker-dealers, municipal securities dealers and government securities broker-dealers, and where the Commission, other regulators and SROs may obtain information for investigatory purposes in connection with securities litigation; and (3) to develop statistical information about broker-dealers, municipal securities dealers and government securities broker-dealers. Without the information disclosed in Form BD, the Commission could not effectively implement policy objectives of the Exchange Act with respect to its investor protection function.

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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### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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#### *Extension:*

Regulation 12B; OMB Control No. 3235-0062; SEC File No. 270-70.

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Regulation 12B (17 CFR 240.12b-1—12b-37) includes rules governing all registration statements pursuant to Sections 12(b) and 12(g) (U.S.C. 78l(b) and 78l(g)) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act"), including all amendments to such statements and reports. The purpose of the regulation is to set forth guidelines for the uniform preparation of Exchange Act documents. Regulation 12B is assigned one burden hour for administrative convenience because the regulation simply prescribes the disclosure that must appear in other filings under the federal securities laws.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection