

Authority NEPA Procedures describe the process and review criteria the FirstNet Authority will follow to comply with NEPA and CEQ Regulations for proposed actions related to NPSBN deployment.<sup>6</sup> In particular, the FirstNet Authority NEPA Procedures define the roles and responsibilities of the FirstNet Authority and its applicants and describe the criteria and process for determining the appropriate level of NEPA review and making environmental determinations and final decisions for site-specific reviews of FirstNet Authority actions related to the NPSBN.<sup>7</sup>

Accordingly, the FirstNet Authority has reviewed and determined that the revisions to the FirstNet Authority NEPA Procedures do not significantly impact any of the environmental analyses in the PEISs and that the information anticipated to be presented in the SPEISs related to the process for conducting site-specific reviews has already been sufficiently included in the revised FirstNet Authority Implementing Procedures. Thus, to avoid duplicative analysis and the unnecessary use of resources, the FirstNet Authority is (1) withdrawing its Notice of Intent to Prepare SPEISs and Conduct Scoping for the NPSBN, and (2) amending five (5) records of decision to remove the references to the FirstNet Authority's intent to prepare SPEISs, including section 3.4.1—Tiered Site Specific Analysis, in each of the documents.<sup>8</sup>

Dated: August 7, 2018.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2018-0050]

### Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, August 2018 Update

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

finalizing revisions to FirstNet Authority Procedures for Implementing NEPA).

<sup>6</sup> FirstNet Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (January 2018), <https://www.firstnet.gov/content/notice-revised-national-environmental-policy-act-procedures-and-categorical-exclusions>.

<sup>7</sup> See id.

<sup>8</sup> The amended RODs for each of five regions are available at [www.firstnet.gov](http://www.firstnet.gov).

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“Office”) issued an update to the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide (“TPG”) in August 2018 to provide updated guidance to the public on standard practices before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“Board”) in the post-grant trial procedures implemented following the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (“AIA”). The Office publishes the TPG to provide practitioners with guidance on typical procedures and times for taking action in AIA trials, as well as to ensure consistency of procedure among panels of the Board.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Tierney and William Fink, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judges, by telephone at (571) 272-9797.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office issued an update to the TPG in August 2018, to update the guidance set forth in the TPG by incorporating the Board's current practices and provide further explanation of certain aspects of the Board's practices to the public. The TPG is divided into sections, each directed to a particular stage of a typical AIA trial proceeding or a specific issue commonly encountered during such proceedings. As such, the TPG contains informative material and outlines the current procedures that panels of the Board typically follow in appropriate cases in the normal course of an AIA trial proceeding. In order to expedite these updates and provide guidance to the public as quickly as possible, the Office has chosen to issue updates to the Practice Guide on a section-by-section, rolling basis, rather than a single, omnibus update addressing all aspects of the current Practice Guide. The Office anticipates releasing further revisions to the remaining sections of the TPG on a periodic basis, to take into account feedback received from stakeholders, changes in controlling precedent or applicable regulations, or the further refinement of the Board's practices over time.

The August 2018 update revises Sections I.G. (Expert Testimony), II.A.3. (Word Count and Page Limits), II.D.2. (Considerations in Instituting a Review), II.I. (Reply to Patent Owner Response and Reply for a Motion to Amend; Sur-Replies), II.K. (Challenging Admissibility; Motions to Exclude; Motions to Strike), II.M. (Oral Hearing), and Appendix A (Sample Scheduling Order).

The August 2018 update of the TPG, containing only the revised sections, may be viewed or downloaded free of charge from the USPTO website at <https://go.usa.gov/xU7GP>. The full

version of the August 2012 TPG continues to be available for reference on the USPTO website at <https://go.usa.gov/xU7GK>.

Dated: August 8, 2018.

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*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038-0101, Registration of Foreign Boards of Trade

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed renewal of a collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments on collections of information provided for by Commission regulation Part 48, Registration of Foreign Boards of Trade.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 12, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by “FBOT Registration” or “OMB Control No. 3038-0101” by any of the following methods:

- The Agency's website, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Commission, (202) 418-5492; email:  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of Information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below. 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 OMB control number.

**Title:** Registration of Foreign Boards of Trade (OMB Control No. 3038-0101). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** Section 738 of the Dodd-Frank Act amended section 4(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act to provide that the Commission may adopt rules and regulations requiring foreign boards of trade (FBOT) that wish to provide their members or other participants located in the United States with direct access to the FBOT's electronic trading and order matching system to register with the Commission. Pursuant to this authorization, the CFTC adopted a final rule requiring FBOTs that wish to permit trading by direct access to provide certain information to the Commission in applications for registration and, once registered, to provide certain information to meet quarterly and annual reporting requirements. The rule establishes reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements that are required by Part 48 of the Commission's regulations and are necessary to ensure that FBOTs registered to provide for trading by direct access meet statutory and regulatory requirements on an initial and ongoing basis.

With respect to the collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <http://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### Burden Statement

- *Collection 3038-0101—Registration of Foreign Boards of Trade (17 CFR part 48)*

The Commission is revising its estimate of the burden for this collection for registered FBOTs, by reducing the number of FBOTs to which the burden applies. The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to range from two to eight hours per response for submission of required reports. These estimates include the time to locate, compile, validate, and verify and disclose and to ensure such information is maintained. The respondent burden

for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

*Estimated number of respondents:* 23.  
*Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 375.2 hours.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 8630 hours.

*Frequency of collection:* When a reportable event occurs and quarterly and annually for required reports.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: August 8, 2018.

**Christopher Kirkpatrick,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 12, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, may be submitted directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIA) in OMB within 30 days of this notice's publication by either of the following methods. Please identify the comments by "OMB Control No. 3038-0007."

- *By email addressed to:* [OIRAsubmissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRAsubmissions@omb.eop.gov) or
- *By mail addressed to:* the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

A copy of all comments submitted to OIRA should be sent to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission") by either of the following methods. The copies should refer to "OMB Control No. 3038-0007."

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 145.9.