

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>15</sup>

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**SEC File No. 270-149, OMB Control No. 3235-0130]**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736.

**Extension:**

Rule 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h)

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h), (17 CFR 240.17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h)), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for extension and approval.

Rule 17Ad-2(e),(d), and (h) enumerates the requirements with which transfer agents must comply to inform the Commission or the appropriate regulator of a transfer agent’s failure to meet the minimum performance standards set by the Commission rule by filing a notice.

The Commission receives approximately 3 notices a year pursuant to Rule 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h). The estimated annual time burden of these filings on respondents is minimal in view of: (a) The readily available nature of most of the information required to be included in the notice (since that information must be compiled and retained pursuant to other Commission rules); and (b) the summary fashion in which such information must be presented in the notice (most notices are one page or less in length). In light of the above, and based on the experience of the staff regarding the notices, the Commission staff estimates that, on average, most notices require approximately one-half hour to prepare. Thus, the Commission staff estimates

that the industry-wide total time burden is approximately 1.5 hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information 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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Charles Riddle, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Candace Kenner, 100 F Street NE Washington, DC 20549, or send an email to: *PRA\_Mailbox@sec.gov*.

Dated: December 10, 2018.

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15827 and #15828; Guam Disaster Number GU-00005]**

**Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the Territory of Guam**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the Territory of Guam dated. 12/07/2018.

*Incident:* Typhoon Mangkhut.

*Incident Period:* 09/10/2018 through 09/11/2018.

**DATES:** Issued on 12/07/2018.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/05/2019.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/09/2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and

Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator’s disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Area:* Guam.

*Contiguous Areas:*

None.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.000
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	7.350
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.675
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.675
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15827 8 and for economic injury is 15828 0.

The Territory which received an EIDL Declaration # is Guam.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: December 7, 2018.

**Linda E. McMahan,**  
*Administrator.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15829 and #15830; Maryland Disaster Number MD-00040]**

**Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Maryland**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Maryland.

*Dated:* 12/07/2018.  
*Incident:* Tornadoes.  
*Incident Period:* 11/02/2018.

**DATES:** Issued on 12/07/2018.  
*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/05/2019.  
*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/09/2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

- Primary Counties:* Carroll.
  - Contiguous Counties:*
    - Maryland:* Baltimore, Frederick, Howard.
    - Pennsylvania:* Adams, York.
- The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.000
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	7.480
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.740
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.750
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.750
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.740
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.750

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15829 C and for economic injury is 15830 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Maryland, Pennsylvania.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: December 7, 2018.  
**Linda E. McMahon,**  
*Administrator.*  
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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**  
**[Docket No. SSA-2018-0048]**

**Review and Reassessment of the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Representative Payee Selection and Replacement Policies**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.  
**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are requesting information on the appropriateness of our order of preference lists for selecting representative payees (payees) and the effectiveness of our policy and operational procedures in determining when to change a payee. We are seeking this information to determine whether and how we should make any changes to our representative payee program to help ensure that we select suitable payees for our beneficiaries.

**DATES:** To ensure that your comments are considered, we must receive them no later than January 28, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any one of three methods—internet, fax, or mail. Do not submit the same comments multiple times or by more than one method. Regardless of which method you choose, please state that your comments refer to Docket No. SSA-2018-0048 so that we may associate your comments with the correct document.

*Caution:* You should be careful to include in your comments only information that you wish to make publicly available. We strongly urge you not to include in your comments any personal information, such as Social Security numbers or medical information.

1. *Internet:* We strongly recommend that you submit your comments via the internet. Please visit the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Use the *Search* function to find docket number SSA-2018-0048. The system will issue you a tracking number to confirm your submission. You will not be able to view your comment immediately because we must post each comment manually. It may take up to a week for your comment to be viewable.

2. *Fax:* Fax comments to (410) 966-2830.

3. *Mail:* Address your comments to the Office of Regulations and Reports

Clearance, Social Security Administration, 3100 West High Rise Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401.

Comments are available for public viewing on the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person, during regular business hours, by arranging with the contact person identified below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erinn Demers, Office of Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (877) 405-3671 x23810. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit our internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On April 13, 2018, Congress passed the Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2018, Public Law 115-165. Section 204 of that law requires the Commissioner to conduct a review and reassessment, with opportunity for public comment, of the appropriateness of the order of preference for selecting representative payees (payees) and the effectiveness of our policy and operations for changing payees. We will submit a report on the results of the review and reassessment to Congress within 18 months of enactment.

A person who receives benefits from us may be unable to manage those benefits for reasons such as his or her young age or mental or physical impairment. In these cases, we select a payee if we believe that representative payment, rather than direct payment of benefits, will better serve the beneficiary's interest. Generally, we select a payee if we determine that the beneficiary is not able to manage or direct the management of benefit payments in his or her interest. The payee may be an organization or a person, such as a parent, relative, or friend of the beneficiary.

We review and evaluate each representative payee application individually to determine the best representative payee. We carefully screen and consider all applicants, before we make a selection, to ensure the beneficiary's best interest is served. In determining the best payee choice, we consider all factors, including the applicant's relationship to the beneficiary, the applicant's concern for the beneficiary's well-being, whether