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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB’s estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.


Under Section 7(b)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), and Section 5(c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) any person aggrieved by a decision made by an office of the RRB on his or her application for an annuity or benefit under those Acts has the right to appeal to the RRB. This right is prescribed in 20 CFR 260 and 20 CFR 320. The notification letter, which is provided at the time of filing the original application, informs the applicant of the appeal process is prescribed in 20 CFR 260.5 and 260.9 and 20 CFR 320.12 and 320.38.

To file a request for an appeal the applicant must complete Form HA–1, Appeal Under the Railroad Retirement Act or Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. The form asks the applicant to explain the basis for their request for an appeal and, if necessary, to describe any additional evidence they wish to submit in support of the appeal. Completion is voluntary, however, if the information is not provided the RRB cannot process the appeal. The RRB proposes no changes to Form HA–1.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

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2. Title and purpose of information collection: Annual Earnings Questionnaire; OMB 3220–0179.

Under section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), an annuity is not payable for any month in which a beneficiary works for a railroad. In addition, an annuity is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for an employer other than a railroad employer and earns more than a prescribed amount. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, the Tier II portion of the regular annuity and any supplemental annuity must be reduced by one dollar for each two dollars of Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment (LPE) earnings for each month of such service. However, the reduction cannot exceed 50 percent of the Tier II and supplemental annuity amount for the month to which such deductions apply. The LPE generally refers to an annuitant’s last employment with a non-railroad person, company, or institution prior to retirement, which was performed at the same time as railroad employment or after the annuitant stopped railroad employment. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the RRB to determine if possible reductions in annuities are in order due to LPE.

The RRB utilizes Form G–19L, Annual Earnings Questionnaire, to obtain LPE earnings information from annuitants. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to retain a benefit. The RRB proposes no changes to Form G–19L.

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Additional Information or Comments: obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, contact Dana Hickman at (312) 751–4981 or...
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Exchange’s INET Port Fees To Indicate That Those Fees Are Prorated

February 14, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (‘‘Act’’), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2018, Nasdaq ISE, LLC (‘‘ISE’’ or ‘‘Exchange’’) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (‘‘Commission’’) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons:

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend INET Port Fees at Section V, D, entitled ‘‘INET Port Fees’’ to clarify that the port fees in this section are not subject to proration. Today, the Exchange does not prorate the pricing for these ports.

Background

The Exchange previously filed 3 to: (1) Establish ports and gateways that members use to connect to the Exchange with the migration of the Exchange’s trading system to the Nasdaq INET architecture, and (2) amend the Schedule of Fees to adopt fees for those ports and gateways. The Exchange established fees for the following connectivity options that are available in connection with the Exchange’s trading system: Specialized Quote Feed (‘‘SQF’’), 4

SQF Purge, 5 Dedicated SQF Host, 6 Ouch to Trade Options (‘‘OTTO’’). 7

The Exchange proposes to amend INET Port Fees at Section V, D to indicate those fees are not prorated. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at http://ise.cchwallstreet.com/, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to include language within the Schedule of Fees at Section V, D, entitled ‘‘INET Port Fees’’ to clarify that the port fees in this section are not subject to proration. Today, the Exchange does not prorate the pricing for these ports.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, 13 in general, and further the

Symbol Directory Messages; (3) System Event Messages (e.g., start of messages, start of system hours, start of quoting, start of opening); (5) Option Trading Action Messages (e.g., halts, resumptions); (6) Execution Messages; (7) Order Messages (order messages, risk protection triggers or purge notifications).

4 FIX is an interface that allows market participants to connect and send orders and auction orders into the Exchange. Data includes the following: (1) Options Symbol Directory Messages; (2) System Event Messages (e.g., start of messages, start of system hours, start of quoting, start of opening); (4) Option Trading Action Messages (e.g., halts, resumptions); (5) Execution Messages; (6) Quote Messages (quote/sweep messages, risk protection triggers or purge notifications).

5 FIX Drop is a real-time order and execution update message that is sent to a member after an order has been received/modified or an execution has occurred and contains trade details. The information includes, among other things, the following: (1) Executions; (2) cancellations; (3) modifications to an existing order (4) buys or post-trade corrections.

6 Disaster Recovery ports provide connectivity to the exchange’s disaster recovery data center in Chicago to be utilized in the event the exchange has to fail over during the trading day. DR Ports are available for SQF, SQF Purge, Dedicated SQF, CTI, OTTO, FIX and FIX Drop.

7 Market Data ports provide connectivity to the Exchange’s proprietary market data feeds, including the Nasdaq ISE Real-time Depth of Market Raw Data Feed (‘‘Depth of Market Feed’’), the Nasdaq ISE Order Feed (‘‘Order Feed’’), the Nasdaq ISE Top Quote Feed (‘‘Top Quote Feed’’), the Nasdaq ISE Trades Feed (‘‘Trades Feed’’), and the Nasdaq ISE Spread Feed (‘‘Spread Feed’’). Each of the feeds described above, with the exception of the Trades Feed, have previously been established as market data offerings of the Exchange, and market participants are charged for subscriptions to these products. The Trades Feed is a free market data product provided to subscribers of at least one of the fee liable market data products described above. In connection with the adoption of Market Data ports described above, the Exchange further proposes to establish the Trades Feed. Market Data ports are available via multicast, TCP, or as an intra-day snapshot, except that the intra-day snapshot option is available solely for the Depth of Market Feed, Top Quote Feed, and Spread Feed.


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