The staff estimates that 25 percent (or 402) of these funds impose a non-nominal administrative fee on exchange transactions. The staff estimates that the recordkeeping requirement of the rule requires approximately 1 hour annually of clerical time per fund, for a total of 402 hours for all funds.

The staff estimates that 5 percent of these 1,606 funds (or 80) terminate an exchange offer or make a material change to the terms of their exchange offer each year, requiring the fund to comply with the notice requirement of the rule. The staff estimates that complying with the notice requirement of the rule requires approximately 1 hour of attorney time and 2 hours of clerical time per fund, for a total of approximately 240 hours for all funds to comply with the notice requirement.1 The staff estimates that such notices will be enclosed with other written materials sent to shareholders, such as annual shareholder reports or account statements, and therefore any burdens associated with mailing required notices are accounted for in the burdens associated with Form N–1A registration statements for funds. The recordkeeping and notice requirements together impose a total burden of 642 hours (345 hours per response (345 hours) = 1,380 hours per response (345 hours) = 240 total hours). (80 (attorney hours) + 160 (clerical hours) = 240 total hours).

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Please direct your written comments to Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549; or send an email to: PRA Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: January 9, 2018.
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Extension: Form SF–1

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 SF–1 (17 CFR 239.44) is the registration statement for non-shelf issuers of assets-backed securities register a public offering of their securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.). The information collected is intended to ensure that the information required to be filed by the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information in the asset-backed securities market. Form SF–1 takes approximately 1,380 hours per response and is filed by approximately 6 respondents. We estimate that 25% of the 1,380 hours per response (345 hours) is prepared by the registrant for a total annual reporting burden of 2,070 hours (345 hours per response × 6 responses).

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